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A NALC Congregation



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

*Second Sunday After Epiphany
January 18, 2026*

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE

OUR ACCOMPANIST MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSON 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

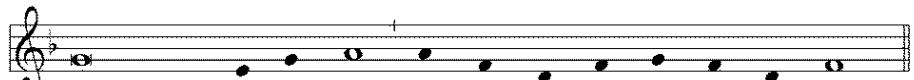
* OPENING HYMN ***“My Hope Is Built”*** **LBW 293**

*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.

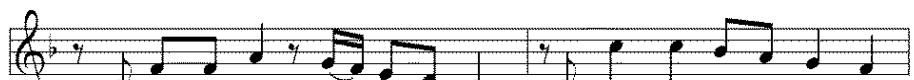
*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"



Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.



Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father.



We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.



Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.



You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.



You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.



For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.



you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,



in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

*SALUTATION



The Lord be with you.



And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Almighty and eternal God, you restrain the powers of heaven and earth. Mercifully hear your people's prayers for peace in our time. 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: Isaiah 49: 1-7 (ESV)

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name.² He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away.³ And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified."⁴ But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."⁵ And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength⁶ he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."⁷ Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 40: 1-11 (ESV) READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

I waited patiently for the LORD;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.

**²He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog,
and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

**⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust,
who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie!**

⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God,
your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us;
none can compare with you!

I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told.

**⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted,
but you have given me an open ear.**

Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.

⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have come;
in the scroll of the book it is written of me:

**⁸ I delight to do your will, O my God;
your law is within my heart."**

⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation;
behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

**¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart;
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation;
I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness
from the great congregation.**

¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me;
your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 1-9 (ESV)

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, ² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: ³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will

sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1st chapter.

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

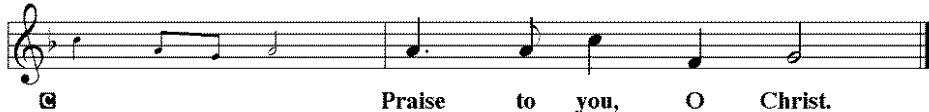
***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. JOHN 1: 29-42 (ESV)**

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! ³⁰ This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ ³¹ I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³² And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³ I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴ And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God.” ³⁵ The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” ³⁷ The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸ Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, “What are you seeking?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹ He said

to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour.

⁴⁰ One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. ⁴¹ He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). ⁴² He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

This is Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon

Rev. George Rhyne

*SERMON HYMN

"Here I Am Lord"

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***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.**

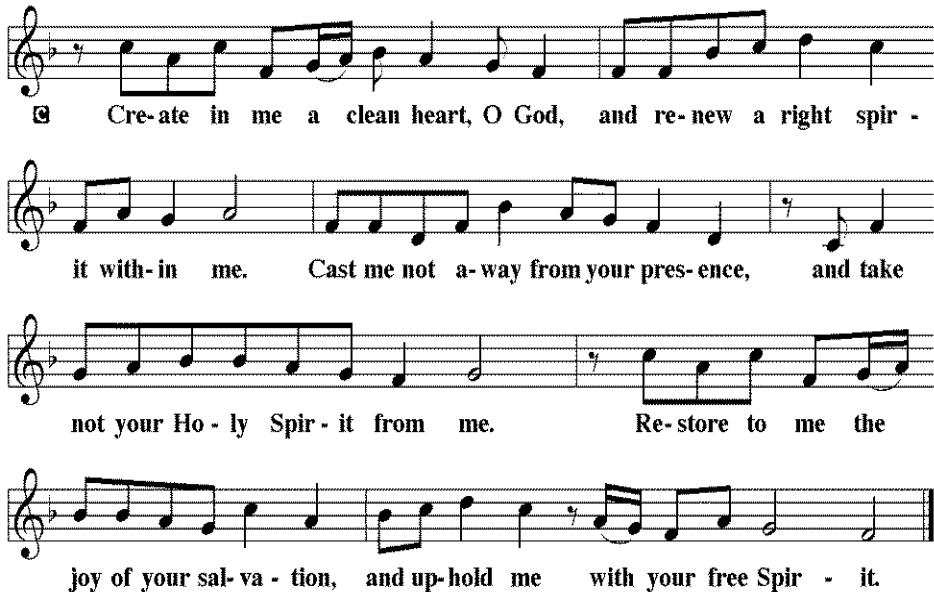
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

**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



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

**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 *"God Of Grace"* LBW 415

***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 of Greta Freeman's 4th birthday by Richard and Jodie Strube.

We would like to thank Rev. George Rhyne for leading our service today.

The **NOAH Prayer Shawl** Group meets tomorrow night, **January 19th at 6:30 p.m.**

February Newsletter Articles are due **NEXT** Sunday.

Candidate Meet and Greet

When: Thursday, January 22 at 7PM

Where: The Parish Hall

Who: Republican candidates for State Legislature, County Commission, Judges, and Clerk of Court

Come hear from the candidates themselves, learn where they stand, and ask questions!

The **Women's Bible Study** will hold it's first meeting on **Wednesday, January 28, 2026 at 7PM**. We will meet in the Parish Hall. Please see Tracy Drye for your book! Study book has been paid for by Thrivent.

A Thrivent Action Team is sponsoring a food drive for the Mt. Pleasant Food Bank. **NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO BRING FOOD.** Non-perishable food items will be collected through the end of January. Currently the greatest needs are peanut butter, canned fruit, canned meat, soup, canned potatoes, canned beans of any kind, and juice. Currently **NO green beans or corn are needed.** Items in plastic, cans, or boxes are preferred. Boxes will be down front on the pulpit side for collection and will also be beside the fire place at breakfast. Please help spread the word to your family and friends that attend our breakfast. Thank you.



January 18, 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 prayerclc@gmail.com by Tuesday at 5PM.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people... 1 Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Harry Goodman, Roy Gray; Amy Preston

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3) Prospective pastors see our profile/video and consider a call here.

Shut-Ins

Bob and Joann Barrier; Brenda Barrier; Dot Goodman; Norman Goodman; John and Linda Trull; Linda Wilson

Friends of Cross of Christ

LeaAnn Buckwell; April Funderburke; David Goforth (Additional testing shows spreading of the cancer, request is for a miracle); Lee Goforth; Candice Horton; Cynthia Horton; Jimmy Howard; Alicia McQueen; Susan Starling; Daniel Pless; Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Max Vanderburg; Candace Yates

Carolina Mission Region Seminarians: Melanie Corn, Robert Dernbach, Lucas Safrit

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

Praise List:

* Walker Drye - Thank you for all the prayers during my recovery from my broken leg. They were definitely felt. - Walker Drye

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

Today January 18, 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

MON: 6:30 PM NOAH Prayer Shawl

THURS: 7:00 PM Candidate Meet and Greet

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

3:30 PM CSI Youth Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 9: 1-4

Psalm 27: 1-14

1 Corinthians 1: 10-18

St Matthew 4: 12-25

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