

# *Cross of Christ Lutheran Church*

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*A NALC Congregation*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

**Christmas Sunday**  
**December 25, 2022**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
**we have sinned in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet  
mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

The light shines in the darkness,

**And the darkness cannot overcome it.**

The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**And we have beheld Christ's glory.**

To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

**In the Word was life, and the life was the light for all people.**

**THE PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Almighty God,

**You have filled us with the new Light of Your Word who became  
flesh and lived among us. Let the Light of our Your Word shine in  
all we do; through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**







**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**

### **RESPONSIVE PRAYER**

Glory to God in the highest,  
**and peace to His people on earth.**  
Blessed are You, Prince of Peace.  
**You rule the earth with truth and justice.**  
Send Your gift of peace  
**to all nations of the world.**  
Blessed are You, Son of Mary.  
**You share our humanity.**  
Have mercy on the sick, the dying,  
**and all who suffer this day.**  
Blessed are You, Son of God.  
**You dwell among us as the Word made flesh.**  
Reveal yourself to us in Word and Sacrament  
**that we may bear your light to all the world.**  
**Amen.**

### **RECEIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### **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**

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also 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 Him thanks and praise.**

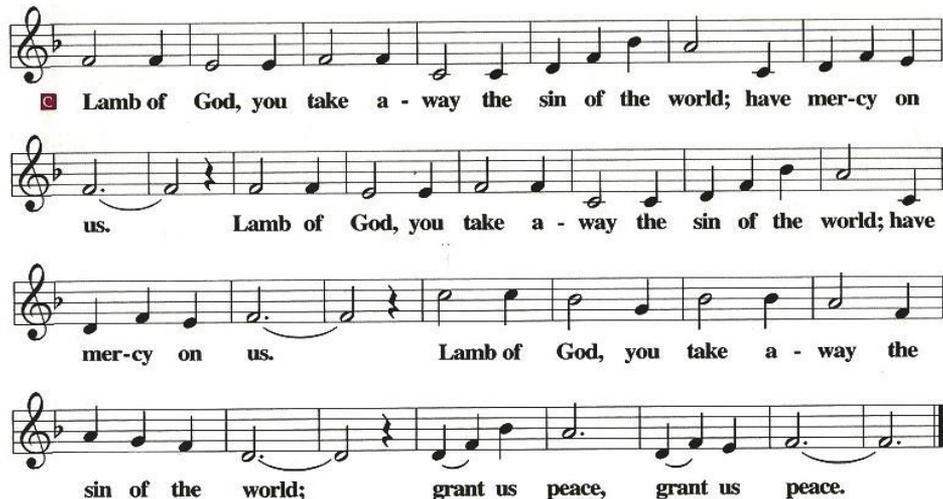
*In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread,  
gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take and eat,  
this is my body, given for you for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the  
remembrance of me."*

*Then 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin, do this for the remembrance of me."*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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 HOLY 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, grant us peace.

#### COMMUNION HYMN

WOV 740 & 709

#### \*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

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

**Amen**

#### \*CLOSING PRAYER

Eternal God and Father,

**you create us by your power and redeem us by your love: Guide and  
strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves in love and service  
to you and to one another; through 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 his peace.  
**Amen.**

**\*SENDING HYMN      "Joy To The World"      LBW 39**

**\*POSTLUDE      (\* Please stand as you are able)**

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**Christmas Day Prayer**

*O Lord Jesus Christ, true God from true God, you became a little child for us so the world you made would be saved. Just as a child is born to us and a Son is given to us, may we be born again through you and always remain in the number of God's faithful children; through your merits, O blessed Savior, with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.*



***Poinsettias  
In Honor of:***



Jerry & Judy Hager by: Kelly & Susan Caudle  
Yvonne Yost by: Caden & Hadley Pless  
Rand & Yvonne Yost by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Yvonne Yost by: Wayne & Jeremy Furr; Doug, Heather,  
Chloe & Kensington Bell  
Starr Kluttz by: Frances Pless  
Amanda Faggart by: Frances Pless  
Larry & Sharon Barbee by: Frances Pless  
Dorothy Weast by: Ben & Beth Weast  
Dot Weast by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Henry & Lindsay Pless by: Caden & Hadley Pless  
Steve & Diane Earnhardt by: Caden & Hadley Pless  
Cole & Anna Earnhardt by: Caden & Hadley Pless  
Doris McCarn by: Caden & Hadely Pless  
Doris McCarn by: Richard & Betty Archer  
Helen Huneycutt by: Caden & Hadley Pless  
Meredith Harrison by: Caden & Hadley Pless  
Heather Bell by: Caden & Hadley Pless  
Pastor & Teresa Allison by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Bob & Joann Barrier by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Frances Pless by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Rusty & Rhonda Drye by: Larry & Sharon Barbee

