



# ***Cross of Christ Lutheran Church***

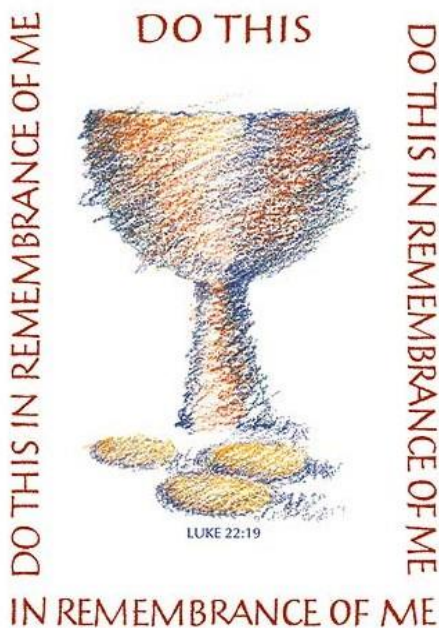
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***The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor***

*A NALC Congregation*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

***Holy Trinity***

***June 4, 2023***

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN

*“Blessing And Honor”*

**LBW 525**

\*APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

# \*Kyrrie



**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

**A** Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

**A** Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: **C** Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"



**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**I** Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we  
 wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

**C** Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
 glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

**II** Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
 world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.  
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,  
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.  
Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;  
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,  
and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

# \*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

# \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ:

**Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: GENESIS 1:2 – 2:4 A (ESV)**

**1** In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. **2** The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. **3** And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good. And God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. **6** And God said, “Let there be an expanse in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.” **7** And God made the expanse and separated the waters that were under the expanse from the waters that were above the expanse. And it was so. **8** And God called the expanse Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. **9** And God said, “Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.” And it was so. **10** God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. **11** And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. **12** The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. **13** And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. **14** And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, **15** and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. **16** And God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. **17** And God set them in the expanse of the heavens to give light on the earth, **18** to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. **19** And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. **20** And God said, “Let the waters swarm with swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the expanse of the heavens.” **21** So God created the great sea creatures and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it

was good. <sup>22</sup> And God blessed them, saying, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth.” <sup>23</sup> And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. <sup>24</sup> And God said, “Let the earth bring forth living creatures according to their kinds—livestock and creeping things and beasts of the earth according to their kinds.” And it was so. <sup>25</sup> And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the livestock according to their kinds, and everything that creeps on the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. <sup>26</sup> Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.” <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. <sup>28</sup> And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” <sup>29</sup> And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. <sup>30</sup> And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. <sup>31</sup> And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. **2** Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. <sup>2</sup> And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. <sup>3</sup> So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation. <sup>4</sup> These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

## PSALM 8

## READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

O LORD, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup> Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,  
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

**<sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

**<sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him,  
and the son of man that you care for him?**

**<sup>5</sup> Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings  
and crowned him with glory and honor.**

**<sup>6</sup> You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under his feet,**

**<sup>7</sup> all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,**

**<sup>8</sup> the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

**<sup>9</sup> O LORD, our Lord,**

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SECOND READING: Acts 2: 14a, 22-36 (ESV)

**<sup>14</sup>** But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. **<sup>22</sup>** “Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know— **<sup>23</sup>** this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. **<sup>24</sup>** God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. **<sup>25</sup>** For David says concerning him, “‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; **<sup>26</sup>** therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. **<sup>27</sup>** For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. **<sup>28</sup>** You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ **<sup>29</sup>** “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the

patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, “The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.” <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Matthew 28: 16-20 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. <sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make



disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

**LBW 165**

\*NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

**\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**\*THE OFFERTORY**



**Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of**



**bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,**



**that we may be fed with the bread of life.**



**Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we**



**of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,**



**and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.**

**\*OFFERTORY PRAYER**

**Let us pray. Merciful Father,**

**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen**

**\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of  
pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est.

**\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

## Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

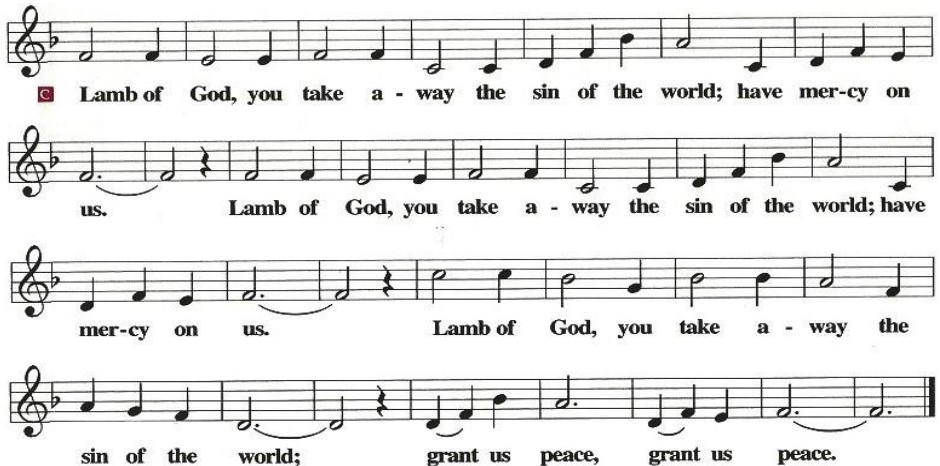
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

### \*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

### ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT



**Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on**  
**us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have**  
**mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the**  
**sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.**

**\*POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

**\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"**



The musical score is written on six staves of music. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a red square icon containing a white 'C'.

Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -

one what God has done. Let all who seek the

Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.

Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,

and lead us forth in joy with shouts

of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

**\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed  
us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your  
mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and  
fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**\*BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**Amen**

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

\*POSTLUDE

(\* Please stand as you are able)

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the congregation.

We recognize, **Alexis Barbee and Kensi Bell**, who have graduated high school. May God bless you both in your future endeavors at college. Congratulations!

**Church Council** meets today after service.

Noah (**Prayer Shawl**) will meet **JUNE 12th** at 6:30 PM.

**\*\* Please note the date change \*\***

The **PBNJ Youth Group** will meet **NEXT** Sunday, June 11th at 3:30 PM.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 22</u> <u>Date: May 28, 2023</u>			
2023 Weekly Needs:	\$3,674.98	YTD Budget Needs:	\$80,849.56
<u>Last Week</u>			
Gen. Tithes Received	\$4,020.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$77,788.00
Last week    Above Needs	\$ 345.02	YTD (Deficit)	(\$3,061.56)



**June 4, 2023**

*A little reminder about our prayer list.*

*We ask that you always have an individual's permission  
before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List.*

*Contact Pastor Allison or Prayer List Coordinator Belinda Campbell  
to request additions or changes.*

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions,  
and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1Timothy 2:1*

### **In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

Family of Bob Yost

John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz;  
Carl Pless; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

### **Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

### **Friends of Cross of Christ**

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; David Buckland;  
LeaAnne Buckwell; Delores Carpenter (Great Aunt of Dylan Ennis –  
Heart attack); Judy Coble; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon;  
Alisa Erts (Friend of Kristi Drye – Pancreatic cancer diagnosis  
received); Jane Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr;  
Ralph Furr; Alley Handy (Family friend of Kristi Drye – Suffering from  
severe postpartum depression); Brandon Lewis;  
Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Ensley Morgan; Karen Morgan;  
Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Connie Walters;  
Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young

### **General Prayer Concerns:**

### **Praise List:**

**\*\* Please remember our shut-ins with a visit, phone call,  
cards, or email along with your prayers**

## **Today – June 4, 2023**

### Holy Trinity

Executive Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Council Meeting	11:00 AM

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM	Family Worship Service

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

#### *Second Sunday After Pentecost*

Hosea 5: 15 – 6:6  
Psalm 119: 65-72  
Romans 4: 13-25  
St. Matthew 9: 9-13

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