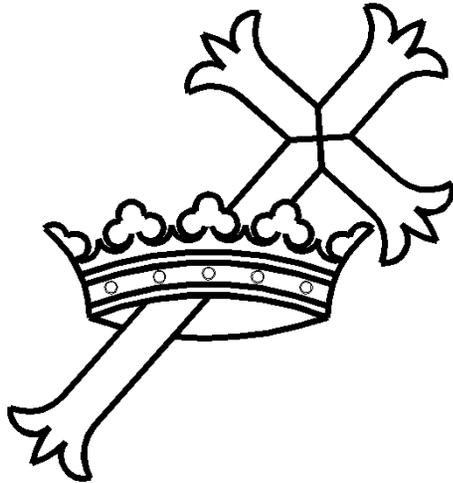


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!
In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 28, 2022

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Temple Talk Gideons International

*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

“Come Thou Fount”

LBW 499

*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.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God,
you are always more ready to hear that we are to pray, and to give more
than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us an abundance of your
mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and
giving us those things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through
the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Proverbs 25: 2-10 (ESV)

- ²It is the glory of God to conceal things,
but the glory of kings is to search things out.
³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth,
so the heart of kings is unsearchable.
⁴Take away the dross from the silver,
and the smith has material for a vessel;
⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king,
and his throne will be established in righteousness.
⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence
or stand in the place of the great,
⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

- What your eyes have seen
⁸do not hastily bring into court,
for what will you do in the end,
when your neighbor puts you to shame?
⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself,
and do not reveal another's secret,
¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you,
and your ill repute have no end.

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

PSALM 131 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

- O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
²**But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.**
³O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

Second Reading: Hebrews 13: 1-17 (ESV)

Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for
thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in
prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you
also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the
marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and
adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what
you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can
confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to
me?" ⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God.
Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ
is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and
strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by
foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from
which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those
animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a
sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the

gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. ¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

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. Luke, the 14th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Luke 14: 1-14 (ESV)**

One Sabbath, when he went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things. ⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest

place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." ¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. ¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

This is Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

"Blessing And Honor"

LBW 525

*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

"Love Divine"

LBW 315

*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 Frances Pless' 95th birthday by her family.

Today we welcome the Gideons International!

Gideons International is an association of Christian business and professional men founded in 1899 in Janesville, Wisconsin, (now headquartered in Nashville, TN). The Gideons, along with their wives in the Auxiliary, encourage each other to do the work of the Lord, focusing on who they are before God, and strengthening the power of their personal testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ. They are most recognized for distributing copies of Scripture free of charge, paid for by freewill offerings from local churches and from members themselves. This Bible distribution is a worldwide enterprise taking place in around 200 countries, territories and possessions. These copies are printed in over 108 languages. Members of The Gideons International currently average distribution of over 70 million Bibles annually. On average, more than two copies of the Bible are distributed per second through Gideons International. As of April 2015, Gideons International has distributed over two billion Bibles. The association was named after the Biblical figure Gideon depicted in Judges 6. Please prayerfully consider an additional offering this Sunday to support the work of the Gideons!

THANK YOU to all that donated blood last Sunday. 11 were able to donate blood-collecting 8 whole blood units and 3 double red cells units. This will help up to **33** local hospital patients. Our goal was 10 so we exceeded the goal. **Our next drive is Nov 20th!**

Due to the holiday weekend Council meeting has been moved to September 11.

Mark your calendars: **Youth Sunday** will be **September 11th**.

This month, September, along with our monthly **BREAKFAST Fundraiser** on **September 17th**, we are having our **3rd CAR SHOW**. We will have our normal delicious breakfast from **7 – 10 a.m.** and lunch from **11am – 1 p.m.** Lunch will be Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and Hot Dogs with all the trimmings, with tea and desserts. We are accepting donations to purchase pre-packaged desserts. There will be donation plates at the doors as you leave the Church for 2 weeks. If you would like to help by volunteering to help with this event, please contact Belinda or Earlene. Donations of door prizes are needed also. Come out and enjoy some delicious food and while you are there, browse some old, new, classic cars, trucks and hopefully some motorcycles. This will be a fund raiser for the Facilities Improvement Fund. Thank you, in advance, for your help.

It's almost time for the **Women's Retreat! September 30-October 2**. If you'd like to attend, please let Gail or Kristi know by **September 4th**. **Cost is \$50** for church members, **\$150 for nonmembers**.

Mark your calendars: **November 12th** is the 22nd Annual Youth BBQ. More details to come. If you would like to help please let Gail or Kristi know.



August 28, 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

Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; John Faggart; Geneva Gray (Atrium Northeast – Recovery from an infection and COVID); Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Sylvia Loggan; John & Linda Trull; Dot West

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Mary Cox (Grandmother of Kenly Strube – 8/26/2022 Ovarian cancer surgery); Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimming; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger (Aunt and Uncle of Susan Caudle); Doris McCarn; Sharon Blackwelder Measmer; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Brian Seagraves; Susan Starling; Baby Geneva Amanda Sverko and Mom Chyna; Connie Walters; Vickey Belk Young (Shoulder replacement surgery on 8/18 – asking for a successful healing)

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine

Uvalde, Texas Elementary School shooting victims and families
Highland Park, Illinois, Independence Day parade shooting victims

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Post surgery she will return to Best of Care)
Best of Care 234 North Dale Ave. Kannapolis NC

Praise List

Melvin Bost – Has been released by his doctor to resume normal activity and appreciates the prayers during his recovery.

Phyllis Campbell – Thanks everyone for the prayers during the COVID recovery.

Leonard Campbell – Greatly appreciates all the prayers of support during his recovery.

Charles Richard Willenbrink (Grandfather of Clare Justice (Girlfriend of Caleb Campbell) – Has recovered and appreciates the prayers during his recovery from COVID.

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

Today August 28, 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 Holy Communion Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Deuteronomy 30: 15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1: 1-21

St Luke 14: 25-35

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