



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
Youth Sunday
August 10, 2025

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE

“IN THE FIRE” BY JOSIAH QUEEN

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: 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.

C: Amen

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God,

C: 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 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

“Saved My Soul” by City a Lite

[Chorus]

You, my God, have saved my soul

I am Yours forevermore

I won't be moved, of this I'm sure

You are my God and You saved my soul

[Verse 1]

I was lost when You came for me

Held in chains by the enemy

But You broke them in victory

Now I'm free, I am free

[Verse 2]

You're my joy and You are my hope

I am saved by Your grace alone

I will sing of Your love for me

I am free, I am free

[Chorus]

[Verse 3]

Now I stand with the Kings of kings

He has paid for my every sin

And from now through eternity

I am free, I am free

[Chorus]

[Bridge]

What once was dead is now alive

You gave to me the breath of life

You brought me up out from the grave

I'm bursting out with songs of praise

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***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

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.

***SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Let us pray. Lord God,

use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us, by your Spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: C: Amen.

Children's Sermon

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 3: 1-12 (ESV)

My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments, ² for length of days and years of life and peace they will add to you. ³ Let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you; bind them around your neck; write them on the tablet of your heart. ⁴ So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. ⁵ Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷ Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones. ⁹ Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; ¹⁰ then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. ¹¹ My son, do not despise the LORD's discipliner be weary of his reproof, ¹² for the LORD reproves him whom he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

Psalms 146

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

**⁴ When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

**⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,**

**⁶ who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

**⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry.**

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

**The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous.**

**⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners;
he upholds the widow and the fatherless,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

**¹⁰ The LORD will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, to all generations.**

Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2: 1-10 (ESV)

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for

good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SPOKEN)**

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 6th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Holy Gospel: St. Matthew 6: 25-34 (ESV)

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸ And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹ yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰ But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹ Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³ But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴ “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

C: Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

Testimonies From The Youth Group

*SERMON HYMN *“How Great Thou Art”* accompanied by Jubal Strube

O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain: Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art!

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander,
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees.
When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur
And see the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

Refrain

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration,
And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

Refrain

*APOSTLES' CREED

**C: 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 (SPOKEN)**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill the the brim our cup of blessings. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, Lord, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

Gracious God,

Thank you for arranging it so that your power works best in weakness. Be praised for loving me as I am. Thank you that your grace is always enough Work through my weakness, Lord. Use me for your glory. In Jesus name

C: Amen

***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**

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope.

(Romans 15:13)

*SENDING HYMN *“Be Still, Be Still My Soul” by Sovereign Grace*

VERSE 1

Should mountains melt into the roaring oceans
The earth give way or heaven's lights grow cold
O mighty God, You are my strong defender
Be still, be still, my soul

VERSE 2

When all I see are enemies before me
When unbelief and doubt have taken hold
O Lord of hosts, You promise to defeat them
Be still, be still, my soul

CHORUS 1

For You are God, I need not fear
You're sovereign over all
For You are good and always near
I'll rest in You alone
Be still, my soul

VERSE 3

Though all around the wicked seem to prosper
They mock Your name and rise against Your throne
O righteous Judge, their deeds You will remember
Be still, be still, my soul

CHORUS 2

For You are God, I need not fear
You're sovereign over all
For You are good and always near
I'll rest in You alone
For You are God, I need not fear
You're sovereign over all
For You are good and always near
I'll rest in You alone
Be still, my soul

VERSE 4

Though wars erupt, You will not leave us orphans
Though nations rage, You guard us as Your own
O, Prince of Peace, we will not be abandoned
Be still, be still, my soul
Be still, be still, my soul

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Corbin Ennis' 7th birthday by his family.

Welcome to **Youth Sunday!** The youth that went to Teen Valley Ranch Youth Camp will share testimonies from their experience. Thanks to the youth for leading the worship service today and sharing with us.

NO Children's Church today.

The **PbnJ** youth will meet this afternoon at 3:30 PM.

Our monthly fundraiser breakfast is this **Saturday, August 16th**. Come on out for a delicious country breakfast & fellowship with us!! **Baby Bottles** are also due to Tracy Drye by this Saturday **Aug 16th** monthly breakfast. Thank you, Tracy Drye

Next Sunday is the blessing of student bookbags and blessing of teachers.

We are now taking orders for Cross of Christ Church shirts! Order forms have been placed in your church mailbox. Orders are due by **August 17th**. Please see Ashleigh Ennis if you have any questions.

Cookbooks are now available to purchase. Please see Kristi Drye to buy, \$15 each. Proceeds will go to help purchase a much-needed cover for the playground. Thank you.

It's Fall Car Show planning time for the Sept 20th event. Please consider volunteering or sponsoring a trophy. A flyer for the event will be placed in your mailbox. Please share with a friend or place in a local business for advertisement. August 17th and 24th your donations will be accepted after service for event expenses. Please see Earlene Cox if you have any questions.

If you are interested in attending the Women's retreat **Oct 3 – 5**,
please contact Kristi Drye.



August 10, 2025

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.

Prayer List Email: PrayerCCLC@gmail.com
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

Tim Aldridge; Wayne Furr; Chris Goodman; Dorothy Goodman;
Harry Goodman; Norman Goodman; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz;
John Trull; Linda Trull.

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

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Larry Stirewalt (Brother-in-Law of Jerry Pless)
Pastor Charles Barrier; Deena Bost (Friend of Chris and Suzanne Bost –
diagnosed with stage 2 breast cancer); Pastor Gene Bost;
LeaAnn Buckwell; Pastor Randall Cauble; Luke Cranford;
David Gandy; Marty Gandy; David Goforth; Lee Goforth;
Barbara Hamilton; Tanja Harward; Annette Heller; Candice Horton;
Greg Houston; Sally Justice (Grandmother of Clare Justice – fiancé of Caleb
Campbell – Kentucky hospital with a brain injury);
Melissa Krumbien; Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan;
Hank Morris; Daniel Pless; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Jacob Rodgers;
Steve Sifford; Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Veronica Williams;
Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

NALC Convocation in Pittsburgh and safe travel to all pastors and lay delegates
attending

Praise List:

- Karen Faggart – Thank you for the prayers while I've recuperated from my broken wrist.

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

TODAY is August 10, 2025

Youth Sunday

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

THIS WEEK

MON Soldiers of Christ Practice 7:00 PM

SAT Monthly Breakfast 7:00-11:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 23: 16-29

Psalms 119: 81-88

Hebrews 11: 17-31; 12: 1-3

St. Luke 12: 49-56

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