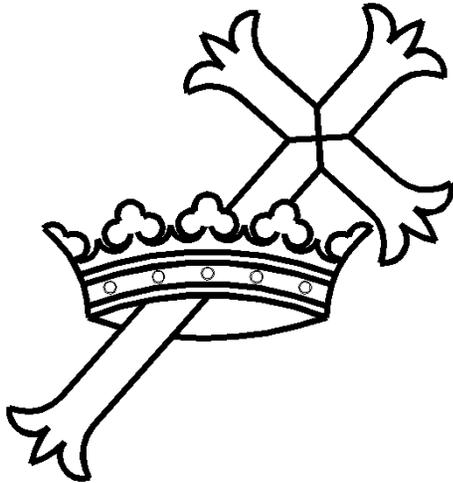


Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost
October 24, 2021*

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

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

"Beautiful Saviour"

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.

*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,
in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-9 (ESV)

⁷For thus says the LORD: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O LORD, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 126 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

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

²Then 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."

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

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

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

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

Second Reading: Hebrews 7: 23-28 (ESV)

²³The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, ²⁴but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. ²⁵Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. ²⁶For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. ²⁷He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself. ²⁸For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

*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 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Mark 10: 46-52 (ESV)

⁴⁶And they came to Jericho. And as he was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great crowd, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁸And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” ⁴⁹And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart. Get up; he is calling you.” ⁵⁰And throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Rabbi, let me recover my sight.” ⁵²And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“O God Our Help”

LBW 320

*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**

GIVING 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 ***"Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"*** **LBW 543**

*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 by the congregation.

November newsletter articles are due **today**.

Saturday, October 30th – Trunk or Treat and Hayride from 5pm – 7pm. Setup will be at 4:30pm. Please give Suzanne Bost (Cell: 980-521-0659) a call by Wednesday, October 27th if you would like to participate or donate candy. All events will be held outside.

Blood Drive with One Blood date is **November 7th**. Drive will be held in Parish Hall. Please eat iron enriched foods to build your iron up. CDC guidelines will be observed. You will need to wear a mask. Thank you for your much needed donation that will help 3 patients.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

21st Annual Youth Group Bar-B-Q

Old Fashioned Hickory Coal Cooked BBQ!

Date: November 13, 2021

Time: 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Place: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 4500 Rimer Rd, Concord, NC 28025

ALL ORDERS FOR WHOLE MEATS MUST BE PLACED AND

PAID IN FULL BY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 2021

Order Blanks will be in mailboxes

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meeting

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be on **Sunday, November 14** with council elections preceding the worship service and the meeting to follow. A report from the Nominating Committee and any nominations from the floor will be received following the worship service on **Sunday, November 7**. According to our Constitution one must be an active member of the congregation and present at the meeting in order to vote. An agenda for November 14 will be published prior to the meeting.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring a **food drive** for the **Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry** thru the months of October/November. Place your donations on pulpit side down front.

The Food Ministry has specific needs at this time. They are as follows:

2 lb flour (both plain and self rising); 2lb sugar; 2lb cornmeal

Canned Vegetables (**NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS please**):

carrots, sweat peas, mixed vegetables, greens, potatoes, etc.

Soups (**NO TOMATO please**): cream of mushroom, cream of celery, chicken noodle, etc.

Canned Meats: chicken, tuna, stew beef

Peanut Butter and Jellies

Canned Fruit (**NO PEARS please**)

Other Items needed:

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Small Dish Soap, Bath soap, Small clothes washing liquid

They are still in need of these items: salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings (ranch, 1000 island, honey mustard, etc), cooking oil, cake mixes and icings, cooking spices (Italian seasoning, garlic salt, onion powder, cinnamon, paprika, chili powder), Duke and Hellman mayonnaise.

Food Lion gift cards to buy the perishable items. Cards can be given to Jodie.
Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry.



October 24, 2021

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

Kay Barbee; John Faggart; Candice Horton; Frances Kanipe; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Kristi Leonard; Marie Pless; Katelyn Strube; John Trull

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Osan AFB, Seoul, South Korea); Will Drye

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of The Rev. Brent Collins and the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC

Shelby Childress; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart;

Wanda Floyd (Mother of Cathy Weast – Shut In Health Issues); Joyce Furr;

Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; AJ Jorsey;

Brady Krimminger; Ole Moe; Ensley Morgan;

Diane Parker (and Husband Steve) – battling

Leukemia; Connie Walters (Sister of Cathy Weast – Heart issues)

General Prayer Concerns

Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

Today October 24, 2021

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

This Week

Sat: 5:00- 7:00 PM Trunk or Treat/Hayride

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Reformation Sunday

Revelation 14: 6-7

Psalm 46

Romans 3: 19-28

St John 8: 31-36



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