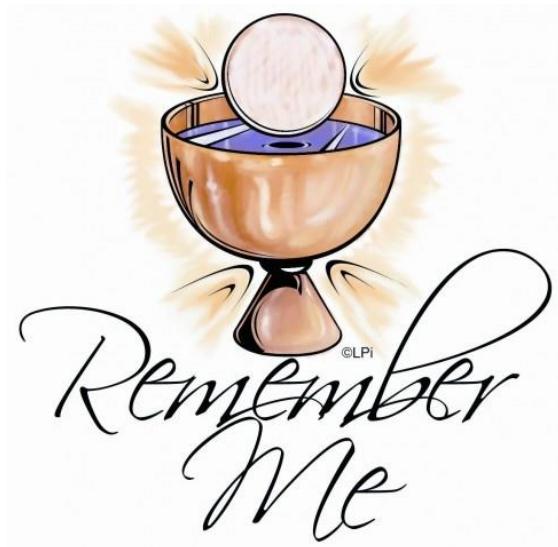


Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Reformation Sunday
October 30, 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 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" LBW 229

*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 to God"

C Glory 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 Glory 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.

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 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.

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,

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, gracious Lord,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep us steadfast
in your Word, protect and comfort us in all temptations, defend us
against all our enemies, and bestow on your Church your saving peace;
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: REVELATION 14: 6-7 (ESV)

6 Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people. 7 And he said with a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come, and worship him who made heaven and earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 46

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,**
3 though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

**4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**

5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
 God will help her when morning dawns.

**6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.**

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**8 Come, behold the works of the Lord,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.**

9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.

**10 “Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth!”**

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 3: 19-28 (ESV)

19 Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. **20** For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.**21** But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—**22** the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:**23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**24** and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,**25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.**26** It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**27** Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith.**28** For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical notation consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a red 'C' and the lyrics 'Al - le lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?'. The second staff continues with 'Al - le - lu - ia. You have the words of e - ter - nal life.'. The third staff concludes with 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Matthew 12: 1-14 (ESV)

At that time Jesus went through the grainfields on the Sabbath. His disciples were hungry, and they began to pluck heads of grain and to eat.² But when the Pharisees saw it, they said to him, “Look, your disciples are doing what is not lawful to do on the Sabbath.”³ He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he was hungry, and those who were with him:⁴ how he entered the house of God and ate the bread of the Presence, which it was not lawful for him to eat nor for those who were with him, but only for the priests?⁵ Or have you not read in the Law how on the Sabbath the priests in the temple profane the Sabbath and are guiltless?⁶ I tell you, something greater than the temple is here.⁷ And if you had known what this means, ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice,’ you would not have condemned the guiltless.⁸ For the Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath.”⁹ He went on from there and entered their synagogue.¹⁰ And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him.¹¹ He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out?¹² Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.”¹³ Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other.¹⁴ But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“The Church's One Foundation”

LBW 369

*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

C 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.

*EUCCHARISTIC 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 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

*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"

C 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 Dixie and Holden Preston's birthday by Sharon Duncan.

NEXT, SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5, CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.

The **Outreach Committee** would like to thank everyone that helped make this years Trunk or Treat a success.

Church Council meets NEXT Sunday after congregational meeting.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings

The **First** congregational nominating meeting to be held on **Nov. 6, 2022** before service. The **Second** Congregational meeting to be held on **Nov.13, 2022** following service. If you have questions, please visit with a member of the Church Council. May God continue to bless us at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church! -Your Church Council

CSI Youth 22nd Annual BBQ will be **November 12th** from 3-7pm. Please check your mailbox for pre-order forms. We will be cooking Boston butts over hickory coals and we will have Joey Barriers famous Brunswick Stew. Dine in or Carry Out. We need your help! Sign up in the mailroom to make a homemade dessert for our BBQ! Best sellers: brownies, whole iced cakes, cookies, and pies!

BLOOD DRIVE: November 20, 2022 11AM till 3:30 PM with One Blood. All donations will be on the Big Red Bus. Masks are required. Please eat lots of iron enriched foods. See Jodie Strube to schedule your appointment.

THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE

Planned Practice Schedule

Sunday, October 30 4:00 – 5:30

Wednesday, November 2 6:00 – 7:30

Sunday, November 6 4:00 – 5:30

Wednesday, November 9 6:00 – 7:30

Sunday, November 13 4:00 – 5:30

Wednesday, November 16 6:00 – 7:30

Sunday, November 20 4:00 – 5:30

Wednesday, November 23 6:00 – 7:30

Sunday, November 27 **NO PRACTICE**

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)



October 30, 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... 1Timothy 2:1

In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ

Family of Geneva Gray

Family of Sylvia Loggans

Ronnie Barrier (recovering from abdominal surgery); Marilyn Barringer;

Coy Edgison; John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton;

Doris & Frank Kluttz; Sylvia Loggans; Richard Strube;

John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Theescha Proctor (Cousin of Phyllis Campbell and Earlene Cox)

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean (Knee replacement surgery scheduled for 1/31/2023); Ronnie Boger;

LeaAnne Buckwell (additional testing confirmed cancer is back on chest, hipbone & liver); Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger; Mary Kunze (Friend of Niki Sveko – Breast cancer radiation treatments daily); Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger;

Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker;

Ronnie Procter; Jeff Sampson (Co-worker of Belinda Campbell – Stage 4 pancreatic cancer with other organ impacts); Brian Seagraves;

Susan Starling; Baby Geneva Amanda Sverko and Mom Chyna; Connie Walters; Vickie Belk Young

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine

All impacted by Hurricane Ian

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Praise List

Joanne Barrier – appreciates the prayers offered recently by the congregation.

Joyce W. Pless – appreciates the prayers offered by the church during her recent procedure.

Sharon Blackwelder Measmer – appreciates all the prayers during her surgery and recovery.

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

Today October 30, 2022

Reformation Sunday

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Play Practice	4-5:30 PM

This Week

WED 6-7:30 PM Play Practice

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

All Saints' Sunday

Revelation 7: 9-17

Psalm 149

1 John 3: 1-3

St Matthew 5: 1-12