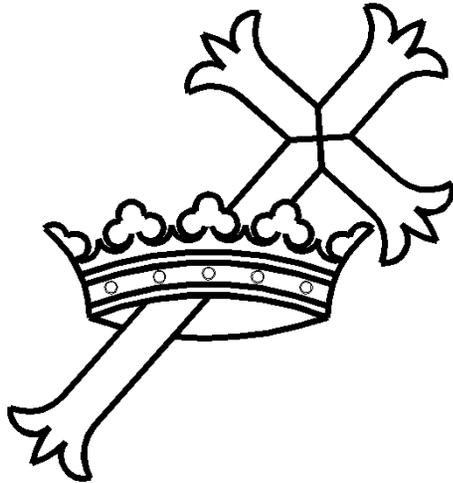


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Tenth Sunday After Pentecost
August 14, 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

“Lead On O King Eternal”

LBW 495

*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.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God,
your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23: 16-29 (ESV)

¹⁶Thus says the LORD of hosts: "Do not listen to the words of the prophets who prophesy to you, filling you with vain hopes. They speak visions of their own minds, not from the mouth of the LORD. ¹⁷They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, 'It shall be well with you'; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, 'No disaster shall come upon you.'" ¹⁸For who among them has stood in the council of the LORD to see and to hear his word, or who has paid attention to his word and listened? ¹⁹Behold, the storm of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. ²⁰The anger of the LORD will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intents of his heart. In the latter days you will understand it clearly. ²¹"I did not send the prophets, yet they ran; I did not speak to them, yet they prophesied. ²²But if they had stood in my council, then they would have proclaimed my words to my people, and they would have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their deeds. ²³"Am I a God at

hand, declares the LORD, and not a God far away? ²⁴Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the LORD. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the LORD. ²⁵I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, 'I have dreamed, I have dreamed!' ²⁶How long shall there be lies in the heart of the prophets who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart, ²⁷who think to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, even as their fathers forgot my name for Baal? ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let him who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? declares the LORD. ²⁹Is not my word like fire, declares the LORD, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?

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

PSALM 119: 81-88 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

- ⁸¹My soul longs for your salvation;
I hope in your word.
- ⁸²**My eyes long for your promise;**
I ask, "When will you comfort me?"
- ⁸³For I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,
yet I have not forgotten your statutes.
- ⁸⁴**How long must your servant endure?**
When will you judge those who persecute me?
- ⁸⁵The insolent have dug pitfalls for me;
they do not live according to your law.
- ⁸⁶**All your commandments are sure;**
they persecute me with falsehood; help me!
- ⁸⁷They have almost made an end of me on earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
- ⁸⁸**In your steadfast love give me life,**
that I may keep the testimonies of your mouth.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11: 17-31; 12: 1-3 (ESV)

¹⁷By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son, ¹⁸of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." ¹⁹He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back. ²⁰By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau. ²¹By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of

Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff. ²²By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones. ²³By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict. ²⁴By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them. ²⁹By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned. ³⁰By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies. **12** Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

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 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Luke 12: 49-56 (ESV)**

⁴⁹“I came to cast fire on the earth, and would that it were already kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. ⁵²For from now on in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three. ⁵³They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”⁵⁴ He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, ‘A shower is coming.’ And so it happens. ⁵⁵And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat,’ and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“When Peace Like A River”
 (WITH CHORUS)

LBW 346

*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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" WOV 771

*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 John Harrison's birthday by his family.

The **Piano Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Dorothy Klutz West 95th birthday on Aug. 20th by the John West Family.

Church Council meeting is **TODAY** after service.

CSI Youth meeting **TODAY** at **3:30 PM**.

A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – August 20th, 2022

Our monthly fund-raising meal will be a **Country Breakfast on Saturday, August 20th from 7:00AM until 11:00AM**. Come enjoy the meal and invite others to join you!

BLOOD DRIVE: August 21, 2022 11AM till 3:00 PM with One Blood. All donations will be on the Big Red Bus. Masks are required. Please eat lots of iron enriched foods. See Jodie Strube to schedule your appointment.

Mark your calendars: **Youth Sunday** will be **September 11th**.

It's almost time for the **Women's Retreat! September 30-October 2**. If you'd like to attend, please let Gail or Kristi know by **September 4th**. **Cost is \$50** for church members, **\$150 for nonmembers**.

Mark your calendars: **November 12th** is the 22nd Annual Youth BBQ. More details to come. If you would like to help please let Gail or Kristi know.



August 14, 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; Melvin Bost; Leonard Campbell; Phyllis Campbell (Recovery from COVID); John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Sylvia Loggan; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Ethel Mills (Family friend to Belinda Campbell)
Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr;
Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger; 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; Connie Walters;
Charles Richard Willenbrink (Grandfather of Clare Justice (Girlfriend of Caleb Campbell) – Transitioned to Home for continued recovery from COVID);
Vickey Belk Young

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine
Uvalde, Texas Elementary School shooting victims and families
Highland Park, Illinois, Independence Day parade shooting victims

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 August 14, 2022

Executive Board	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Council Meeting	11:00 AM
CSI Meeting	3:30 PM

THIS SATURDAY

7-11 AM Breakfast Fundraiser

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 66: 18-23
Psalm 50: 1-15
Hebrews 12: 4-24
St Luke 13: 22-30

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