



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

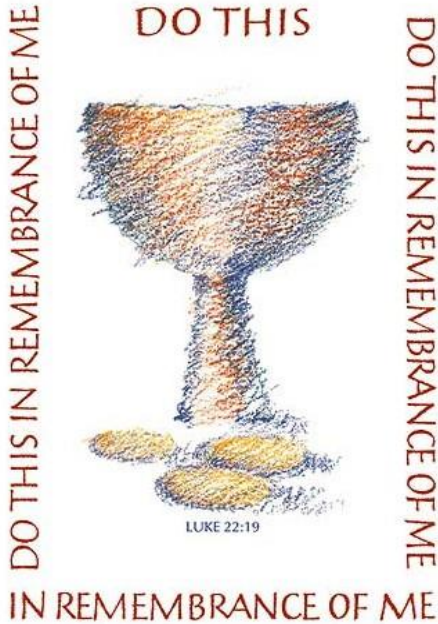
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A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ, I glory †

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

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

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.

Amen

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)

Most merciful God,

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

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.

Amen

* OPENING HYMN *“Thine Is The Glory”* LBW 145

*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

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: C Christ, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.
 Lord, have mer - cy:

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God"

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

I 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.

C Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;

glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

II 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



☐ 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.



☐ Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth,



and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

***Salutation & Prayer Of The Day**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God,

we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35 (ESV)

³² Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common. ³³ And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴ There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold ³⁵ and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 148

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

² **Praise him, all his angels;**

praise him, all his hosts!

³ Praise him, sun and moon,

praise him, all you shining stars!

⁴ **Praise him, you highest heavens,**

and your waters above the heavens!

⁵ Let them praise the name of the LORD!

For he commanded and they were created.

⁶ **And he established them forever and ever;**

he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,

you great sea creatures and all deeps,

⁸ **fire and hail, snow and mist,**

stormy wind fulfilling his word!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,

fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Beasts and all livestock,**

creeping things and flying birds!

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² **Young men and maidens together,
old men and children!**

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his majesty is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **He has raised up a horn for his people,
praise for all his saints,
for the people of Israel who are near to him.**

Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1–2:2 (ESV)

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life — ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us — ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. ⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. ¹My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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. John, the 20th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 20:19-31 (ESV)

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” ²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.” ²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe.” ²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.” ²⁸ Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹ Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” ³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

*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

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful Father,
**we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us--
ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.
Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and
join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow-er and might, heav - en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world you gave your only Son,
 that all those who believe in him
 should not perish, but have eternal life.

We give thanks to you

for the salvation you have prepared for us through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,
 that we may receive our Lord with a living faith
 as he comes to us in his holy supper.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
 our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
 broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
 and gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

*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**

ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOLY SACRAMENT



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 740 & 709

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen

*POST COMMUNION CANTICLE: "Thank the Lord"



Thank - ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev - 'ry -
one what God has done. Let all who seek the
Lord re - joice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.
Send us with your prom - is - es, O God,
and lead us forth in joy with shouts
of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia.

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 "Lift High The Cross" LBW 377

*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 Dylan and Ashleigh Ennis's 10th wedding anniversary by Ashleigh.

Water is now available in the Baptismal font if you want to make the sign of the cross on your forehead when taking communion.

If you will be graduating high school or college this spring, please submit your information in writing for the newsletter to Meredith by **April 21**.

Please join us on **Saturday April 27th** in the Parish Hall, 2p-5p to celebrate Taylor Barbee's High School Graduation.

HOLD THE DATE-MAY 18, 2024, is the Spring Car & Truck Show in conjunction with our monthly breakfast with the addition of lunch. At this time, we are asking for volunteers (Parking, Breakfast and Lunch support, etc). If you are available to help us out, let Belinda Campbell or Earlene Cox know so we can coordinate with the team. Thank you.

Youth interested in attending **TVR camp** this summer June 17th-22nd. \$75 nonrefundable deposits are due by **May 5th**, please make checks payable to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church. Place these checks in the offering plate or give to Gail or Kristi. Please see Kristi or Gail for a form. Forms are due no later than **May 5th** along with the deposit.

Camp Firelight VBS 2024 date is June 13th -15th. See Meredith if you can help or to register your child, grandchild or neighbor. Ages Preschool to 5th grade. 6pm 8pm Thurs and Fri, 9- 12:30 pm Sat.
"Whenever I'm afraid, I put my trust in You." Psalm 56:3

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 13</u> <u>Date: March 31, 2024</u>			
2024 Weekly Needs:	\$3,758.54	YTD Budget Needs:	\$48,861.02
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received	\$4,130.00	YTD Gen. Tithes Received	\$50,352.00
Last week Above needs	\$371.46	YTD Above Needs	\$1,490.98



April 7, 2024

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 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

Stephanie Blackburn; Kristi Drye; Joyce Harkins; Tom Harkins;
Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast;
Megan Youngblood

Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee;
3) Cross of Christ Video – “Who are we?” – prep activities;
4) Prospective pastors see our profile and consider a call here.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Myra Bost; Pastor Gene Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Luke Cranford;
Jane Faggart; Marvin Fincher; Wanda Floyd; David Gandy; David Goforth;
Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Melissa Krumbien; Brandon Lewis;
Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Lettie Reid;
Blake Rogers (Throat cancer); Mickey Rogers; Nick Smith; Susan Starling;
Sally and Phillip Teeter; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison; Jonathan Preston

General Prayers:

Those in Texas fighting and impacted by the fires
Those in Ohio impacted by recent Tornados
Families of those lost in bridge collapse in Baltimore
Extreme humanitarian crisis in Haiti
Families of victims of the terrorist massacre in Moscow

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

Today – April 7, 2024

Executive Council Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Council Meeting	11:00 AM

This Week

MON Soldiers of Christ Practice 7:00 PM

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:11-21

Psalm 4

1 John 3:1-7

St. Luke 24:36-49

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