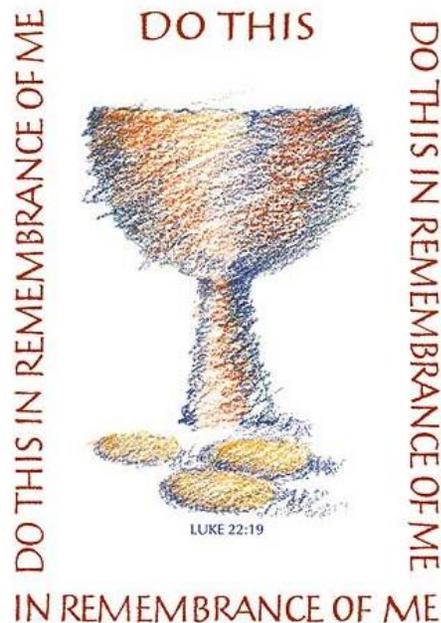


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



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

*Sixth Sunday After Epiphany*  
*February 6, 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**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen**

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for you and, for his sake, God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN

*“Beneath The Cross Of Jesus”*

**LBW 107**

\*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.**

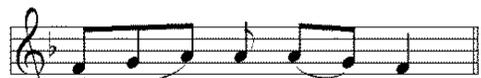
\*KYRIE



☩ In peace, let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



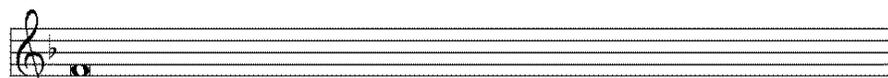
☩ For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



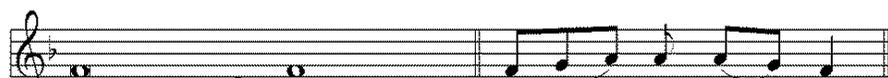
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



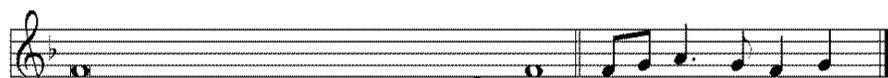
☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. ☩ Lord, have mer - cy.



☩ Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. ☩ A - men

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY



☩ The Lord be with you. ☩ And al - so with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God, our redeemer,  
**in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; 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: ISAIAH 43: 16-21 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup> who brings forth chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup> "Remember not the former things,  
nor consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup> Behold, I am doing a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup> The wild beasts will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches,  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup> the people whom I formed for myself  
that they might declare my praise.

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

**PSALM 126****READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter,  
and our tongue with shouts of joy;  
then they said among the nations,  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”**

**3** The LORD has done great things for us;  
we are glad.

**4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD,  
like streams in the Negeb!**

**5** Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with shouts of joy!

**6 He who goes out weeping,  
bearing the seed for sowing,  
shall come home with shouts of joy,  
bringing his sheaves with him.**

**SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3: 8-14 (ESV)**

**8** Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ **9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— **10** that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, **11** that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. **12** Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. **13** Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, **14** I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**\*LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and  
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in  
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 20: 9-20 (ESV)**

**9** And he began to tell the people this parable: “A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. **10** When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. **11** And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. **12** And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. **13** Then the owner of the vineyard said, ‘What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.’ **14** But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.’ **15** And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? **16** He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others.” When they heard this, they said, “Surely not!” **17** But he looked directly at them and said, “What then is this that is written: “‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? **18** Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.” **19** The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. **20** So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFAE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN      *“Oh Living Bread From Heaven”*      LBW 197

\*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

\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*THE OFFERTORY

What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all his ben-e-fits to me? I will  
of-fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv-ing and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will take the cup of sal-va-tion and will call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord now in the pres-ence of all his peo-ple,  
in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je-ru-sa-lem.

\*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,  
we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--  
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.  
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ  
our Lord. Amen

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al-so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending  
hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:

Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho - san-na.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

**\*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,  
that all those who believe in him  
should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you  
for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,  
that we may receive our Lord with a living faith  
as he comes to us in his holy supper.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

**\*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

**ADMINISTRATION OF THE SACRAMENT**

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace.

