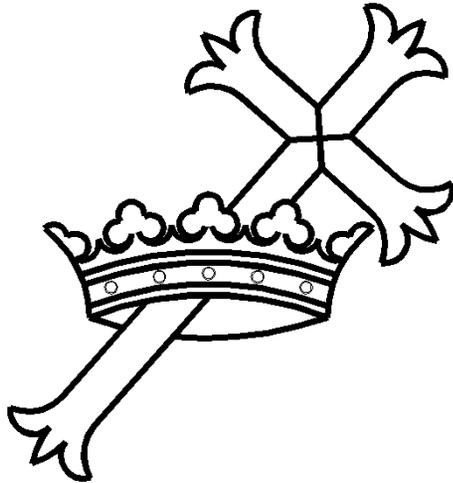


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
September 18, 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 ***“I Was There To Hear Your Borne Cry”*** **WOV 770**

\*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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first two lines of lyrics, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style.

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God,  
**we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: Amos 8: 4-7 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>Hear this, you who trample on the needy  
and bring the poor of the land to an end,  
<sup>5</sup>saying, "When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain?  
And the Sabbath,  
that we may offer wheat for sale,  
that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great  
and deal deceitfully with false balances,  
<sup>6</sup>that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals  
and sell the chaff of the wheat?"  
<sup>7</sup>The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob:  
"Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

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

**PSALM 113 (ESV)**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

Praise the LORD!  
Praise, O servants of the LORD,  
praise the name of the LORD!  
<sup>2</sup>**Blessed be the name of the LORD  
from this time forth and forevermore!**  
<sup>3</sup>From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised!  
<sup>4</sup>**The LORD is high above all nations,  
and his glory above the heavens!**  
<sup>5</sup>Who is like the LORD our God,  
who is seated on high,  
<sup>6</sup>**who looks far down  
on the heavens and the earth?**  
<sup>7</sup>He raises the poor from the dust  
and lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
<sup>8</sup>**to make them sit with princes,  
with the princes of his people.**  
<sup>9</sup>He gives the barren woman a home,  
making her the joyous mother of children.  
Praise the LORD!

**Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1: 1-15 (ESV)**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope, <sup>2</sup>To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.<sup>3</sup>As I urged you when I was going to Macedonia, remain at Ephesus so that you may charge certain persons not to teach any different doctrine, <sup>4</sup>nor to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies, which promote speculations rather than the stewardship from God that is by faith. <sup>5</sup>The aim of our charge is love that issues from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. <sup>6</sup>Certain persons, by swerving from these, have wandered away into vain discussion, <sup>7</sup>desiring to be teachers of the law, without understanding either what they are saying or the things about which they make confident assertions.<sup>8</sup>Now we know that the law is good, if one uses it lawfully, <sup>9</sup>understanding this, that the law is not laid down for the just but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for those who strike their fathers and mothers, for murderers, <sup>10</sup>the sexually immoral, men who practice homosexuality,

enslavers, liars, perjurers, and whatever else is contrary to sound doctrine,<sup>11</sup> in accordance with the gospel of the glory of the blessed God with which I have been entrusted.<sup>12</sup> I thank him who has given me strength, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judged me faithful, appointing me to his service,<sup>13</sup> though formerly I was a blasphemer, persecutor, and insolent opponent. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief,<sup>14</sup> and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.<sup>15</sup> The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

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 15th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 15: 1-10 (ESV)**

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear him.<sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, “This man receives sinners and eats with them.”<sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable:<sup>4</sup> “What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it?<sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.<sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and his neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’<sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous

persons who need no repentance.<sup>8</sup> “Or what woman, having ten silver coins, if she loses one coin, does not light a lamp and sweep the house and seek diligently until she finds it?<sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’<sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Give To Our God Immortal Praise”*

**LBW 520**

**\*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

*"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"* LBW 557

\*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 Reese and Janie Kluttz birthday by Brenda Canup and family.

Newsletter articles are due **NEXT** Sunday.

***Trunk or Treat is October 29th, 6:00 PM till 7:30 PM*** at the Parish Hall. Prizes for BEST decorated trunk and BEST costume, judging at 6:30 PM. Come out and enjoy a night of fun, food and games. **We still need volunteers to help with games and serve the hotdogs.** Please let Jubal or Jodie Strube know if you can help in anyway, thank you.



**September 18, 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; Stephanie Blackburn (recovery from accident at work); Coy Edgison (Home – COVID recovery); John Faggart; Geneva Gray (Five Oaks Manor – Rehab); Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Sylvia Loggans; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Rand Yost (Home)

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Ronnie Boger (Roy Gray's Manager – Pending Liver Transplant match); Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger; 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; Mike Wagner (Husband of a co-worker of Belinda Campbell's – Pneumonia developed from COVID); Connie Walters; Vickey Belk Young

**General Prayer Concerns**

The People of Ukraine

**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

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

**Today September 18, 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**

*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Amos 6: 1-7  
Psalm 146  
1 Timothy 3: 1-13  
St Luke 16: 19-31

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