

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!
In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost
July 13, 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

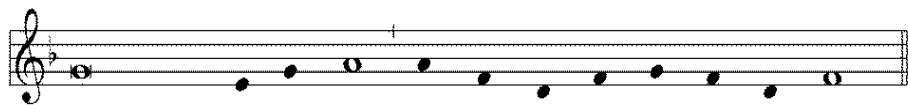
* OPENING HYMN *“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”* LBW 551

*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.

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



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ 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.



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.



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

***SALUTATION**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, we pray through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: Leviticus 18:1–5, 19:9–18 (ESV)

And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying, ² “Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am the LORD your God. ³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴ You shall follow my rules^[a] and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am the LORD your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am the LORD. ⁹ “When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap your field right up to its edge, neither shall you gather the gleanings after your harvest. ¹⁰ And you shall not strip your vineyard bare, neither shall you gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard. You shall leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am the LORD your God. ¹¹ “You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; you shall not lie to one another. ¹² You shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the LORD. ¹³ “You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired worker shall not remain with you all night until the morning. ¹⁴ You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the LORD. ¹⁵ “You shall do no injustice in court. You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor. ¹⁶ You shall not go

around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not stand up against the life^[a] of your neighbor: I am the LORD. ¹⁷“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor, lest you incur sin because of him. ¹⁸You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 41:1-13 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Blessed is the one who considers the poor!

In the day of trouble the LORD delivers him;

² the LORD protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies.

³ The LORD sustains him on his sickbed;

in his illness you restore him to full health.

⁴ As for me, I said, “O LORD, be gracious to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you!”

⁵ My enemies say of me in malice,

“When will he die, and his name perish?”

⁶ And when one comes to see me, he utters empty words, while his heart gathers iniquity; when he goes out, he tells it abroad.

⁷ All who hate me whisper together about me;

they imagine the worst for me.

⁸ They say, “A deadly thing is poured out on him; he will not rise again from where he lies.”

⁹ Even my close friend in whom I trusted,

who ate my bread, has lifted his heel against me.

¹⁰ But you, O LORD, be gracious to me, and raise me up, that I may repay them!

¹¹ By this I know that you delight in me:

my enemy will not shout in triumph over me.

¹² But you have upheld me because of my integrity, and set me in your presence forever.

¹³ Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel,

from everlasting to everlasting! Amen and Amen.

SECOND READING: Colossians 1:1-14 (ESV)

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,² To the saints and faithful brothers in Christ at Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.³ We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you,⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,⁵ because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel,⁶ which has come to you, as indeed in the whole world it is bearing fruit and increasing—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth,⁷ just as you learned it from Epaphras our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf⁸ and has made known to us your love in the Spirit.⁹ And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,¹⁰ so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;¹¹ being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy;¹² giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you¹³ to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of God for the people of God!

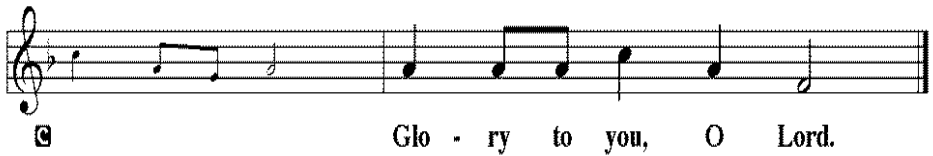
C: Thanks be to God!

***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.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th chapter.



***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. LUKE 10:25-37 (ESV)**

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?” ²⁷ And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live.” ²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii^[a] and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” And Jesus said to him, “You go, and do likewise.”

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



***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**



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -

it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take

not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re-store to me the

joy of your sal-va - tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir - it.

***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**

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 “*The Church’s One Foundation*” LBW 369**

***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 Efford Bost's birthday by the Bost family.

The **Piano Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Ann Sifford's 77th birthday by Meredith, John, Marianna, Emma and Justin Harrison.

The new **Holy Trinity Chancel Banner** is given through gifting to the George and Frances Pless Memorial funds. The banner will be dedicated to the Glory of God during worship next Sunday, July 20th.

The CSI & PBnJ Youth groups will be going to the Life Center on **Monday, July 14th at 10:30 a.m.** to play games, color and socialize with the participants.

Our next blood drive with ONE BLOOD is this Saturday July 19th, during the monthly breakfast. The drive will be from 8 am thru 1 pm. If you would please consider donating, many will be blessed with your unit of blood. We will have 2 buses this time to accommodate the donors. One bus will be for whole blood and double red blood cells, and the second bus will be for platelets. Please eat iron-enriched foods during the next few weeks. Let your friends know about the blood drive and breakfast. If you need help signing up, Jodie will help. God bless you for your donation.

Extra Sunday School materials will be available for congregation members to pick up after services on **7/13, 7/20 and 7/27** in the back hallway behind the sanctuary on tables for their personal use. If you would like to have any of the material for your home library, come check out the selection available, Boxes and bags are available for you as well.

The PBnJ Youth Group will be assembling **Cancer Care Packs** at their August meeting. We need Ink Pens, Individual Packs of Kleenex, Gripper Socks, Hand Sanitizer, Hard Candy, Chapstick, Lotion, and Word Searches. The link below gives the exact amount of each item we need. Thank you in advance for your support. Please give your items to Meredith by **August 3rd**. Thank you!

We are now taking orders for Cross of Christ Church shirts! Order forms have been placed in your church mailbox. Orders are due by **August 17th**. Please see Ashleigh Ennis if you have any questions.

Baby Bottles: Cross of Christ is helping with a fundraiser for Cabarrus Women's Center by collecting coins, paper money or checks in the baby bottles. **This will run through the August 19th monthly breakfast.** You may turn in your bottles full or empty to Tracy Drye anytime through then. Thank you in advance for your compassion and generosity. Tracy Drye



July 13, 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

Kay Barbee; Leonard Campbell; Karen Faggart;

Chris Goodman; Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman; Norman Goodman; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; 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

Pastor Charles Barrier; Pastor Gene Bost; Trent Bowers (Friend of Soldiers group); LeaAnn Buckwell; Jerry Cain; Pastor Randall Cauble;

Luke Cranford; David Gandy; Marty Gandy; David Goforth; Lee Goforth; Barbara Hamilton; Tanja Harward (Sister of Kelly Caudle – Surgery July 25th); Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston;

Melissa Krumbien; Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Morris; Daniel Pless; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Jacob Rodgers (Susan Caudle's friends son – motorcycle accident in TN, currently in the trauma center); Steve Sifford; Nick Smith; Susan Starling;

Veronica Williams; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

All those impacted by the major natural disaster in Texas

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

Today July 13, 2025

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

This Week

MON: 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of the Cross of Christ Practice

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 18: 1-14

Psalm 27: 1-14

Colossians 1: 21-29

St Luke 10: 38-42

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