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

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
February 8, 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: In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

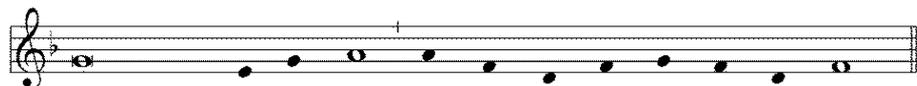
* OPENING HYMN *“O Worship The King ”* LBW 548

*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 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: Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; 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 58: 3-9 (ESV)

‘Why have we fasted, and you see it not?

Why have we humbled ourselves, and you take no knowledge of it?’
Behold, in the day of your fast you seek your own pleasure,
and oppress all your workers.

⁴ Behold, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to hit with a wicked fist.

Fasting like yours this day
will not make your voice to be heard on high.

⁵ Is such the fast that I choose,
a day for a person to humble himself?

Is it to bow down his head like a reed,
and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him?

Will you call this a fast,
and a day acceptable to the LORD?

⁶ ‘Is not this the fast that I choose:
to loose the bonds of wickedness,
to undo the straps of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
and to break every yoke?’

⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover him,
and not to hide yourself from your own flesh?

⁸ Then shall your light break forth like the dawn,
and your healing shall spring up speedily;
your righteousness shall go before you;
the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry, and he will say, ‘Here I am.’

If you take away the yoke from your midst,
the pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness,

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 112: 1-9 (ESV) READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

**² His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

³ Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

**⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.**

⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

**⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.**

⁷ He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

**⁸ His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.**

⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 1-16 (ESV)

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. ³ And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, ⁴ and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. ⁶ Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. ⁷ But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our

glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him”—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹³ And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. ¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. ¹⁵ The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. ¹⁶ “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

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. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

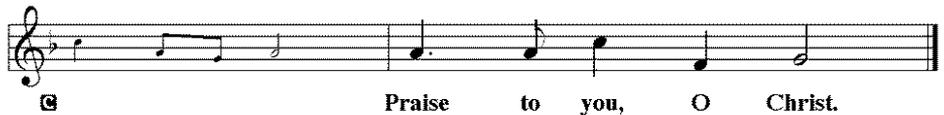
Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 5: 13-20 (ESV)**

¹³ “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown

out and trampled under people's feet. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

This is Gospel of our Lord.



Sermon

Larry Barbee

*SERMON HYMN

“Blessing And Honor”

LBW 525

***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



☞ Create 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**

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** *“Here I Am, Lord”* **WOV 752**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Extinguishing Candles

Susan Caudle

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

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Rod Duncan by Sharon Duncan.

We would like to thank Larry Barbee for leading our service today.

Council Meeting today after service at 11:00 AM.

The **PBnJ Youth Group** meets this afternoon at 3:30. Kindergartners - 5th grade are invited to attend. Also CSI meets then.

A Thrivent Action Team is sponsoring a food drive for the Mt. Pleasant Food Bank in conjunction with our January and February breakfast. Non-perishable food items will be collected through February with a concentration on soup donations for "Souper" Bowl Sunday. Currently 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 beside the fireplace at breakfast. Please help spread the word to your family and friends that attend our breakfast. Thank you.

The **Women's Bible Study** is **Wednesday** night at 7PM.

Please send **Prayer List** updates to **prayerccl@gmail.com** and **ALL Bulletin announcements** to the **ClericalTeam@gmail.com**. They are due no later than **Wednesday** each week.



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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 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

Family of 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; Norman Goodman;
Nell Hatley; John Trull.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Roddy Ballard; LeaAnn Buckwell; Addie Drye; Ed Duncan;
April Funderburke; David Goforth (Taken to hospital with fluid retention
in abdomen and legs – requesting prayers); Lee Goforth;
Candice Horton; Cynthia Horton; 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)

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

Today February 8, 2026

Executive Council Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
CSI/PBnJ Youth Meeting	3:30 PM
Council Meeting	11:00 AM

This Week

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

WED: 7PM Women's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes

10:00 AM Family Worship Service

Next Sunday's Readings

Transfiguration Of Our Lord

Exodus 24: 8-18

Psalm 2: 6-12

2 Peter 1: 16-21

St. Matthew 17: 1-9