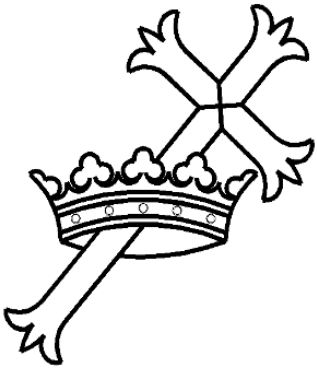
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LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost
October 11, 2026

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE OUR ACCOMPANIST MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen

P: 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.
C: Amen

P: 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.

P: Most merciful God,
C: 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

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our 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.

C: Amen

***** OPENING HYMN ***"Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"*** **(Green) LBW 551**

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE: *"Glory to God"*



*SALUTATION



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. O Lord, sustain your Church with your perpetual mercy. Without you, in our weakness we will surely fail. Therefore, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25: 6-9 (ESV)

6 On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.
7 And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.
8 He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,
and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.
9 It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 23: 1-6 (ESV) READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
3 He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.
4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.
5 You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

SECOND READING: Philippians 4: 4-13 (ESV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. 9 What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you. 10 I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. 11 Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned, in whatever situation I am, to be content. 12 I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I

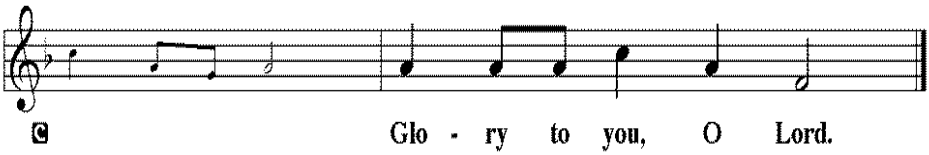
have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. 13 I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

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***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



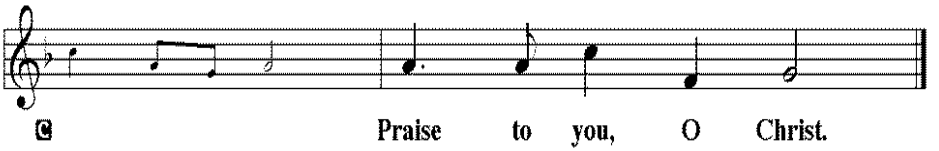
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, 22nd chapter.



***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 22: 1-14 (ESV)**
And again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, [2] "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, [3] and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. [4] Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, "See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast."' [5] But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, [6] while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. [7] The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. [8] Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. [9] Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many

as you find.’ [10] And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. [11] “But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. [12] And he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?’ And he was speechless. [13] Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ [14] For many are called, but few are chosen.”

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



SERMON Pastor Carl Haynes

*SERMON HYMN ***“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*** **(Green*)* LBW 451**

***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



*Prayer of the Church

*The Lord's Prayer

C: 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

P: 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.
C: Amen

***SENDING HYMN "*O God, Our Help In Ages Past*" (Green) LBW 320**

***DISMISSAL**
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by the congregation.

We thank **Pastor Haynes** for leading our service today.

Cross of Christ Council is pleased to announce that Pastor Dulin has accepted our call to be our new pastor. Pastor Dulin's first sermon is November 1, 2026. Thanks be to God for His blessing of Pastor Dulin's acceptance.

Women's Bible study will meet this **Wednesday, October 14th at 6:30pm** in the Fisher Building. Let Ashleigh Ennis know you'd like to join!

The **One Blood Big Red Bus** will be in the parking lot during the October breakfast on **10/17/26 from 8:00am to 1:00pm**. Stay hydrated, eat nutritious food, especially iron rich, bring a friend to breakfast and donate together. Your one donation can save multiple lives! See Henry Pless if you need to sign up.

Fall Festival- November 1st- 3:00 - 5:00 PM

We plan to have hay rides, a straw maze, a petting zoo, crafts, games, a cake walk, food and so much more. We are in need of volunteers to man the games (stations), we also are in need of small treats and or candy to hand out at the games. We plan to have a cake walk, if you would like to donate cakes, cookies, etc or know of a contact at a grocery store, please let Meredith know. If you want to set up a trunk and do trunk or treating, you are welcome to do this as well. If interested in helping in any way, please see Meredith.

For any Prayer List additions or updates, please remember to email PrayerCCLC@gmail.com. During a period in October, this will be the only way to get updates on the list while Belinda Campbell is out of town. If there are any additional communications to the congregation needed between 10/9/26 and 10/19/26, please reach out to a member of the Executive Council, and they can coordinate the request.

The **PBnJ Youth Group** will be continuing with birthday bags for the Coltrane Life Center participants through the end of the year. Earlier in the year we completed May - August and in August we completed September & October bags. We are in need of the following items to be able to do November & December bags: Word Searches,Coloring Books Ink Pens, Colored Pencils, $5 Gift Cards to places like Hardee's or Chick Fil A, Individual packs of Kleenex, Small Lotions

Thank you to everyone who has helped with this project. The participants at the LIFE Center are very appreciative of these bags.

Prayer Request

October 11, 2026

We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List. Please send prayer list request additions or changes to prayercclc@gmail.com by Tuesday 5PM.

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

Chris Goodman; Wayne Peck; Carl Pless, Jr.; Rand Yost

Shut-Ins

Bob and Joann Barrier; Brenda Barrier; Norman Goodman; Nell Hatley; John Trull.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Lauren Banks; Constance and Baby Dulin; Josh Fabricius; April Funderburke; Shirley Furr; Lee Gorforth; Candice Horton; Cynthia Horton; Gloria Mann; Alicia McQueen; Brook Overcash (Friend of Ashleigh Ennis – Hospice home care with aggressive form of Breast Cancer); Hayden Polakowski; Eric Starling; Susan Starling; Andrew Stirewalt; Ruthie O'Brien; Daniel Pless; Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Bob Wilson; Candace Yates

Carolina Mission Region Seminarians: Cody Carpenter, Melanie Corn, Shane Honig, James Price, Kyle Page

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

- Ongoing Iran war impacts

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

Today October 11, 2026

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

This Week

MON: 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of the Cross of Christ Practice

WED: 6:30 PM Women's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 45: 1-7
Psalm 96: 1-13
1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10
St. Matthew 22: 15-22

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