

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

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*A NALC Congregation*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

***Second Sunday After Pentecost***  
***June 11, 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**

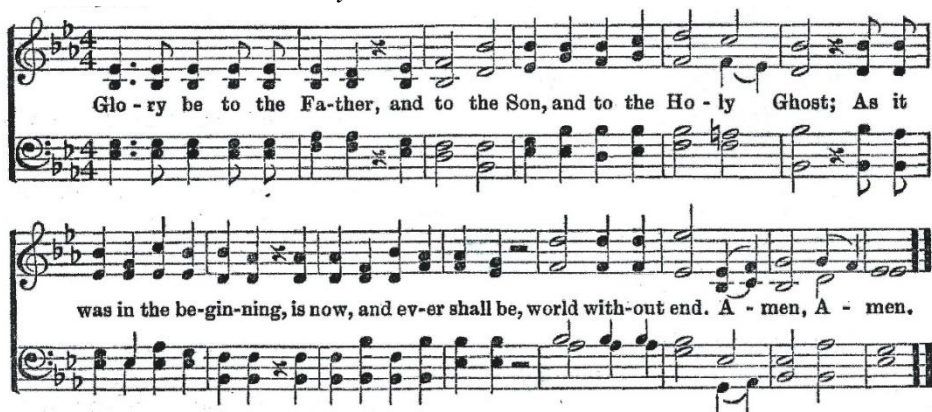
\* OPENING HYMN    ***“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”***    **LBW 479**

\*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.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE: “*Glory Be To The Father*”



\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord of all nations,

**you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15 - 6:6 (ESV)**

I will return again to my place, until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face, and in their distress earnestly seek me. **6** “Come, let us return to the LORD; for he has torn us, that he may heal us; he has struck us down, and he will bind us up. <sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us; on the third day he will raise us up, that we may live before him. <sup>3</sup> Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; his going out is sure as the dawn; he will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.” <sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah? Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes early away. <sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my

mouth, and my judgment goes forth as the light. <sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 119: 65-72 (ESV)**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

You have dealt well with your servant,  
O Lord, according to your word.

<sup>66</sup> **Teach me good judgment and knowledge,  
for I believe in your commandments.**

<sup>67</sup> Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
but now I keep your word.

<sup>68</sup> **You are good and do good;  
teach me your statutes.**

<sup>69</sup> The insolent smear me with lies,  
but with my whole heart I keep your precepts;

<sup>70</sup> **their heart is unfeeling like fat,  
but I delight in your law.**

<sup>71</sup> It is good for me that I was afflicted,  
that I might learn your statutes.

<sup>72</sup> **The law of your mouth is better to me  
than thousands of gold and silver pieces.**

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 4:13-25 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> For the promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression. <sup>16</sup> That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So

shall your offspring be.”<sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.<sup>20</sup> No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,<sup>21</sup> fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.<sup>22</sup> That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”<sup>23</sup> But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone,<sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,<sup>25</sup> who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

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 9th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 9:9-13 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he rose and followed him.<sup>10</sup> And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his

disciples. <sup>11</sup> And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN      *“Take My Life”*      **LBW 406**

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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.

## \*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### \*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**

**\*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**

**\*SENDING HYMN**

***“My Hope Is Built”***

**LBW 294**

**\*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 and in honor of Marianna's 17th Birthday and Justin's 6th Birthday by their family.

The **PBNJ Youth Group** will meet this afternoon at **3:30**. Our group is for 4 year old through 5th grade.

**CSI** will meet **today from 3:30-5:00** we will be making shirts!

**Noah (Prayer Shawl)** will meet **tomorrow** night at **6:30**.

**Reminder- this Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>**, is the monthly breakfast. Proceeds will be donated to Coltrane Life Center.

**Community Outreach** is asking for donations for Mt. Pleasant Food Pantry for the Sundays of **6.18 – 7.9**. The needs are as follows: Tomato soup, Canned Pasta (spaghettio's, ravioli, etc), Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Pancake mix and syrup. Thank you for providing for those in need.

**June 19th - 8:00am** we will be meeting to depart for camp, please feel free to come join us in a prayer before we depart (church parking lot)

**June 19th-24th-** 8 youth 2 leaders at **TVR**

Our new LED church sign will be dedicated in memory of Darrell Barrier **following worship on Sunday, June 25**. Darrell's family honored his wishes by providing the funds necessary for the project in his memory. We will depart from the sanctuary to the grounds surrounding the sign immediately after the worship service.

**Fall Bazaar** will be here soon. Can a few extra of your summer harvest for the church bazaar. **Oct 21, 2023**.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 23</u> <u>Date: June 4, 2023</u>			
2023 Weekly Needs: \$3,674.98		YTD Budget Needs:	\$84,524.54
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received \$3,864.00		YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$81,652.00
Last week	Above Needs \$ 189.02	YTD (Deficit)	(\$2,872.54)



**June 11,2023**

***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

Earlene Cox (continuing recovery at Home); 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; 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; 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:**

Judy Coble – (Co-worker of Susan Caudle) – Hip replacement surgery went well and her pain level is much improved. She appreciated the prayers.

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

**Today - June 11, 2023**

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
PBnJ Meeting	3:30 PM
CSI Meeting	3:30 PM

**This Week**

**MON: 6:30 PM** Noah (Prayer Shawl)

**SAT: 7AM-11AM** Monthly Breakfast  
Benefiting Coltrane Life Center

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 19: 2-8

Psalm 100

Romans 5: 6-15

St. Matthew 9:35 – 10:8 (9-20)