



# *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 †*

*First Sunday of Advent*  
*November 27, 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      *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*      **LBW 34**

\*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:*

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Stir up you power, O Lord, and come.

**Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

**WOV 630**

*"Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah"* (vs 1)

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 33: 14-16 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>15</sup>In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>16</sup>In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 25: 1-10**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

**<sup>2</sup> O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies exult over me.**

<sup>3</sup> Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame;  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

**<sup>4</sup> Make me to know your ways, O LORD;  
teach me your paths.**

<sup>5</sup> Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you I wait all the day long.

**<sup>6</sup> Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love,  
for they have been from of old.**

<sup>7</sup> Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;  
according to your steadfast love remember me,  
for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

**<sup>8</sup> Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.**

<sup>9</sup> He leads the humble in what is right,  
and teaches the humble his way.

**<sup>10</sup> All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.**

**SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 3: 9-13 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> For what thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, <sup>10</sup> as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? <sup>11</sup> Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, <sup>12</sup> and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, <sup>13</sup> so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Thanks be to God!**

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21<sup>st</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 21: 25-36 (ESV)**

<sup>25</sup> “And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, <sup>26</sup> people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. <sup>27</sup> And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. <sup>28</sup> Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” <sup>29</sup> And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. <sup>30</sup> As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. <sup>31</sup> So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. <sup>32</sup> Truly, I say to you, this generation will

not pass away until all has taken place. <sup>33</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. <sup>34</sup> “But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. <sup>35</sup> For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. <sup>36</sup> But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

This is Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Lo, How A Rose Is Blooming”*

**LBW 58**

\*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

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**

\*SENDING HYMN

*"All Earth Is Hopeful"*

WOV 629

\*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 memory of Clyde Drye Sr by his family.

The congregation is invited to a baby shower for Matt and Kristi Drye on **December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2-4pm** in the Parish Hall. They are registered at Amazon, Target and Walmart.

The **Annual Congregational Christmas Party** will be **December 4<sup>th</sup>** after the worship service. We will also be recognized newly baptized members and new members. Menu is spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert along with door prizes too. Please plan to come out and enjoy the fellowship.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring the Toys for Tots this year. The boxes will be at the back corners of sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys thru Dec. 11th.** Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.

We will be placing poinsettias in the Church Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 25th.** If you would like to order poinsettias they are **\$9 each.** Please place your money in the offering plate marked with how many plants you are purchasing by **December 11th** and give your in honor or memory information to **Meredith Harrison.**

The **2023 Altar flower calendar** has been placed in the mailroom. Please add the person's name and in memory or honor of and reason ei: birthday, anniversary, etc.

## **THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE**

### Planned Practice Schedule

Sunday, November 27	<b>NO PRACTICE</b>
Wednesday, November 30	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 4	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 11	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 – 7:30
Thursday, December 15	6:00 – 8:00 (DRESS REHEARSAL)
Saturday, December 17	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #1)
Sunday, December 18	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #2)



**November 27, 2022**

*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 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... 1 Timothy 2:1*

**In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

Family of Clyde Drye, Sr

Marilyn Barringer; Coy Edgison; John Faggart; Joyce Harkins;  
Candice Horton; Linda Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube;  
John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean; Ronnie Boger;  
LeaAnne Buckwell; Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon;  
Terry Earnhardt; Jane Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart (Brain cancer has returned –  
Surgery recovery); Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr;  
Brady Krimminger; Mary Kunze; Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger;  
Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan;  
Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Jeff Sampson; Susan Starling;  
Connie Walters; Vickey Belk Young

**General Prayer Concerns**

The People of Ukraine

All were impacted by Hurricanes Ian and Nicole

**Praise List:**

- Brian Seagraves – appreciates the prayers and well wishes during his recovery from the accident.

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



## **Today – November 27, 2022**

Sunday Church School  
Holy Communion Service

9:00 AM  
10:00 AM

### **NEXT SUNDAY**

8:30AM	Executive Council
9:00 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM	Family Worship Service
11:00 AM	Church Council Meeting

### **Next Sunday's Readings**

*Second Sunday of Advent*

Micah 3: 1-7  
Psalm 66: 1-12  
St Luke 3: 1-20

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