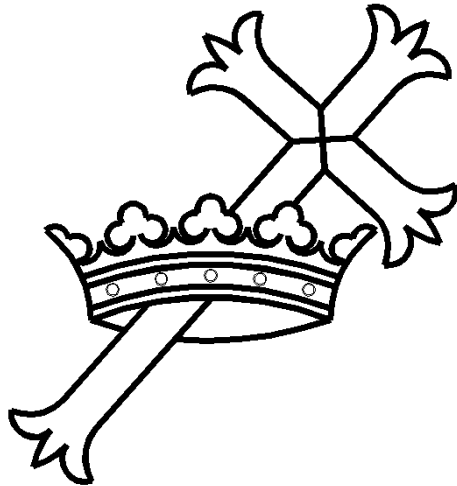


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Third Sunday After Epiphany
January 23, 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

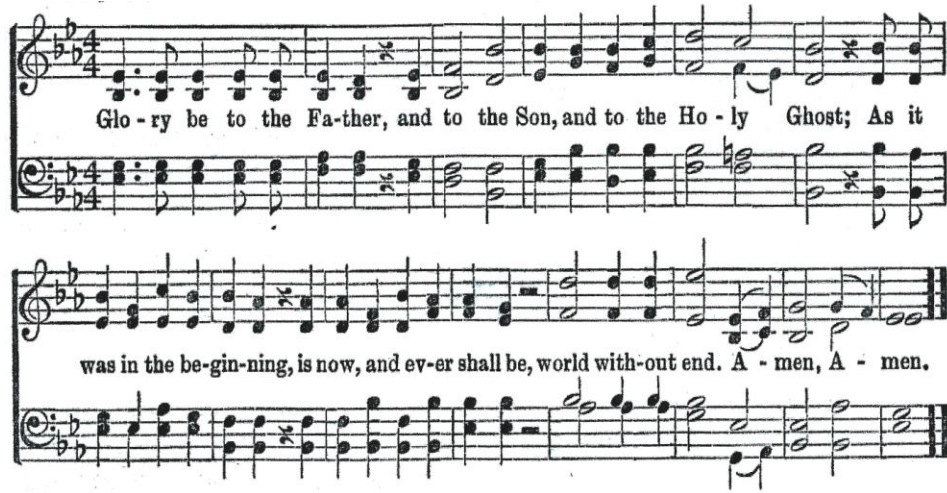
* OPENING HYMN ***“Songs Of Thanksgiving and Praise”*** **LBW 90**

*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.

Let us pray. Almighty God,
you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 (ESV)

And all the people gathered as one man into the square before the Water Gate. And they told Ezra the scribe to bring the Book of the Law of Moses that the LORD had commanded Israel. ² So Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. ³ And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. ⁵ And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it all the people stood. ⁶ And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. ⁸ They read from the

book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading. ⁹ And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Then he said to them, "Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 19: 7-14

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

⁷ The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;

⁸ **the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;**

the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;

⁹ the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;

the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ **More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;**

sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.

¹¹ Moreover, by them is your servant warned;

in keeping them there is great reward.

¹² **Who can discern his errors?**

Declare me innocent from hidden faults.

¹³ Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins;

let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless,
and innocent of great transgression.

¹⁴ **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 12: 12-31A (ESV)

¹² For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴ For the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵ If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶ And if the ear should

say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? ¹⁸ But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹ If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²² On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, ²⁴ which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, ²⁵ that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶ If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together. ²⁷ Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸ And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰ Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹ But earnestly desire the higher gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 4: 16-30 (ESV)**

¹⁶ And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷ And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written, ¹⁸ "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed," ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰ And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹ And he began to say to them, "Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² And all spoke well of him and marveled at the gracious words that were coming from his mouth. And they said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ And he said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "'Physician, heal yourself.'" What we have heard you did at Capernaum, do here in your hometown as well.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly, I say to you, no prophet is acceptable in his hometown. ²⁵ But in truth, I tell you, there were many widows in Israel in the days of Elijah, when the heavens were shut up three years and six months, and a great famine came over all the land, ²⁶ and Elijah was sent to none of them but only to Zarephath, in the land of Sidon, to a woman who was a widow. ²⁷ And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard these things, all in the synagogue were filled with wrath. ²⁹ And they rose up and drove him out of the town and brought him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they could throw him down the cliff. ³⁰ But passing through their midst, he went away.

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

"Love Divine"

LBW 315

* Affirmation of Baptism
 And Welcoming of New Members

LBW 198

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY



*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

"On Our Way Rejoicing"

LBW 260

*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.

With joy and thanksgiving we receive and welcome 4 new members today. Daniel and Amanda Holder and their children Caydee and Mason, are received by transfer and affirmation of the faith. We welcome them into the fellowship of Cross of Christ! Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Congratulations to Katelyn Strube and Alex Freeman on the birth of their daughter, Greta Naomi on 1.13.2022 at 2:53 AM. Both Mom and Greta are doing well. Granddaughter of Richard and Jodie Strube. God's blessings to you all!

Blood Drive at Rimer Fire Dept., Sunday January 30th, 1 PM to 5:30 PM with American Red Cross. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Rimer to schedule appointment.

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.

CSI Youth members are invited to attend a Bowling/Christmas/Valentines Party!

Where: Stars and Strikes

When: Febuary 14th at 6PM

Who: you and a friend/boyfriend/parent

Youth member and one friend will be paid for by CSI. RSVP by 1/30 to Kristi

Parents and/or congregation members are welcome to join (\$28/person includes dinner, unlimited soft drinks, 1 bumper cars, bowling for 2 hrs and a \$10 arcade voucher). If you would like to join and just bowl, please let Kristi know.



January 23, 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... 1 Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Family of Frances Kanipe

Kay Barbee; Kevin Blackburn; Kelly Caudle; Matt and Kristi Drye;

John Faggart; Candice Horton; Roger & Linda Horton;

Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Gail Leonard;

Heather and Jerry Reynolds and newborn son Jack (Born 2 months early, weighing 1 lb, 14 oz, doing well); Katelyn Strube and newborn Greta;

John Trull; Dot Weast

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Lester Allman

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;

Connie Walters; Ben Weast

General Prayer Concerns

Those impacted by COVID

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 – January 23, 2022

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings
Fourth Sunday After Epiphany

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalms 71: 1-11

1 Corinthians 12: 31b-13:13

St. Luke 4: 31-44

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