



# ***Cross of Christ Lutheran Church***

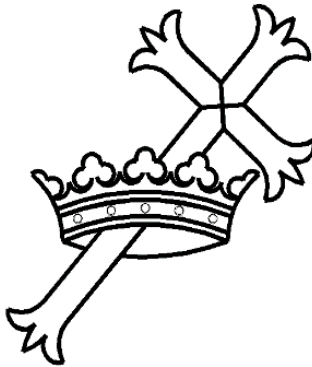
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***The Rev. Marty Ramey, Interim Pastor***

*A NALC Congregation*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

***Second Sunday of Easter***

***April 27, 2025***

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

PRELUDE

OUR ACCOMPANIST MS. MARSHA JOHNSON

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 and repent, 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 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.

**C: Amen**

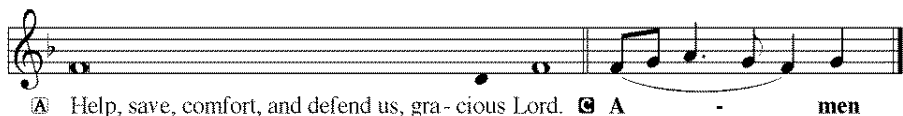
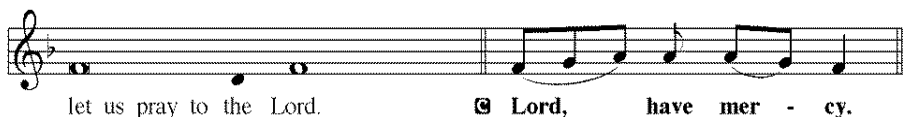
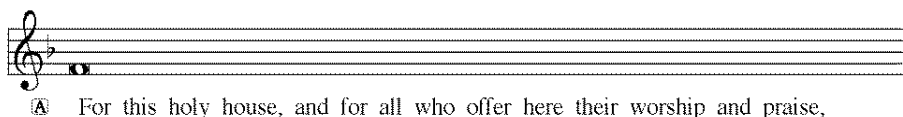
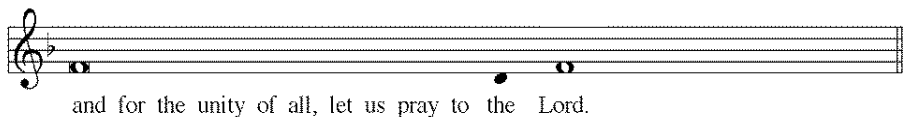
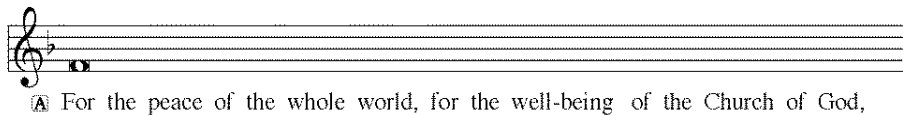
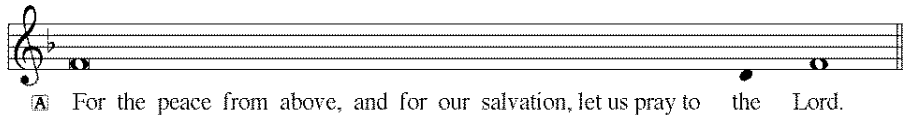
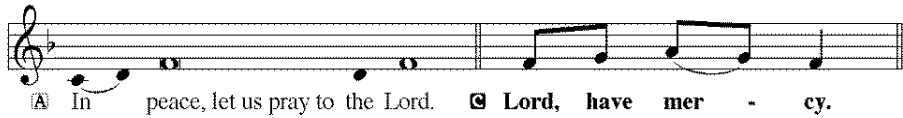
\* OPENING HYMN *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”* LBW 315

**\*APOSTOLIC GREETING**

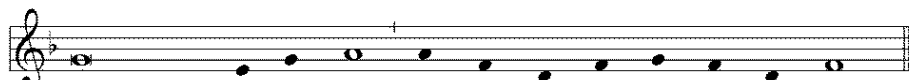
**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*KYRIE**



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



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther:



We wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God:



You take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.



