

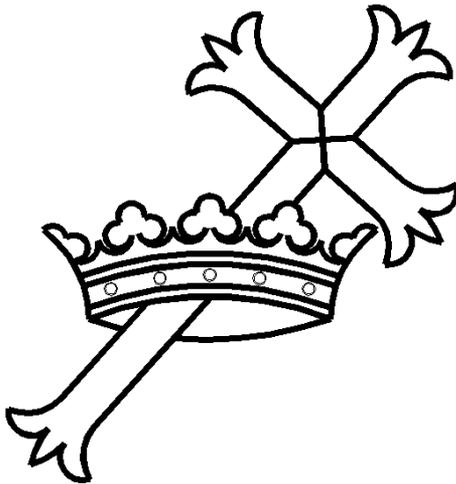
# *Cross of Christ Lutheran Church*

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*A NALC Congregation*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

***Second Sunday After Epiphany***  
***January 15, 2023***

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 us, forgive us all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN

*“As With Gladness”*

**LBW 82**

\*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"

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; As it  
was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the remaining two lines. The music is written in a traditional hymn style with block chords and simple melodic lines.

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Lord God,

**you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 62: 1-5 (ESV)**

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. <sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. <sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. <sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 128**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,  
who walks in his ways!

**<sup>2</sup>You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;  
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

<sup>3</sup>Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
within your house;

your children will be like olive shoots  
around your table.

**<sup>4</sup>Behold, thus shall the man be blessed  
who fears the LORD.**

<sup>5</sup>The LORD bless you from Zion!

May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!

**<sup>6</sup>May you see your children's children!  
Peace be upon Israel!**

**SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 1-11 (ESV)**

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup>You know that when you were pagans you were led astray to mute idols, however you were led. <sup>3</sup>Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit. <sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the

working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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. John, the 2<sup>nd</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 2: 1-11 (ESV)**

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. <sup>3</sup> When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, “Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come.” <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” <sup>6</sup> Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> And he said to them, “Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast.” So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, “Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now.” <sup>11</sup> This, the first

of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

LARRY BARBEE

\*SERMON HYMN

*"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"*

**LBW 479**

\*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



bles - sing. 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

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord almighty order our days and our deeds in peace.

**Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN      *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*      **LBW 170**

(vs 1-4)

\*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 memory of Marie Stoner and Eunice Thompson by the Barbee Family.

We would like to thank Larry Barbee for leading our service today.

The **Sound Committee** is in need of volunteers to help run the sound system for services. Please contact Richard Strube if you can help in this need.

The **Prayer Shawl** group will meet tomorrow night, Monday, at 6:30 PM in the admin building.

**BAZAAR Crafting:** We have a few nights set for group crafting. There are items lined up to do. Friday nights starting around 6:30 pm Rhonda's house. We only craft up to 2 hours. Dates are: Jan 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> 2023, Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> & Feb 17 2023. Feb dates made be subject to change.

**Historical Committee** will have a quick meeting in the admin building conference room immediately following the Church Service 1.15.23.

Join us for a Baby Shower honoring Courtney Allman Johnson on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM at Victory Temple 3101 Cline School Rd. Registered at Amazon and Target.

**HELP WANTED!** Due to impending additions to our Sunday School families (yay, babies!), we are in need of new Sunday School teachers for the Pre School and High School classes and volunteers to help with Children's Church as lead teachers. These positions may be shared if you and a friend (or friends) would like to work together or you can be the only teacher.

The High School class will need to be replaced within the next two weeks and Kristi has volunteered to share her materials and help with any transition information. The Pre School class position will not be needed until early March and Hannah has volunteered to share materials and help with transition information.

The Children's Church positions are very easy and the information and planned lessons are provided for you. A quick browse over the lesson the night before will be more than enough to prepare you for the next day. Each teacher has a lesson about every 6 to 8 weeks depending on teacher numbers.

Please prayerfully consider these volunteer opportunities to help lead the spiritual growth of our young people. If you have questions about the high school class, see Kristi Drye or the Pre School class see Hannah Pless. Please see Heather Bell or Rusty Drye if you have other questions and/or are interested in being a teacher for Sunday School or Pre School. If any young adults would like to join our Children's Church team as assistants, please see Heather Bell as well. Thank you!



**January 15, 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**

Chris Bost (Cardiac tests on January 18<sup>th</sup>); John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Gail Leonard; Carl Pless; Richard Strube (Recovering from Prostate procedure); John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; John Weast; Bob Yost

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Family of Don Faggart

Family of Doris McCarn (Mother of Lyndsey Pless)

Family of Jeff Sampson (Co-worker of Belinda Campbell)

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Ronnie Boger;

LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart;

Pastor Jeff Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger;

Mary Kunze; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Ensley Morgan;

Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Connie Walters;

Vickey Belk Young

**General Prayer Concerns**

The People of Ukraine

**Praise List**

- Gabby Monty – Granddaughter of Keith & Cathy Smith – Seizures have lessened and she is seeing a neurologist for care. Keith & Cathy thank the church for all the prayers.

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

**Today – January 15, 2023**

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM

Family Worship Service 10:00 AM

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Holy Communion Service

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Third Sunday After Epiphany*

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalm 19: 7-14

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

St Luke 4: 16-30

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