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

Christ The King Sunday
November 27, 2022

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

***“O Worship The King”* LBW 548**

(vs 1-4)

*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:

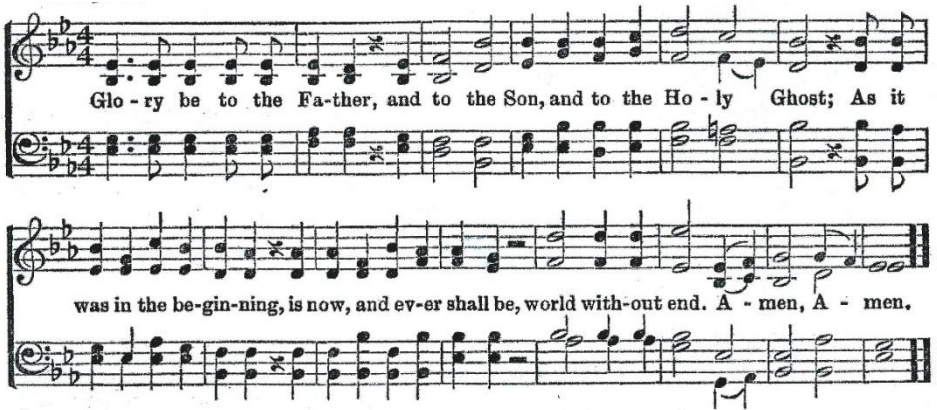


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Christ, . . . have mer - cy:



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. Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation:

Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING: EZEKIEL 34: 11-16, 20-24 (ESV)

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. ²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 95: 1-7A

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

² **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

³ For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**4 In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

5 The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

7 For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.

SECOND READING: 1Corinthians 15: 20-28 (ESV)

20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. **21** For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. **23** But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. **24** Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. **25** For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. **26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death. **27** For “God has put all things in subjection under his feet.” But when it says, “all things are put in subjection,” it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. **28** When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Matthew 25: 31-46 (ESV)

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink?’ ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you?’ ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“Jesus Shall Reign”

LBW 530

***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**

*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

“We Praise You O God”

WOV 241

*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 Larry Barbee & Family.

Robin Swaringen will be with us from the **Gideon's** to discuss their "Bibles in Honor of Jesus on His Birthday" initiative.

CSI Youth would like to thank everyone for your contributions to our **BBQ** this year. After our purchases and donations we still profited close to **\$3200** which goes straight towards our youth group. CSI youth group was able to replace all the Christmas decorations for the sanctuary which included, new wreaths for windows and doors, garland, lanterns for the windows, and new bows. **We are excited to share this with each of you and wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!**

The **Congregation Christmas meal** will be December 10th following service.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring the Toys for Tots this year. The boxes will be at the back of the sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys thru Dec. 10th.** Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

We will be placing **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 24th. If you would like to place one or several in honor or in memory of a loved one, please let **Meredith** know by **Sunday, December 10th.** The cost this year is **\$9.25.** Money should be placed in the offering plate. Thank you!

The **Outreach Committee** needs volunteers to assemble the homeless bags on **December 17** directly after service in the Parish Hall. Should only take about 30 minutes. Kevin Blackburn will be there to lead this. Please let Kevin or Jodie know if you can help.

Just a reminder: if you have an announcement for the bulletin, please email to **Clerical email** by the **Wednesday before the Sunday** you need in the bulletin. It's helpful to put in the subject line "for bulletin on....." with the date needed. Thank you.

The **2024 Altar Flower Calendar** has been placed in the mailroom.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 47</u> <u>Date: November 19, 2023</u>			
2023 Weekly Needs:	\$3,674.98	YTD Budget Needs:	\$172,724.06
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$3,450.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$169,466.11
Last week (Deficit)	(\$224.98)	YTD (Deficit)	(\$3,257.95)



November 26, 2023

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

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Scott Barringer; Stephanie Blackburn (Surgery on 12/6 for repair of the Achilles tendon); Sharon Duncan; John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Tom Harkins; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz (Autumn Care, Salisbury); Carl Pless; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Megan Youngblood

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Bea Nagel (Grandmother of Niki Sverko)
Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; David Buckland; LeaAnne Buckwell; Steve & Angie Dixon; Alisa Erts; Jane Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; David Goforth; Alley Handy; Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Sonny Kluttz; Melissa Krumbien; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Ensley Morgan; Karen Morgan; Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Lettie Reid; Susan Starling; Stephanie Vincent; Connie Walters; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan); Jonathan Preston

Praise List:

Delores Carpenter (Aunt of Dylan Ennis) – The family appreciates the prayers during her hospital stay.

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

Today – November 26,2023

Christ The King Sunday

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

Next Sunday

8:30 AM Executive Council Meeting
9:00 AM Sunday School Classes
10:00 AM Communion Worship Service
11:00 AM Council Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 64: 1-9
Psalm 80: 1-7
1Corinthians 1: 3-9
St. Mark 13: 24-37

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