For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

\*SALUTATION



♩ The Lord be with you.

♩ And al - so with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. Help us, almighty God, that our joyful celebration of the resurrection feast may be reflected in our daily work and conversation. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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: Acts 5:12-32** (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. <sup>13</sup> None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. <sup>14</sup> And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, <sup>15</sup> so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. <sup>16</sup> The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed. <sup>17</sup> But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy <sup>18</sup> they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. <sup>19</sup> But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, <sup>20</sup> "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

<sup>21</sup> And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council, all the senate of the people of Israel, and sent to the prison to have them brought. <sup>22</sup> But when the officers came, they did not find them in the prison, so they returned and reported, <sup>23</sup> "We found the prison securely locked and the guards standing at the doors, but when we opened them we found no one inside." <sup>24</sup> Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were greatly perplexed about them, wondering what this would come to. <sup>25</sup> And someone came and told them, "Look! The men whom you put in prison are standing in the temple and teaching the people." <sup>26</sup> Then the captain with the officers went and brought them, but not by force, for they were afraid of being stoned by the people. <sup>27</sup> And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, <sup>28</sup> saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." <sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, "We

must obey God rather than men.<sup>30</sup> The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree.<sup>31</sup> God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.<sup>32</sup> And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 148 (ESV)**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights!

**<sup>2</sup> Praise him, all his angels;  
praise him, all his hosts!**

**<sup>3</sup> Praise him, sun and moon,  
praise him, all you shining stars!**

**<sup>4</sup> Praise him, you highest heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens!**

**<sup>5</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD!  
For he commanded and they were created.**

**<sup>6</sup> And he established them forever and ever;  
he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.**

**<sup>7</sup> Praise the LORD from the earth,  
you great sea creatures and all deeps,**

**<sup>8</sup> fire and hail, snow and mist,  
stormy wind fulfilling his word!**

**<sup>9</sup> Mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars!**

**<sup>10</sup> Beasts and all livestock,  
creeping things and flying birds!**

**<sup>11</sup> Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the earth!**

**<sup>12</sup> Young men and maidens together,  
old men and children!**

**<sup>13</sup> Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
for his name alone is exalted;  
his majesty is above earth and heaven.**

**<sup>14</sup> He has raised up a horn for his people,  
praise for all his saints,**

**for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

Praise the LORD!

**SECOND READING: REVELATIONS 1:4-18 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, <sup>5</sup>and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood <sup>6</sup>and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen. <sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” Vision of the Son of Man <sup>9</sup>I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet <sup>11</sup>saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.” <sup>12</sup>Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, <sup>13</sup>and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. <sup>14</sup>The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, <sup>15</sup>his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. <sup>16</sup>In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength. <sup>17</sup>When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, <sup>18</sup>and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

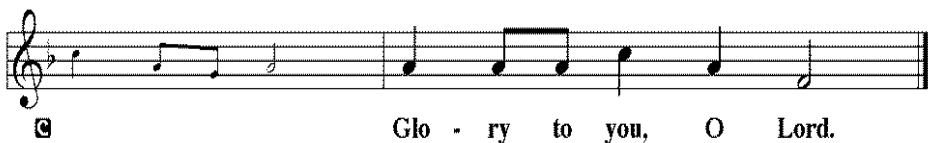
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**C: Thanks be to God!**

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 20th chapter.



