

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

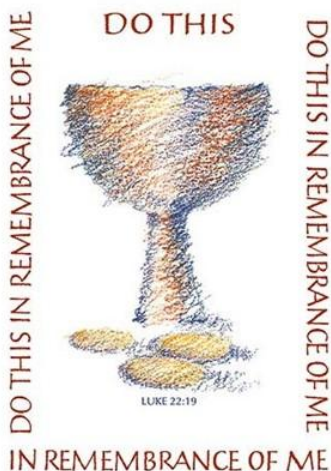
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The Rev. Marty Ramey, Interim Pastor

A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

***All Saints Sunday
November 2, 2025***

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE

OUR ACCOMPANIST MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

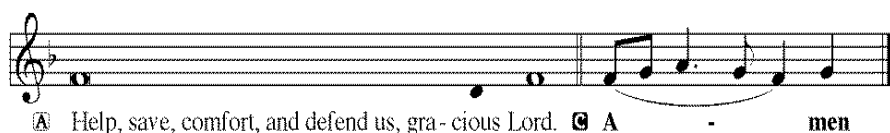
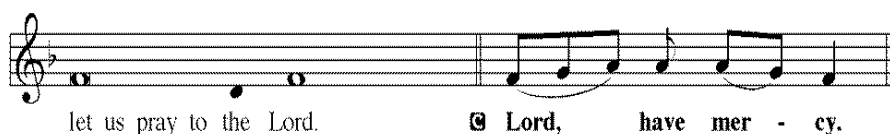
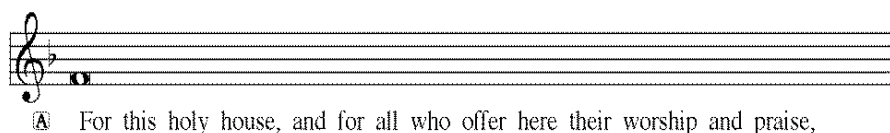
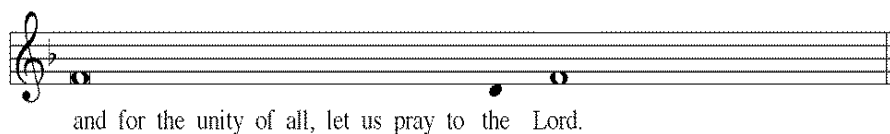
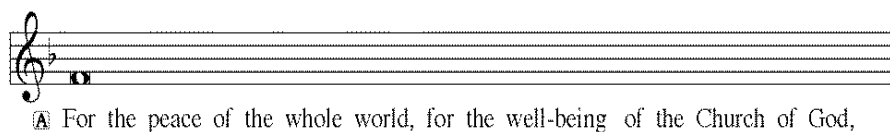
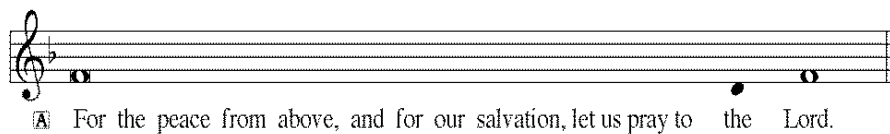
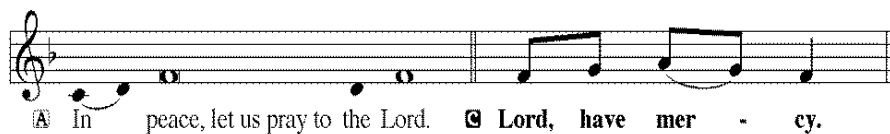
* PROCESSIONAL OPENING HYMN ***“For All The Saints”*** **LBW 174**
(vs 1-4)

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

*KYRIE



*HYMN OF PRAISE: "This is the Feast"



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia,
 al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. For the Lamb who was
 slain has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia.
 This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

*SALUTATION

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Revelation 7: (2-8) 9-17 (ESV)

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³ saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their

foreheads.”⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,

12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,

12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,

12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,

12,000 from the tribe of Levi,

12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,

12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,

12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands,¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?”¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.”¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 149 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,

his praise in the assembly of the godly!

