



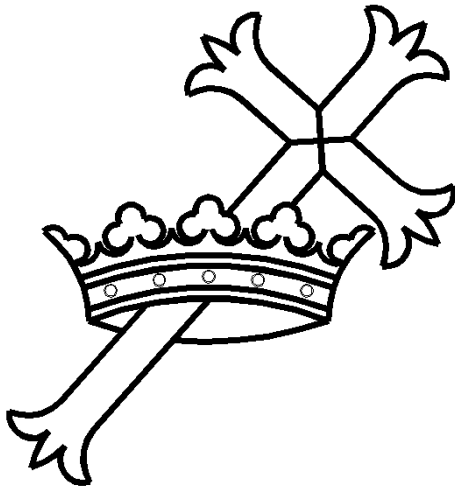
# *Cross of Christ Lutheran Church*

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*A NALC Congregation*



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

*Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*  
*February 12, 2023*

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

*“My Hope Is Built”*

**LBW 293**

\*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 treble clef staff and 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 treble clef staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Lord God,

**mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17: 5-8 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> Thus says the LORD: “Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. <sup>6</sup> He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. <sup>7</sup> “Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. <sup>8</sup> He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

Blessed is the man

who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,  
nor stands in the way of sinners,  
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

**2 but his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

<sup>3</sup> He is like a tree

planted by streams of water  
that yields its fruit in its season,  
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

**4 The wicked are not so,  
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

<sup>5</sup> Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,  
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

### SECOND READING: 1CORINTHIANS 15: 1-20 (ESV)

Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, <sup>2</sup> and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. <sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. <sup>12</sup> Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the

dead? <sup>13</sup> But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. <sup>14</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. <sup>15</sup> We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. <sup>16</sup> For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. <sup>17</sup> And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. <sup>18</sup> Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. <sup>19</sup> If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

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 6<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 6: 17-26 (ESV)**

And he came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, <sup>18</sup> who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. <sup>19</sup> And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. <sup>20</sup> And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.  
<sup>21</sup> “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. <sup>22</sup> “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! <sup>23</sup> Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. <sup>24</sup> “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. <sup>25</sup> “Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. “Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. <sup>26</sup> “Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus”*

**LBW 460**

\*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



bles - 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     *“O God, Our Help”*     **LBW 320**

\*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 by the congregation.

The **PBnJ** and **CSI** youth groups will meet together this afternoon at 3:30 PM to assemble Cancer Care Packs.

Newsletter Articles for **March** are **NEXT** Sunday.

**Amanda Faggart** is collecting money donations for the Polar Plunge for **Special Olympics** this year through the end of February. If donating cash/check please give to her mother Karen Faggart. Make checks payable to: Special Olympics NC





February 12, 2023

*A little reminder about our prayer list.*

*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**

Kristi Drye and baby ?: Amanda Faggart (Surgery on 2/10/2023); John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Carl Pless; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

### **Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

### **Friends of Cross of Christ**

David Buckland (Friends son of Meredith Harrison – Leukemia);  
Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean; LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart;  
Pastor Jeff Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr;  
Chip Krimminger; Mary Kunze; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Ensley Morgan; Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling;  
Samantha Strube and Baby Cade; Connie Walters; Candace Yates (Daughter of Sharon Duncan's Cousin – Seoul, South Korea – diagnosis of breathing difficulties and travel back to the US); Vickey Belk Young;  
Jared Youngblood (Son-in-Law of Kevin and Stephanie Blackburn – deployment this weekend to Syria with a Crisis Response Team with the Marine Corps for earthquake support)

### **General Prayer Concerns**

The People of Ukraine

Those impacted by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

**Praise List** Gail Leonard – Thank you for all the prayers, text, and calls during my recovery. I'm almost back to 100% and will return to work on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>. Thanks again and God Bless each of you!

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

**Today – February 12, 2023**

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Blood Drive	11:00 AM

**This Week**

**SAT:** 7-11 AM Monthly Breakfast

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*The Transfiguration of Our Lord*

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Psalm 99

Hebrews 3: 1-6

St. Luke 9:28-36

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