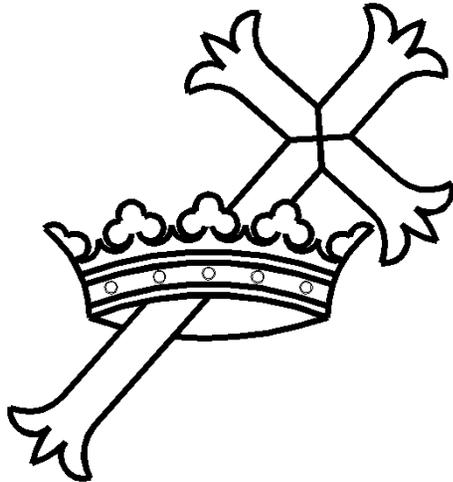


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Second Sunday After Epiphany  
January 16, 2022*

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

*“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"

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; As it". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men, A-men." The music is in 4/4 time and the key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat).

\*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.

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!**

**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.

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**\*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 the Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Love Divine”*

**LBW 315**

\*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

**"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 in memory of Marie Stoner and Eunice Thomas by the Larry Barbee family.

**New Member Sunday**

Cross of Christ will be receiving new members next **Sunday, January 23th**. If you are called to join the ministry and fellowship of CCLC please contact Pastor Allison.

The **2022 Altar flower calendar** has been placed in the mailroom. Please add the person's name and in memory or honor of and reason ei: birthday, anniversary, etc.

Congratulations to Katelyn Strube and Alex Freeman on the birth of their daughter, Greta Naomi on 1.13.2022. Both mom and Greta are doing well. Granddaughter of Richard and Jodie Strube. God's blessings to you all!



**January 16, 2022**

*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 Frances Kanipe

Kay Barbee; Kevin Blackburn; Leonard Campbell (Recovery from COVID); Kelly Caudle (Recovery from COVID & Torn Bicep); Matt and Kristi Drye; John Faggart; Candice Horton; Roger & Linda Horton (Pending COVID testing results & managing symptoms); Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Gail Leonard; Katelyn Strube-birth of daughter on 1.13.2022; John Trull; Dot Weast

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Family of Lester Allman

Family of Joe Holland – Father of Leslie Seagraves (Sister-in-Law of Scotty and Barbara Seagraves)

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr;

Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Brady Krimminger;

David Leonard; Ensley Morgan; Diane and Steve Parker; Susan Starling (Daughter for Roger & Linda Horton – COVID Pneumonia – Currently hospitalized);

Connie Walters; Ben Weast

**General Prayer Concerns**

Those impacted by COVID

**Cross of Christ Shut-In**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

**Praise List**

- Rusty Drye – prayers appreciated during his recovery.
- Will Drye – he would like to thank everyone for the prayers for him while he has been serving our country in the Marines. Will is heading home Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Today – January 16, 2022**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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