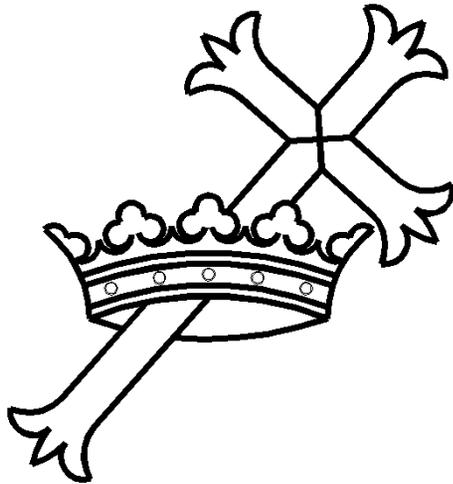


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Fifth Sunday Of Easter
May 15, 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

“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.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God,

form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Acts 11: 1-18 (ESV)

Now the apostles and the brothers who were throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.² So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcision party criticized him, saying,³ "You went to uncircumcised men and ate with them."⁴ But Peter began and explained it to them in order:⁵ "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision, something like a great sheet descending, being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to me.⁶ Looking at it closely, I observed animals and beasts of prey and reptiles and birds of the air.⁷ And I heard a voice saying to me, 'Rise, Peter; kill and eat.'⁸ But I said, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing common or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'⁹ But the voice answered a second time from heaven, 'What God has made clean, do not call common.'¹⁰ This happened three times, and all was drawn up again into heaven.¹¹ And behold, at that very moment three men arrived at the house in which we were, sent to me from Caesarea.¹² And the Spirit told me to go with them, making no distinction. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.¹³ And he told us how he had seen the angel stand in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon who is called Peter;¹⁴ he will declare to you a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household.'¹⁵ As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them just as on us at the beginning.¹⁶ And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'¹⁷ If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I

could stand in God's way?"¹⁸ When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 150

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

² Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

³ Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

⁴ Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

⁵ Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21: 1-7 (ESV)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God.⁴ He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."⁶ And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment.⁷ The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.

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***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. John, the 17th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 17: 20-26 (ESV)**

²⁰“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, ²¹that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. ²²The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, ²³I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. ²⁴Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. ²⁵O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. ²⁶I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFAE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“Praise Ye The Father”

LBW 517

*NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,**

of all that is, seen and unseen.
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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 Taylor and Kaylee Barbee's birthday by their family.

Coming up this **Saturday, May 21, 2022** will be the **CAR SHOW**, along with breakfast from 7:00 - 10:00 am and lunch (Hot Dogs, Hamburgers and all the trimmings) from 11:00 - 1:00 pm. Please come join us. We need your support.

The PBNJ and CSI Youth groups will meet **next Sunday** at 3:30 PM.

Newsletter articles are due **NEXT Sunday**.

BLOOD DRIVE: May 22, 2022 11AM till 3:30 PM with One Blood. All donations will be on the Big Red Bus. Masks are required. Please eat lots of iron enriched foods. 1 unit and help up to 3 people. Help save a life with your donation. See Jodie Strube to schedule your appointment. Thank you

ATTENTION: High School and College Graduates:

It's that time of year again. If you are graduating from High School or College this spring, please submit your information to Meredith. **Graduates will be recognized Sunday, May 29th during service.**

The **Rite of Confirmation** will be held on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5th.**

Pentecost Lunch will be on **June 5th** following service. We will be recognizing all New Members of the last 2 years and the Confirmands of the past 2 years. Ham, green beans, potato salad, rolls and of course cake is the menu. Please plan on being with us to celebrate all of these.

You're Invited to join CSI Youth on **June 5th!** T-shirt Tie Dye Party following Pentecost lunch. Order a t-shirt to dye for \$13. Shirts will say "Chosen, 1 Peter 5:9". Place your order with Kristi or Gail by May 22nd. Extra forms in mailroom. (Both youth groups will receive a shirt please send in your sizes) Everything to dye will be provided. No experience, no worries we will help you!!



May 15, 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

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; John Faggart; Wayne Furr; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Deloris "Dee" (Cottingham) Cruse (former Cross of Christ Lutheran Church member)

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr (in Hospice Care); Dave Goff; Brady Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Lucas & Melissa Troutman and their 7 month old son Hudson (Family friend of Belinda Campbell – Lucas is undergoing testing for a concern with his spleen; Melissa and Hudson are battling COVID); Connie Walters

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

Today – May 15, 2022
Sunday Church School 9:00 AM
Family Worship Service 10:00 AM

THIS WEEK
SAT: 7AM-1PM Breakfast Fundraiser /Car Show

NEXT SUNDAY
9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM Family Worship Service
3:00 PM PBnJ/CSI Youth Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings
Sixth Sunday Of Easter
Acts 16: 9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21: 9-14, 21-27
St. John 16: 23-33

