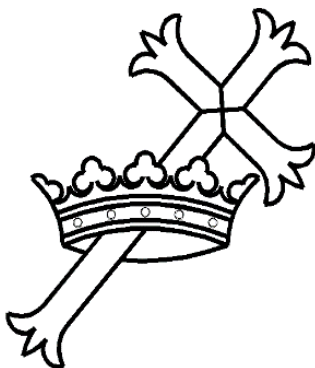


Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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A NALC Congregation



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

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
November 9, 2025

(* *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: 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.

C: Amen

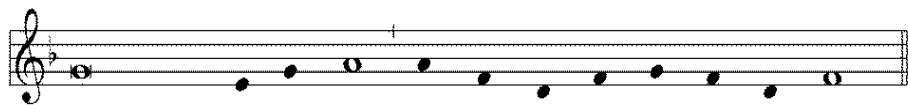
* OPENING HYMN “*God Of Grace And God Of Glory* ” LBW 415

*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*"



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

***SALUTATION**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty, eternal God, show mercy to your children who humbly pray, that we who have no confidence in our worth may not be judged but tenderly received. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Exodus 3: 1-15 (ESV)

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. ³ And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." ⁵ Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." ⁶ And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. ⁷ Then the LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, ⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." ¹¹ But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" ¹² He

said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.” ¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 148: 1-12 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

² **Praise him, all his angels;**

praise him, all his hosts!

³ Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens,**

and you waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

⁶ **And he established them forever and ever;**

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and mist,**

stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Beasts and all livestock,**

creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the earth!

**12 Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

SECOND READING: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-8, 13-17 (ESV)

Now concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we ask you, brothers, ²not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by a spirit or a spoken word, or a letter seeming to be from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come. ³Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the son of destruction, ⁴who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God. ⁵Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things? ⁶And you know what is restraining him now so that he may be revealed in his time. ⁷For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work. Only he who now restrains it will do so until he is out of the way. ⁸And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. ¹³But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth. ¹⁴To this he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵So then, brothers, stand firm and hold to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by our spoken word or by our letter. ¹⁶Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, ¹⁷comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

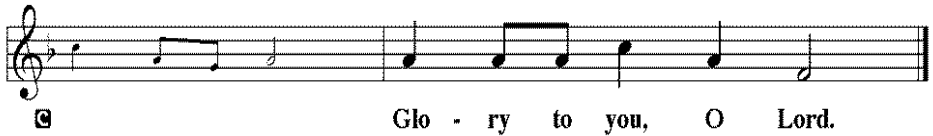
The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 20th chapter.



***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. LUKE 20: 27-40 (ESV)**

²⁷ There came to him some Sadducees, those who deny that there is a resurrection, ²⁸ and they asked him a question, saying, “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, having a wife but no children, the man must take the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first took a wife, and died without children. ³⁰ And the second ³¹ and the third took her, and likewise all seven left no children and died. ³² Afterward the woman also died. ³³ In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had her as wife.” ³⁴ And Jesus said to them, “The sons of this age marry and are given in marriage, ³⁵ but those who are considered worthy to attain to that age and to the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage, ³⁶ for they cannot die anymore, because they are equal to angels and are sons of God, being sons of the resurrection. ³⁷ But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the passage about the bush, where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham and the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. ³⁸ Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.” ³⁹ Then some of the scribes answered, “Teacher, you have spoken well.” ⁴⁰ For they no longer dared to ask him any question.

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON “*Boy, Was He Old!*” Pastor Marty Ramey

*SERMON HYMN “*Here I Am, Lord*” WOV 752

***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 “Battle Hymn Of The Republic” LBW 332**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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***Annual Congregational Meeting**

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all veterans. Thank you for your service by Rusty and Rhonda Drye.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings

The **Second** Congregational meeting is today November 9, 2025, following service. May God continue to bless us at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church! These are the nomination names for council: James Bailey, Leonard Campbell, Roger Horton, Jubal Strube, Roy Grey, Suzanne Bost, Wayne Peck, Tom Harkins and Matt Drye.

The **PbnJ youth group** meeting is **TODAY** at 3:30 pm.

Our next **Blood Drive** with One Blood is during our next monthly breakfast on **November 15th**. 1 unit can help save up to 3 people in need. Please prayerfully consider this live saving gift. And eat iron enriched food. See Jodie if you need help signing up.

Outreach Committee is sponsoring a **food drive** for Mt Pleasant Food Bank through **November 16**. Non-perishable food items. Boxes will be down front on pulpit side for collection. Thank you.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring **Toys for Tots** this year. The boxes will be at the back of the sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys through Dec. 7th**. Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

The **2026 Flower Calendar** has been placed in the mail room. Please mark any dates that you would like for flowers. The cost is still **\$64** for both vases. If a date you would like is already taken, talk with the person who signed up and split that Sunday. **One vase is \$32**.

If you have any changes to addresses, phone numbers, or email address for the **CCLC 2025 / 2026 Annual Yearbook**, please get those changes to the Historical Comm, Rhonda Drye or Jodie Strube. Committee chairs, event leaders, group leaders please start preparing your year-end summaries. If you have any questions, please contact us.

We will be placing **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 21st. If you would like to place one or several in honor or in memory of a loved one, please let Meredith know by Sunday, December 7th. The cost this year is \$10. Money should be placed in the offering plate and information about plants should be given to Meredith. Thank you!



November 9, 2025

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 prayercccl@gmail.com by Tuesday 5PM.

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

Roy Gray; Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman; Norman Goodman;
Amy Preston; John Trull; Linda Trull.

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

Friends of Cross of Christ

J.D. Almond; Pastor Charles Barrier; Deena Bost; Pastor Gene Bost;
Myra Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Pastor Randall Cauble;
Pastor Tom Corbell; Arnold Cranford (Grandfather of Dylan Ennis – Hospice care); Luke Cranford; Ed Duncan (Friend of Rusty and Rhonda Drye);
Vicky Floyd; David Gandy; Marty Gandy; David Goforth;
Lee Goforth; Barbara Hamilton; Annette Heller; Candice Horton;
Greg Houston; Jimmy Howard (Friend of Jerry Pless – Thyroid cancer);
Melissa Krumbien; Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan;
Hank Morris; Daniel Pless; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Jacob Rodgers;
Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Veronica Williams; Candace Yates;
Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

Rimer Fire Department

Praise List:

* Wayne Furr – thank you for the prayers during my surgery and recovery. I'm doing good.

* Chris Goodman – All went well with my surgery and recovery. Thank you for those prayers.

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

Today November 9, 2025

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Annual Congregational Meeting	11:00 AM

This Week

MON: 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of the Cross of Christ Practice

TUES: Veteran's Day

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Third Sunday of Pentecost

Malachi 4: 1-6

Psalms 98: 1-9

2 Thessalonians 3: 1-13

St. Luke 21: 5-36

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