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A NALC Congregation



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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 30, 2026

(* *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: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

* OPENING HYMN

“What A Fellowship ”

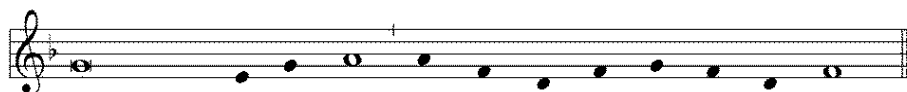
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***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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”**



***SALUTATION**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray. O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 15:15-21 (ESV)

¹⁵ O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. ¹⁶ Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. ¹⁷ I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. ¹⁸ Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail? ¹⁹ Therefore thus says the LORD: "If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them." ²⁰ And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD. ²¹ I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless."

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 26: 1-12 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity,
and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering.

- 2 Prove me, O LORD, and try me;
test my heart and my mind.**
- 3** For your steadfast love is before my eyes,
and I walk in your faithfulness.
- 4 I do not sit with men of falsehood,
nor do I consort with hypocrites.**
- 5** I hate the assembly of evildoers,
and I will not sit with the wicked.
- 6 I wash my hands in innocence
and go around your altar, O LORD,**
- 7** proclaiming thanksgiving aloud,
and telling all your wondrous deeds.
- 8 O LORD, I love the habitation of your house
and the place where your glory dwells.**
- 9** Do not sweep my soul away with sinners,
nor my life with bloodthirsty men,
- 10 in whose hands are evil devices,
and whose right hands are full of bribes.**
- 11** But as for me, I shall walk in my integrity;
redeem me, and be gracious to me.
- 12 My foot stands on level ground;
in the great assembly I will bless the LORD.**

SECOND READING: Romans 12: 9-21 (ESV)

⁹ Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰ Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹ Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. ¹⁷ Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God,

for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰ To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

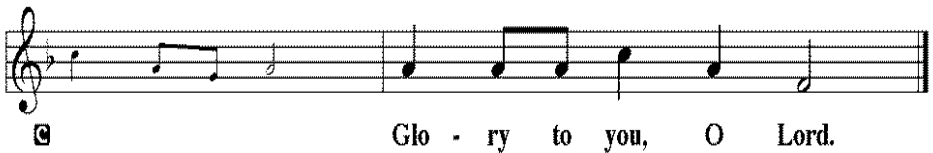
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C: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 16th chapter.

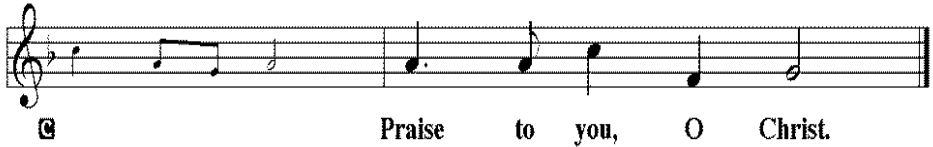


***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 16: 21-28 (ESV)**

²¹ From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²² And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³ But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” ²⁴ Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸ Truly, I say to you, there are some

standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON

Shelbie Bost

*SERMON HYMN *“Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me”* By Cityalight

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer
There is no more for Heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing, "All is mine"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
The night is dark, but I am not forsaken
For by my side, the Savior, He will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need, His power is displayed
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley, He will lead
Oh, the night has been won, and I shall overcome
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven
The future's sure, the price, it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated
Jesus, now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, "I am free"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me
With every breath, I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day, I know He will renew me

Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"
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When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
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"Yet not I, but through Christ in me"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me x2

***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** *“Crown Him With Many Crowns LBW 170*
Vs 1-4

***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 Frank and Doris Kluttz by Tim and Kim Aldridge.

We would like to thank the PSI Youth Group for leading our service today.

Council Meeting is moved to **September 13th** due to the Labor Day holiday.

Join us for Homecoming on **Sunday, September 20, 2026!** Bonnie McDonald will be our guest speaker during the Sunday School hour. Lunch will include a salad bar, baked potato bar, and roasted corn. Please bring a dessert to share!

Homecoming postcards are in your mailboxes in the mailroom! We challenge each family to mail at least one postcard to someone you would love to see at homecoming. Extra postcards are available in the mailroom if you would like to invite more than one person!



August 30, 2026

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 prayercclc@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

Brenda Barrier (Recovery from a spinal tap on Wednesday);

Wayne Peck; Carl Pless, Jr.; Rand Yost

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3) Prospective pastors see our profile/video and consider a call here.

Shut-Ins

Bob and Joann Barrier; Norman Goodman; Nell Hatley; John Trull.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Cathy Heminger (Friend of Richard & Jodie Strube)

Carolyn Campbell; Josh Fabricius; April Funderburke; Lee Gorforth;

Nicholas Hildebrandt's Wife and 2 children; Candice Horton;

Cynthia Horton; Gloria Mann; Alicia McQueen; Hayden Polakowski;

Eric Starling; Susan Starling; Ruthie O'Brien; Daniel Pless;

Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Bob Wilson; Candace Yates

Carolina Mission Region Seminarians: Melanie Corn, Robert Dernbach,
Lucas Safrit

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

· Ongoing Iran war impacts

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

Today August 30, 2026

Youth Sunday

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 Holy Communion Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

Psalm 32: 1-7

Romans 13: 1-0

St. Matthew 18: 1-20

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