

# 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 †*

*Fourth Sunday in Lent  
March 27, 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**

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.

**Amen**

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.*

Most merciful God,

**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**

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.

**Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN

*“Lord, Speak To Us”*

**LBW 403**

\*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.**

\*KYRIE

Ⓐ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Ⓞ Lord, have mer - cy.

Ⓐ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. Ⓞ A - men

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

Let us pray God of all mercy,  
**by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

Anthem *"Midnight Cry"* Soldiers of the Cross of Christ

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 12: 1-6 (ESV)

You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. <sup>2</sup>"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation."<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. <sup>4</sup>And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. <sup>5</sup>"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. <sup>6</sup>Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

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

PSALM 32 READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,  
 whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> **Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,  
 and in whose spirit there is no deceit.**

<sup>3</sup> For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away  
 through my groaning all day long.

**4 For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;  
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.**

**5 I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;  
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"  
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

**6 Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time  
when you may be found; surely in the rush of great waters,  
they shall not reach him.**

**7 You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;  
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

**8 I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.**

**9 Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding, which must be  
curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.**

**10 Many are the sorrows of the wicked,  
but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.**

**11 Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,  
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!**

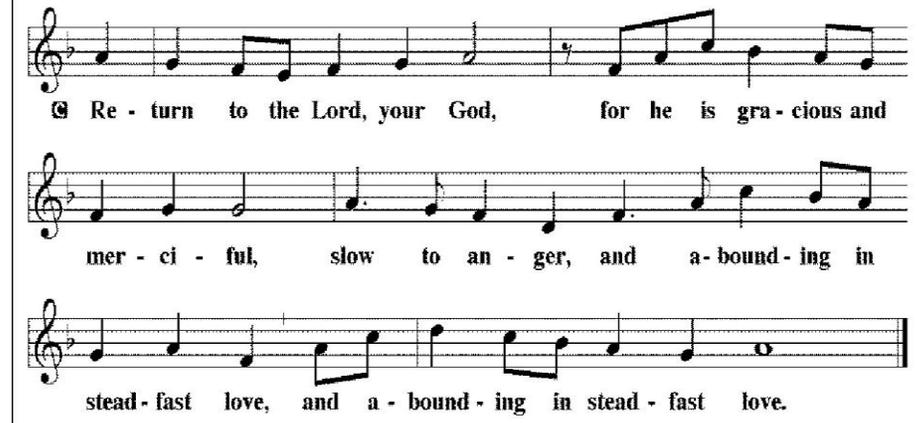
#### **SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 16-21 (ESV)**

**16** From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. **18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; **19** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. **20** Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. **21** For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

#### **\*LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

#### **\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32 (ESV)**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him. **2** And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." **3** So he told them this parable: **11** And he said, "There was a man who had two sons. **12** And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. **13** Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. **14** And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. **15** So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. **16** And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. **17** "But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! **18** I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. **19** I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" **20** And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. **21** And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' **22** But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him,

and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. <sup>23</sup> And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. <sup>24</sup> For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.’ And they began to celebrate. <sup>25</sup> “Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup> And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. <sup>27</sup> And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.’ <sup>28</sup> But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, <sup>29</sup> but he answered his father, ‘Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup> But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!’ <sup>31</sup> And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. <sup>32</sup> It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.’”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Amazing Grace”*

**LBW 448**

\*NICENE CREED

**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**

RECIEVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

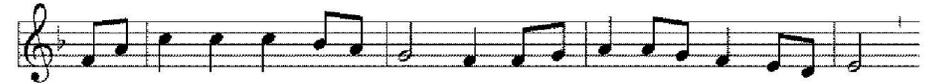
\*THE OFFERTORY



♩ What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will



of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.



I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,



in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

\*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      *“When I Survey”*      **LBW 482**

\*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 the congregation of Cross of Christ and in memory of all of those who have gone on before us, by Wes and Elizabeth Webb.

