

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Christ The King Sunday
November 21, 2021

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (WOV pg. 10)

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 us, forgive us all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*OPENING HYMN "O Worship The King" LBW 548

*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.

*KYRIE

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: C Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

*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.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation:

Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN’S CHURCH

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 51: 4-6 (ESV)

⁴“Give attention to me, my people, and give ear to me, my nation; for a law will go out from me, and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.⁵ My righteousness draws near, my salvation has gone out, and my arms will judge the peoples; the coastlands hope for me, and for my arm they wait. ⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and they who dwell in it will die in like manner; but my salvation will be forever, and my righteousness will never be dismayed.

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

PSALM 93 READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

The LORD reigns; he is robed in majesty;
 the LORD is robed; he has put on strength as his belt.
 Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

² **Your throne is established from of old;
 you are from everlasting.**

³ The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
 the floods have lifted up their voice;
 the floods lift up their roaring.

⁴ **Mightier than the thunders of many waters,
 mightier than the waves of the sea,
 the LORD on high is mighty!**

⁵ Your decrees are very trustworthy;
 holiness befits your house,
 O LORD, forevermore.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1: 4b-8 (ESV)

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

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. Mark, the 13th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Mark 13: 24-37 (ESV)

²⁴“But in those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or in the morning—³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

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

SERMON

LARRY BARBEE

* SERMON HYMN

“Rejoice The Lord Is King”

LBW 171

*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**

GIVING 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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord almighty order our days and our deeds in peace.

Amen

*SENDING HYMN "We Praise You O Lord" LBW 241

*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 Efford and Elmer Bost by their children.

We would like to thank Larry Barbee for leading our service today.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring the Toys for Tots this year. The boxes will be at the back corners of sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys thru Dec. 12.** Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

We will be placing poinsettias in the Church Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 19th.** If you would like to order poinsettias they are **\$9 each.** Please place your money in the offering plate marked with how many plants you are purchasing by **December 12th** and give your in honor or memory information to **Meredith Harrison**

Next Sunday is the last day of food drive. Thank you so much for all the donations and gift cards for this much needed ministry.

They are as follows: 2 lb flour (both plain and self rising); 2lb sugar; 2lb cornmeal; Canned Vegetables (**NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS please**): carrots, sweat peas, mixed vegetables, greens, potatoes, etc.

Soups (**NO TOMATO please**): cream of mushroom, cream of celery, chicken noodle, etc.; Canned Meats: chicken, tuna, stew beef; Peanut Butter and Jellies; Canned Fruit (**NO PEARS please**)

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Small Dish Soap, Bath soap, Small clothes washing liquid

They are still in need of these items: salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings (ranch, 1000 island, honey mustard, etc), cooking oil, cake mixes and icings, cooking spices (Italian seasoning, garlic salt, onion powder, cinnamon, paprika, chili powder), Duke and Hellman mayonnaise.

Food Lion gift cards to buy the perishable items. Cards can be given to Jodie.

The **2022 Altar flower calendar** has been placed in the mailroom. Please add the person's name and in memory or honor of and reason ei: birthday, anniversary, etc.

Your **Historical Committee** is compiling our Annual Yearbook **2021/2022.** Anyone that supplies information for this booklet, or has any phone /address directory changes needed, please get your information to Rhonda Drye or Jodie Strube as soon as possible. There will be a deadline for submitting information set in the near future.



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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

Family of Marie Pless

Kay Barbee; Kevin Blackburn; John Faggart;

Harry Goodman (Recovery from Hernia surgery) Candice Horton;

Frances Kanipe; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Kristi Leonard;

Katelyn Strube; John Trull

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan); Will Drye

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Richard Hamilton (Brother of Joyce Harkins)

Family of AJ Jorsey (UNC-Charlotte Engineering graduate that was diagnosed with a brain tumor shortly after the 2019 school shooting)

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr;

Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Brady Krimminger;

Ensley Morgan; Diane and Steve Parker; Connie Walters

General Prayer Concerns

Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

Today – November 21, 2021

Sunday Church School 9:00 AM

Family Worship Service 10:00 AM

This Week

Thurs: HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday In Advent



Jeremiah 33: 14-16

Psalms 25: 1-10

1Thessalonians 3: 9-13

St. Luke 21: 25-36

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