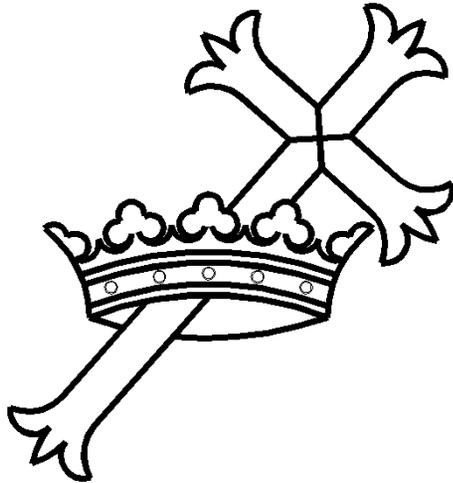


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost  
November 13, 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

*“Rejoice The Lord Is King”*

**LBW 171**

\*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 vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on 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 vocal line.

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God,  
so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that,  
always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment,  
we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you  
forever in the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Malachi 4: 1-6 (ESV)

"For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. <sup>2</sup> But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. <sup>3</sup> And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day

when I act, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>4</sup> "Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and rules that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. <sup>5</sup> "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. <sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction."

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 98 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Oh sing to the LORD a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

<sup>2</sup> **The LORD has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

<sup>4</sup> **Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

<sup>6</sup> **With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

<sup>8</sup> **Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together**

<sup>9</sup> before the LORD, for he comes  
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-13 (ESV)**

**3** Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, <sup>2</sup>and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. <sup>3</sup>But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. <sup>4</sup>And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. <sup>5</sup>May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. <sup>6</sup>Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. <sup>7</sup>For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, <sup>8</sup>nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. <sup>9</sup>It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. <sup>10</sup>For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. <sup>11</sup>For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. <sup>12</sup>Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. <sup>13</sup>As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

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 17th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*The Holy Gospel: St. Luke 21: 5-28 (ESV)**

<sup>5</sup> And while some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, he said, <sup>6</sup>“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” <sup>7</sup> And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” <sup>8</sup> And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. <sup>9</sup> And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.” <sup>10</sup> Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup> There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. <sup>12</sup> But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. <sup>13</sup> This will be your opportunity to bear witness. <sup>14</sup> Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, <sup>15</sup> for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. <sup>16</sup> You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. <sup>17</sup> You will be hated by all for my name's sake. <sup>18</sup> But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup> By your endurance you will gain your lives. <sup>20</sup> “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. <sup>21</sup> Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, <sup>22</sup> for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. <sup>23</sup> Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. <sup>24</sup> They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times

of the Gentiles are fulfilled.<sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,<sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.<sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.<sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFAE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Take My Life”*

LBW 406

\*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

*“I Love To Tell The Story”* LBW 390

\*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 John P. Deese by the Larry Barbee family.

**Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings**

The **Second** Congregational meeting to be held on **Nov.13, 2022** following service today.

**BLOOD DRIVE: November 20, 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. See Jodie Strube to schedule your appointment.

We will be placing poinsettias in the Church Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 25th**. 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 11th** and give your in honor or memory information to **Meredith Harrison**.

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. 11th**. Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

**Funeral Meals:** Due to the busy schedules of many in our congregation and due to the Covid pandemic, the Bereavement Committee has decided it would be best to cater future funeral meals. We are asking all members of the congregation to please donate money to the bereavement fund to offset the cost. You can designate the money to go to the bereavement fund on the envelope. With everyone's help we can continue to best serve these grieving families.

**THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE**

Planned Practice Schedule

Wednesday, November 9	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, November 13	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, November 16	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, November 20	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, November 23	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, November 27	<b>NO PRACTICE</b>
Wednesday, November 30	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 4	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 11	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 – 7:30
Thursday, December 15	6:00 – 8:00 (DRESS REHEARSAL)
Saturday, December 17	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #1)
Sunday, December 18	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #2)



**November 13, 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**

Ronnie Barrier; Marilyn Barringer; Coy Edgison; John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Linda Horton (surgery recovery); Doris & Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube; Baby Geneva Amanda Sverko (Granddaughter of Ed and Niki Sverko – Recovery from RSV); John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean; Ronnie Boger; LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Terry Earnhardt (Friend of Susan Caudle – Recent cancer diagnosis); Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger; Mary Kunze (Friend of Niki Sveko – Last scheduled Breast cancer radiation treatment on 10/28; follow-up time to be determined, prayers appreciated for no signs of cancer confirmation); Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Jeff Sampson; Brian Seagraves; Susan Starling; Connie Walters; Vickey Belk Young

**General Prayer Concerns**

The People of Ukraine

All impacted by Hurricane Ian and those in the path of Hurricane Nicole

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

**Today November 13, 2022**

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

**This Week**

Sat: 7-11 AM Breakfast Fundraiser

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Christ The King Sunday*

Malachi 3: 13-18

Psalms 46

Colossians 1: 13-20

St Luke 23: 27-43

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