**COMMUNION HYMNS**

**WOV 709 & 740**

**\*BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

\*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE:



Lord, now you let your ser- vant go in peace; your word has been ful- filled.  
My own eyes have seen the sal- va- tion which you have pre- pared in the  
sight of ev- 'ry peo- ple: A light to re- veal you to the  
na- tions and the glo- ry of your peo- ple Is- ra- el.  
Glo- ry to the Fa- ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho- ly Spir- it,  
as it was in the be- gin- ning, is now, and will be for- ev- er. A- men

\*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 *"There Is A Green Hill Far Away"* **LBW 114**

\*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 Ed and Niki Sverko birthdays by their family.

**Easter Lilies and Geraniums** will be placed in the sacuary on Easter Sunday. If you would like to order, the cost is **\$12 each**. Please place money in an envelope with how many you are ordering on it and place it in the offering plate. Please give your information about who you would like to put them in honor or memory of to Meredith Harrison by **TODAY**.

**Easter Egg Hunt at Cross of Christ NEXT Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM till 4:30 PM**, egg hunt, cookie decorating, Easter stories, crafts and Photo Booth. Rain or Shine.

Mark your calendars and come join us as we hold our second **Car Show on May 21, 2022**. Your support for our last show was great and we will need your support again this year. We will be receiving donations for desserts again this year. Date to be determined as time gets closer. Door prizes or donations of money for door prizes will be greatly appreciated also and can be accepted at any time. Please contact Earlene Cox if you are willing to help in any way.

For all the donations toward My Polar Plunge. We went over our goal of \$7,710.00 Thank you all for the donation. Amanda Faggart

**Prayer list updates** should be sent to Rhonda Drye ([rhondadrye@rimermotors.com](mailto:rhondadrye@rimermotors.com)) until 4/11, then they can return to [belindaccl@gmail.com](mailto:belindaccl@gmail.com)

Sharing of the service information (video and bulletin) will be delayed for the 4/3/2022, 4/6/2022 and 4/10/2022 services until later in the week of 4/11/2022.

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**April 3, 2022**

*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*

**Wednesday Worship during Lent – 2022**

Worship will begin at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary with prayer, hymns, and informal teaching.

**Week 5 (Wed. 4/6) James 4:13 - 5:12 “The Lord Governs All Human Life”**

- Do Not Place Your Trust in Future Plans
- God Condemns the Rich/Powerful for Injustice
- Await the Lord's Judgment with Patience
- Do Not Swear Oaths

**In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; John Faggart; Wayne Furr (Recovery from shoulder surgery); Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Klutz; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Family of Bonnie Albright (Friend of Robin Drye – the family asks for prayers during this time of loss)

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Brady Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Connie Walters

**LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE – 2022**

Sunday	Apr. 3	Fifth Sunday in Lent	10:00AM	Worship
Wed.	Apr. 6	Week 5 Wed. Lenten Service	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 10	Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion	10:00AM	Worship
Thurs.	Apr. 14	Maundy Thursday	7:00PM	Worship
Friday	Apr. 15	Good Friday	7:00PM	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Sunrise Service	<b><u>7:00AM</u></b>	Worship
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Morning Breakfast	7:30AM	Meal
Sunday	Apr. 17	Easter Holy Communion	10:00AM	Worship

**General Prayer Concerns**

Those impacted by COVID  
The People of Ukraine

**Cross of Christ Shut-In**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

**Praise List**

- Julie Duncan and newborn son Landyn (weight gain has been good and they appreciate all the prayers)
- Amy Preston – prayers appreciated during her recent travel.
- Lettie Reid - Joyce Pless's Mom – she is now recuperating at home and doing well. The family would like to thank everyone for their prayers.

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

**Today – April 3, 2022**

Executive Council Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Church Council Meeting	11:00 AM

**THIS WEEK**

**WED:** 7:00 PM Lenten service  
(in the sanctuary)

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes  
10:00 AM Holy Communion Service

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

Deuteronomy 32: 36-39

Psalm 118: 19-29

Philippians 2: 5-11

St. Luke 21:1- 23:56

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