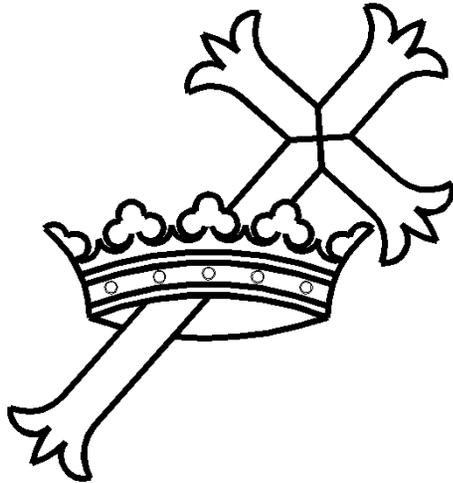


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 31, 2022*

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

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 **“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”** LBW 551

*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.

*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. 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. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14; 2: 18-26 (ESV)

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is

vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 100 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

² **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

Come into his presence with singing!

³ Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,**

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever,

and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading: Colossians 3: 1-11 (ESV)

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Luke 12: 13-21 (ESV)

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’” ¹⁸And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’” ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN *“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”* LBW 492

*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

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

***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** *“Praise To The Father”* **LBW 517**

***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 Emma Harrison’s 14th Birthday by Mom, Dad, Marianna and Justin.

Church Council will meet Sunday **AUGUST 14th** after service (change of date)

Congregational Meeting - Sunday, August 7

The council has called a congregational meeting to be held immediately following worship on Sunday, August 7. The only item of business is for the council to present two potential projects to the congregation: 1. To refurbish/replace our main church sign. 2. A multi-purpose outdoor shelter for worship, meals, outdoor weddings, family reunions, etc.. Further details will be forthcoming.

The **PBnJ Youth Group** will be assembling **Cancer Care Packs** at our September meeting. If you would like to make a donation, we need: small hand lotions, soft socks, ink pens, small hand sanitizers, word searches, chapstick and hard candy. Thank you!



July 31, 2022

*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

Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; Melvin Bost; Leonard Campbell;
John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz;
Sylvia Loggans – Atrium Cabarrus room 2148 – Surgery scheduled for Friday to set the upper arm bone that was broken in a fall.
John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr;
Brady Krimminger; Doris McCarn; Sharon Blackwelder Measmer; Gabby Monty;
Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Brian Seagraves;
Susan Starling; Baby Geneva Amanda Sverko and Mom Chyna; Connie Walters;
Charles Richard Willenbrink (Grandfather of Clare Justice (Girlfriend of Caleb Campbell) – Baptist East Hospital in Louisville, KY – Battling COVID);
Vickey Belk Young

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine
Uvalde, Texas Elementary School shooting victims and families
Highland Park, Illinois, Independence Day parade shooting victims

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Post surgery she will return to Best of Care)
Best of Care 234 North Dale Ave. Kannapolis NC

Praise List

*Tim Aldridge - Sincere thank you for all the thoughts, cards, and prayers during my recovery from my left knee replacement. I enjoyed being able to get back to church this past Sunday. God is good.

*Kristi and Matt Drye and Gail Leonard - We appreciate all the prayers, calls, and texts, we are on the mend and feeling much better!

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

Today July 31, 2022

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

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM	Holy Communion Service
11:00 AM	Congregational Meeting

Next Sunday's Readings

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 15: 1-6
Psalm 33: 12-22
Hebrews 11: 1-16
St Luke 12: 22- 40

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