² **Let Israel be glad in his Maker;**

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!

³ Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!

**⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.**

⁵ Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

**⁶ Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,**

⁷ to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

**⁸ to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,**

⁹ to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the Lord!

SECOND READING: 1 John 3: 1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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C: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? 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 5th chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 5: 1-12 (ESV)**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON *“Touchdown!”*

Pastor Marty Ramey

***SERMON HYMN *“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”* LBW 526**

***NICENE CREED**

**C: 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



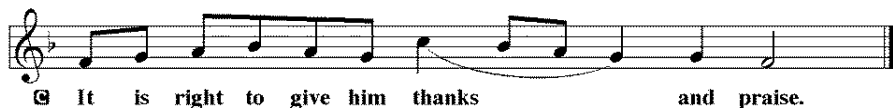
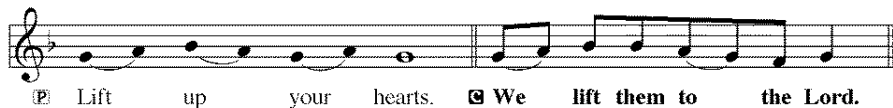
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
 cup of bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the
 seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u - nite them with the
 prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
 pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first give 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**



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



*THE EUCHARISTIC PREFACE

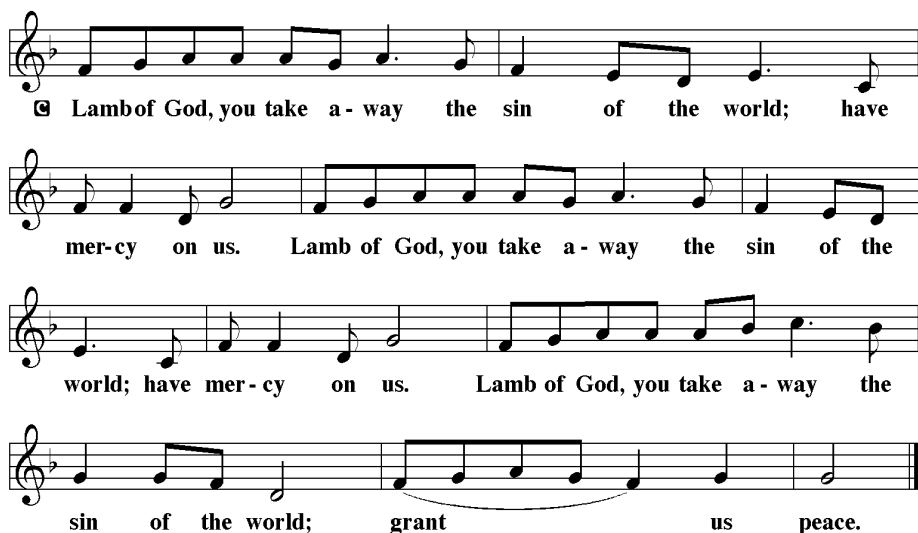
*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: 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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 740 & 709

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

C: Amen

***POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: “Thank the Lord”**



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re - calls his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



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

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

P: 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.

C: Amen

***BENEDICTION**

P: 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.

C: Amen

***SENDING HYMN**

“Thine Is The Glory”

LBW 145

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Alma Blackwelder's birthday by Ann Benson.

On **All Saints Sunday**, we celebrate the eternal hope we have in Christ and remember with thanksgiving: Dot Weast, Phyllis Campbell, Kaye Barbee, Doris Kluttz, Frank Kluttz, Atlas Baucom and Linda Brumble.

Council Meeting today after service at 11:00 AM.

All Sexton bids are due **before November 2nd** council meeting. Give to council president Cayle Drye in a sealed envelope. This includes outdoor sexton, main church building sexton, parish hall and Fisher Administration building sexton.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings

The **First** congregational nominating meeting to be held on **Nov. 2, 2025**, before service. The **Second** Congregational meeting to be held on **Nov. 9, 2025**, following service. May God continue to bless us at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church! These are the nomination names: James Bailey, Leonard Campbell, Roger Horton, Jubal Strube.