Roger & Linda Horton by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Norman Goodman by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Jerry & Joyce Pless by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Kelly & Susan Caudle by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Wayne & Julie Peck by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Phyllis Campbell by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Kay Barbee by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Kay Barbee by: Wayne & Jeremy Furr; Doug, Heather,  
Chloe & Kensington Bell  
Harry & Dot Goodman by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Thomas & Caty Smith by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
James & Anna Bailey by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Kenly Strube by: Richard & Jodie Strube  
Katelyn Strube by: Richard and Jodie Strube

***Poinsettias In Memory of:***

Henry & Elaine Caudle by: Kelly & Susan Caudle  
Raymond Allison by: Pastor & Teresa  
Roy D. Metcalf by: Pastor & Teresa  
Albert Weast by: Ben & Beth Weast  
Geroge Pless, Sr. by: Frances Pless  
Carl & Marie Pless by: Chris, Hannah, Caden & Hadley Pless  
Carl & Marie Pless by: Richard & Betty Archer  
Jerry Huneycutt by: Chris, Hannah, Caden & Hadley Pless  
Everette & Marie Stoner by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
JE Stonor & Marie Stoner by: Wayne & Jeremy Furr; Doug, Heather,  
Chloe & Kensington Bell  
Evnice & Mary Thomas by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
John Paul & Annette Deese by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Brenda Furr by: Larry & Sharon Barbee  
Brenda Furr by: Wayne & Jeremy Furr and Doug, Heather,  
Chloe & Kensington Bell  
Peggy Strube by: Richard and Jodie Strube  
Peggy Laney by: Richard and Jodie Strube  
Earl & Mary (Kitty) Shaver; Mr. JB Faggart & Mr. Bill Crites by: John,  
Karen & Amanda Faggart

***In Honor & In Memory of***

In Honor of Odessa Archer & in Memory of Jack Archer by:  
Richard & Betty Archer  
In Honor of Ralph Furr and in Memory of Katherine Furr by:  
Wayne & Jeremy Furr; Doug, Heather, Chloe & Kensington Bell

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and wishing all a Merry Christmas from Ed and Niki Sverko.

If you have any changes or updates to the **Annual Yearbook** for names, addresses, phone numbers or emails please let **Rhonda Drye** know.

**January** newsletter articles are due **TODAY**.

**Parish Hall Calendar** for 2023 is open. If you have a date you need to secure, please contact Phyllis Campbell - 704-782-9654. Weddings and Funerals will cancel any booked dates.

The **2023 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.

The **PBnJ** and **CSI** groups will be going to the Coltrane Life Center on **December 29th at 10:30** to play Bingo. If you are a youth member, please let Kristi or Meredith know if you plan to attend. We also need a couple items for Bingo: sugar free candy, gloves and toboggans (for men); and word searches. If you would like to donate any items please place them in box in mailroom by the 25th. Thank you in advance.

On behalf of the Congregation, I would like to thank Billie Barrier and her family for the very generous monetary gift in memory of her husband Darrell. The funds were given in order to cover the entire cost of the new sign and the electrical installation. Your gift is most appreciated! Thank you! Pastor Allison

Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Teresa and I will be traveling to Okinawa, Japan to visit Eaven, Jayci, and our grandchildren. We will be away from the parish following Christmas morning services until Saturday, January 21. **HOLY COMMUNION** will be moved from the first Sunday of January to **Sunday, January 22**. Our Executive Committee has been given contact information in case of a pastoral emergency during my absence. Teresa and I appreciate the opportunity to go and visit our family, (one of which we have not seen in person yet!), and wish you all the best until our return. Christ's Peace, Pastor



**December 25, 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... 1 Timothy 2:1*

**In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Gail Leonard (Surgery recovery); Carl Pless (Fall resulting in hip pain); John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; John Weast (Knee replacement surgery recovery); Bob Yost (Home continuing recovery)

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Ronnie Boger; LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger; Mary Kunze; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Jeff Sampson; Susan Starling; Connie Walters; Vickey Belk Young

**General Prayer Concerns**

The People of Ukraine

**Praise List:**

· Linda Horton – appreciates all the acts of kindness from our church family during my recent surgery and recovery. Thank you to all. I am doing very well now.

· Emmalyn Bozeman - (Granddaughter of a friend of the Sveko family – Home from the hospital working thru recovery from lung surgery. She's still pretty weak and struggles to walk. She also gets winded incredibly easily. Her left lung may never return to normal because of how much damage it had and how much they had to resection in surgery. The family expressed their deepest gratitude for all of the prayers for Emmalyn!

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

**Today – December 25, 2022**

**Merry Christmas!**

Sunday Church School

9:00 AM

Holy Communion Service

10:00 AM

**NEXT SUNDAY**

***Happy New Year!***

9:00 AM

Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM

Family Worship Service

**Next Sunday's Readings**

***Second Sunday Of Christmas***

1Kings 3: 4-15

Psalm 119: 97-104

Ephesians 1: 3-14

St Luke 2: 40-52

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