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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Transfiguration Of Our Lord

February 19, 2023

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 *“Praise To The Lord The Almighty”* **LBW 543**

*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



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Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

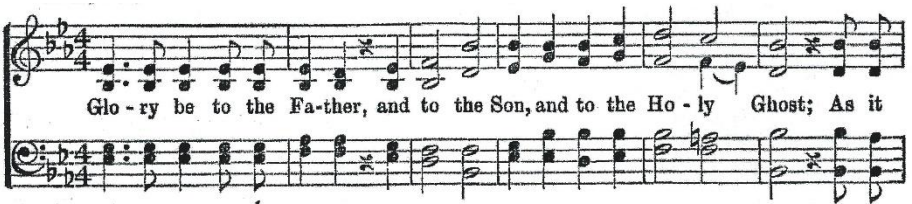


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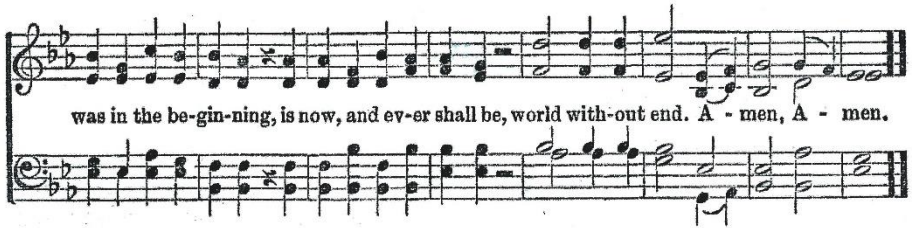


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*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory Be To The Father"



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. Holy God,

in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the king heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 34: 1-12 (ESV)

Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho. And the LORD showed him all the land, Gilead as far as Dan,² all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the western sea,³ the Negeb, and the Plain, that is, the Valley of Jericho the city of palm trees, as far as Zoar.⁴ And the LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, ‘I will give it to your offspring.’ I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not go over there.”⁵ So Moses the servant of the LORD died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD,⁶ and he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab opposite Beth-peor; but no one knows the place of his burial to this day.⁷ Moses was 120 years old when he died. His eye was undimmed, and his vigor unabated.⁸ And the people of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days. Then the days of weeping and mourning for Moses were ended.⁹ And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.¹⁰ And there has not arisen a prophet since in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,¹¹ none like him for all the signs and the wonders that the LORD sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh and to all his servants and to all his land,¹² and for all the mighty power and all the great deeds of terror that Moses did in the sight of all Israel.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 99

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

The LORD reigns; let the peoples' tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

²The LORD is great in Zion;

he is exalted over all the peoples.

³Let them praise your great and awesome name!

Holy is he!

⁴The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

- ⁵ Exalt the LORD our God;
worship at his footstool! Holy is he!
- ⁶ **Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
They called to the LORD, and he answered them.**
- ⁷ In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
they kept his testimonies
and the statute that he gave them.
- ⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them;
you were a forgiving God to them,
but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**
- ⁹ Exalt the LORD our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 3: 1-6 (ESV)

Therefore, holy brothers, you who share in a heavenly calling, consider Jesus, the apostle and high priest of our confession, ² who was faithful to him who appointed him, just as Moses also was faithful in all God's house. ³ For Jesus has been counted worthy of more glory than Moses—as much more glory as the builder of a house has more honor than the house itself. ⁴ (For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God.) ⁵ Now Moses was faithful in all God's house as a servant, to testify to the things that were to be spoken later, ⁶ but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house, if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.

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. Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 9: 28-36 (ESV)

Now about eight days after these sayings he took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. ³⁰ And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, ³¹ who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ As he was saying these things, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!” ³⁶ And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN

"Immortal Invisible"

LBW 526

*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**

*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**

*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 honor His gift to us Walker Clyde Drye by Walker's grandparents.

Thank you to all that donated blood last Sunday. **12 units** were collected and that will help up to **24** patients locally. The next blood drive is **July 9th** also with One Blood.

Newsletter Articles for **March** are due **TODAY**.

The **Prayer Shawl** group will meet **tomorrow** night at 6:30 PM.

Pancake supper is Tuesday the 21st at 6 pm to celebrate Fat Tuesday.

Ash Wednesday worship service will be Wednesday the 22nd at 7 PM.

2023 Lenten Study: 6 Marks of Christian Discipleship

First Mark: Ash Wednesday, February 22

Second Mark: Wednesday, March 1

Third Mark: Wednesday, March 8

Fourth Mark: Wednesday, March 15

Fifth Mark: Wednesday, March 22

Sixth Mark: Wednesday, March 29

**All Service Times are at 7:00PM in the Sanctuary.*



February 19, 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

Amanda Faggart (Surgery recovery); John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Carl Pless; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

David Buckland (Friends son of Meredith Harrison – Leukemia);
Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean;
LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart;
Pastor Jeff Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr;
Chip Krimminger; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger;
Ensley Morgan; Steve Parker; Shelley Potts (Niece of Kelly Caudle – surgery for motorcycle accident injury resulted in finding a mass on her esophagus);
Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Connie Walters;
Candace Yates (Daughter of Sharon Duncan's Cousin – Returned to the US – treatment for diagnosed lung cancer to be planned);
Vickey Belk Young

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine
Those impacted by earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

Praise List

- * Mary Kunze – (Friend of Niki Sverko) Thanks for all the prayers. Diagnosis of no signs of cancer has been received.
- * Samantha Strube and Baby Cade – Thank you for your prayers for us all. We are doing well. God is so good.

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

Today – February 19, 2023

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

This Week

TUES: 6:00 PM Pancake Supper/Fat Tues
WED: 7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday Of Lent
Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
Psalm 91: 1-13
Romans 10: 8b-13
St Luke 4: 1-13