The congregation is invited to a drop-in bridal shower honoring Alison Webb, daughter of Wes and Elizabeth Webb, **today from 2 to 4pm**. Alison is registered at Target and Amazon.

It's time to direct your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for 2021. The last date to direct your Dollars is **March 31, 2022**. You can do this online or by calling your Thrivent representative, Gary Samuelson at 704-506-3234. Thrivent Choice Dollars are available to anyone that has life insurance or annuity's with Thrivent. Our church is one of the organizations you may direct your Dollars to.

**Easter Lilies and Geraniums** will be placed in the sacuarary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order, the cost is **\$12 each**. Please place money in an envelope with how many you are ordering on it and place it in the offering plate. Please give your information about who you would like to put them in honor or memory of to Meredith Harrison by **April 3rd**.

**Amanda Faggart** is raising money for **Special Olympics of NC**. Please consider supporting her, here is how: **“Plunge in Place”** – Please sign up to donate to team Cabarrus. We still need about \$5000 to meet our goal. Go to [2022 Polar Plunge NC](#) to join Team Cabarrus or see Amanda to donate to her!

**Easter Egg Hunt at Cross of Christ on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM till 4:30 PM**, egg hunt, cookie decorating, Easter stories, crafts and Photo Booth. Rain or Shine.

**TVR Camp** is **June 13-18, 2022**. Any 3<sup>rd</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grader interested in attending please see Kristi for a form. **\$75** deposit for active church members and **\$400** for non church members. All deposits are due by **March 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Mark your calendars and come join us as we hold our second **Car Show on May 21, 2022**. Your support for our last show was great and we will need your support again this year. We will be receiving donations for desserts again this year. Date to be determined as time gets closer. Door prizes or donations of money for door prizes will be greatly appreciated also and can be accepted at any time. Please contact Earlene Cox if you are willing to help in any way.

### Wednesday Worship during Lent – 2022

Worship will begin at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary with prayer, hymns, and informal teaching.

**Week 4 (Wed. 3/30) James 3:13 – 4:12 “Seeking Heavenly Wisdom”**

Heavenly Not Earthly Wisdom  
Passions/Desires/Pleasures = Sin & Strife  
Learn Humility – Practice Humility  
Do Not Judge Others

**Week 5 (Wed. 4/6) James 4:13 - 5:12 “The Lord Governs All Human Life”**

Do Not Place Your Trust in Future Plans  
God Condemns the Rich/Powerful for Injustice  
Await the Lord’s Judgment with Patience  
Do Not Swear Oaths

### LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2022

Sunday	Mar. 27	Fourth Sunday in Lent	10:00AM	Worship
Wed.	Mar. 30	Week 4 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	10:00AM	Worship
Wed.	Apr. 6	Week 5 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 10	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion	10:00AM	Worship
Thurs.	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday	7:00PM	Worship
Friday	Apr. 15	Good Friday	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Sunrise Service	<u>7:00AM</u>	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Morning Breakfast	7:30AM	Meal
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Holy Communion	10:00AM	Worship



**March 27, 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

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn;  
Julie Duncan and newborn son Landyn (continued weight gain by Landyn); John Faggart; Wayne Furr (Shoulder surgery scheduled for 3/24);  
Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz;  
Amy Preston (Safe travel to and from Germany); John & Linda Trull;  
Dot Weast; Bob Yost (Broken ankle)

### Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

### Friends of Cross of Christ

Bonnie Albright; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd;  
Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel;  
Brady Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker;  
Ronnie Procter; Lettie Reid (Update – Lettie is doing good and has a medical procedure scheduled at Baptist hospital on 3/29. Continued prayers are appreciated); Susan Starling; Connie Walters

### General Prayer Concerns

Those impacted by COVID  
The People of Ukraine

### Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

**Today – March 27, 2022**

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Webb Shower	2-4 PM

***This Week***

**WED:** 7:00 PM Lenten Worship

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3: 8-14

St. Luke 20: 9-20

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