



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Transfiguration Of Our Lord

February 11, 2024

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 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 *“Beautiful Savior”* **LBW 518**

*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:

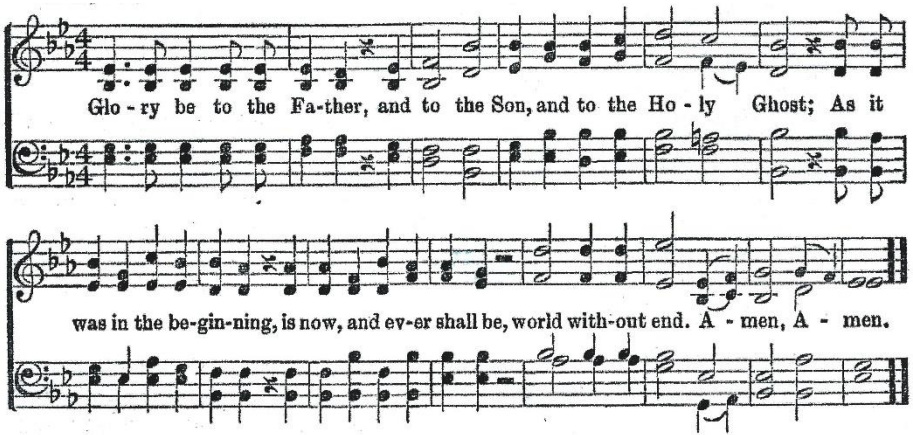


A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: **C** Christ, have mer - cy.
Christ, have mer - cy:



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. Holy God,
in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the king heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

FIRST READING: EXODUS 34: 29-35 (ESV)

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God.

³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the LORD had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 50: 1-6

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

² **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.**

³ Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire,
around him a mighty tempest.

⁴ **He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

⁵ “Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”

⁶ **The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 3: 12-13, 4: 1-6 (ESV)

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ⁴ Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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***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 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Mark 9: 2-9 (ESV)

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus. ⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” ⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only. ⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Where’s My Ice Cream?”

PASTOR MARTY RAMEY

*SERMON HYMN

“Immortal Invisible”

LBW 526

***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**

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**

*SENDING HYMN

“My Faith Looks Up To Thee”

LBW 479

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

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2024 Lenten Study

Ash Wednesday: Lenten Disciplines

February 21: Giving

February 28: Praying

March 6: Fasting

March 13: Studying

March 20: Obeying

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Joyce R. Pless's by Jacob and Carl Pless.

TODAY at 12:45 PM please plan to gather in the Parish Hall for the PCAT (Pastoral Care and Transition Team) "Congregational Workshop in Preparation for the Call Process."

Newsletter Articles for **March** are due **Next Sunday**.

Communications, Worship & Music committees will meet at **5:30 pm on 2/13** in the Admin Conf room to go over the Lenten service plan and to schedule a meeting date for Easter and beyond planning with Pastor Ramey.

Pancake supper is Tuesday the 13th at 6 pm to celebrate Shrove Tuesday.

Ash Wednesday worship service will be Wednesday the 14th at 7 PM.

It's time to direct your **Thrivent Choice Dollars** for 2023. You can do this online, or by calling your Thrivent Representative, **Gary Samuelson** at **704-506-3234**. You may also call **Thrivent** at their toll-free number **1-800-847-4836**, Monday - Friday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. CT, and say direct choice dollars when asked what you need today. Thrivent Choice Dollars are available to anyone who has life insurance or annuities with Thrivent. Our church is one of the organizations you may direct your Dollars to. The deadline for doing this by phone is **March 28, 2024**, due to the Good Friday holiday. The last day you can enter this online is **March 31, 2024**.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 5</u> <u>Date: February 4, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs: \$3,758.54		YTD Budget Needs: \$18,792.70	
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received \$4,420.00		YTD Gen. Tithes Received \$19,200.00	
Last week Above Needs \$661.46		YTD Above Needs \$407.30	



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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.

*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

Stephanie Blackburn; John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Tom Harkins;
Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Jodie Strube (continuing recovery at home from
abdominal surgery); John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Megan Youngblood

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee
3) Congregational Workshop preparation; 4) Gathering materials for the
Congregational Profile

Friends of Cross of Christ

Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Jane Faggart; Marvin Fincher;
Wanda Floyd; David Gandy; David Goforth; Annette Heller;
Candice Horton; Melissa Krumbien; Brandon Lewis;
Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Karen Morgan; Lettie Reid; Susan Starling;
Sally and Phillip Teeter; Wade Walters (Friend of Suzanne Bost – Recovery
from surgery for dog bites); Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison; Jonathon Preston

Praise List:

- George Pless, Jr - Appreciated the prayers during recovery.

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

Today – February 11, 2024

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
PCAT Meeting	12:45 PM

This Week

TUES: 5:30 PM Communication, Worship & Music Committees Meeting

TUES: 6:00 PM Pancake Supper/Shrove Tues

WED: 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

SAT: 7:00–11:00 AM Monthly Fundraiser Breakfast

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 22: 1-18

Psalm 25: 1-10

James 1: 12-18

St Mark 1: 9-15