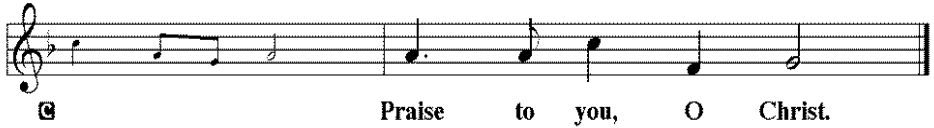
**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 20:19-31 (ESV)**

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." <sup>22</sup>And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld." <sup>24</sup>Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe." <sup>26</sup>Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; <sup>31</sup>but these are written



so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



**Sermon**

**Larry Barbee**

\*Sermon Hymn “Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” **LBW 144**

**\*Nicene Creed**

**C: 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.**

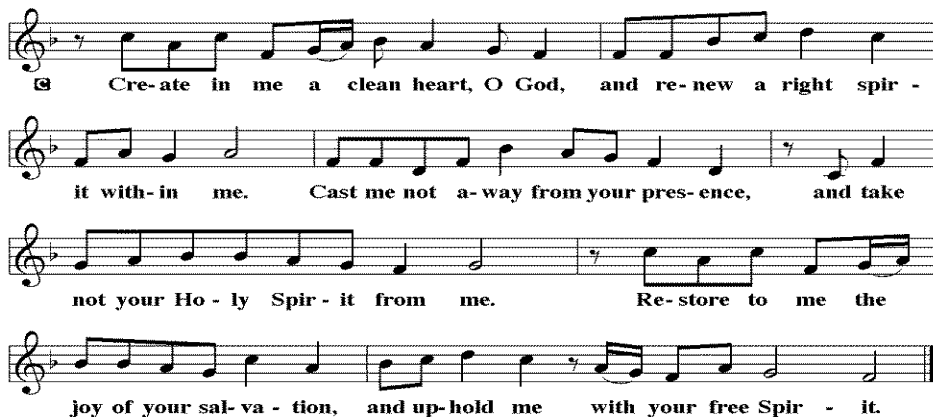
**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,**  
and his kingdom will have no end.

**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



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir -  
 it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
 not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the  
 joy of your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## \*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      “When Peace Like A River”      LBW 346**

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**\*POSTLUDE      WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER**

**SUSAN CAUDLE**

**(\*PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)**

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

**Today** is the last day to submit recipes for the church cookbook!!!

**VBS** will be held **June 5-7, 2025** this year. It will be from **6 to 8 on Thursday and Friday and 9 to 1 on Saturday**. This year's theme is **ROAD TRIP: On the Go with God!** VBS is for ages 2 through 5 grade. If you would like to help see Mereidth Harrison. You can register your child, grandchild, neighbor etc, using the link below or see Meredith.

<b>Weekly Offering Report For:    <u>Week No: 16</u>        <u>Date: April 20, 2025</u></b>			
2025 Weekly Needs:	\$3,989.43	YTD Budget Needs:	\$63,830.88
<b><u>Last Week</u></b>			
General Tithes Received	\$2,896.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$54,361.24
Last week      (Deficit )	(\$1,093.43)	YTD      (Deficit)	(\$9,469.64)



April 27, 2025

*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 prayercccl@gmail.com by Tuesday at 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**

Kay Barbee; Joey Barrier; Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman;  
Norman Goodman; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; John Trull; Linda Trull;  
Rand Yost (Trinity Oaks – Room C 9); Yvonne Yost

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call  
Committee; 3) Cross of Christ Video – “Who are we?” – prep activities;  
4) Prospective pastors see our profile and consider a call here.

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Family of Atlas Baucom  
Family of Wanda Floyd  
Family of Whit Moose, Sr.

Pastor Charles Barrier; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Jerry Cain;  
Bill Carpenter; Pastor Randall Cauble; Luke Cranford; Brynn Fesler;  
David Gandy; Marty Gandy; David Goforth; Lee Goforth;  
Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston; Melissa Krumbien;  
Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Morris;  
Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Steve Sifford (Prostate cancer surgery  
recovery); Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Veronica Williams;  
Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison

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

**Today April 27, 2025**

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

**This Week**

**MON:** 7-8:30 PM Soldiers of Christ Practice

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 9:1-22

Psalm 30

Revelation 5:1-14

John 21:1-19

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