The current members who are coming **off** Council at the end of this year are: Belinda Campbell, Kelly Caudle, Cayle Drye, and Keith Smith.

The following individuals are **NOT** eligible for nomination due to their family association with current Council members: Sharon Barbee, Lisa Barrier, Dylan Ennis, Tim Aldridge, Doug Bell, Hannah Pless, and Lindsay Pless.

The **PBNJ Youth** Group will meet next Sunday, November 9th at 3:30PM.

Our next **Blood Drive** with One Blood is during our next monthly breakfast on **November 15th**. 1 unit can help save up to 3 people in need. Please prayerfully consider this live saving gift. And eat iron enriched food. See Jodie if you need help signing up.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring **Toys for Tots** this year. The boxes will be at the back of the sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys through Dec. 7th**. Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

The **2026 Flower Calendar** has been placed in the mail room. Please mark any dates that you would like for flowers. The cost is still **\$64** for both vases. If a date you would like is already taken, talk with the person who signed up and split that Sunday. **One vase is \$32.**

If you have any changes on addresses, phone numbers, or email address for the **CCLC 2025 / 2026 Annual Yearbook**, please get those changes to the Historical Comm, Rhonda Drye or Jodie Strube. Committee chairs, event leaders, group leaders please start preparing your year end summaries. Any questions, please contact us.

We will be placing **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 21st. If you would like to place one or several in honor or in memory of a loved one, please let Meredith know by Sunday, December 7th. The cost this year is \$10. Money should be placed in the offering plate and information about plants should be given to Meredith. Thank you!

November Stewardship Awareness -

excerpt from theNALC.org - The Indescribable Joy of Giving

- God is the first Giver (John 3:16). God gives first and shows us how to give.
- God's grace and his love for us inspire us to give (2 Corinthians 8 and John 3:16).
- God has planted in each of us a need to give — a need to give to God and a need to give to others (2 Corinthians 8:5).
- God's love for us compelled His Son to redeem us, like the Macedonian churches whose joy for Jesus removed the obstacles and produced a generosity beyond their means.
- We are most complete and most fulfilled when we give.

Oh Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we thank and praise you for the mystery of the depth of your unbounded love. You withhold nothing from us. Fill us with your love that our cups might truly overflow. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



November 2, 2025

We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List. Please send prayer list request additions or changes to prayercccl@gmail.com by Tuesday 5PM.

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

Wayne Furr; Roy Gray; Chris Goodman; Dorothy Goodman;
Harry Goodman; Norman Goodman; Amy Preston;
John Trull; Linda Trull.

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3)
Prospective pastors see our profile/video and consider a call here.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Sue Petrea (Friend of Pastor Ramey – started Sharing Shepherds in 1999)
J.D. Almond (Friend of Sharon Duncan – Brain tumor with possible surgery next week); Pastor Charles Barrier; Deena Bost;
Pastor Gene Bost; Myra Bost (Car Show friend of Earlene Cox – Cancer);
LeaAnn Buckwell; Pastor Randall Cauble;
Pastor Tom Corbell; Luke Cranford; Ed Duncan (Friend of Rusty and Rhonda Drye); Vicky Floyd; David Gandy; Marty Gandy;
David Goforth; Lee Goforth; Barbara Hamilton; Annette Heller;
Candice Horton; Greg Houston; Melissa Krumbien; Gerry Litzinger;
Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Morris; Daniel Pless; Lettie Reid;
Blake Rogers; Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Veronica Williams;
Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

Rimer Fire Department

Praise List:

*Lori Pittard – she is continuing to recover at home after heart surgery. Thanks be to God and to all who prayed for her.

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

Today November 2, 2025

Executive Council Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Council Meeting	11:00 AM

This Week

MON - 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of Christ Practice

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM	Family Worship Service
11:00 AM	Annual Church Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty Second Sunday after Pentecost

Exodus 3: 1-15

Psalm 148: 1-12

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, 13-17

St. Luke 20: 27-40

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