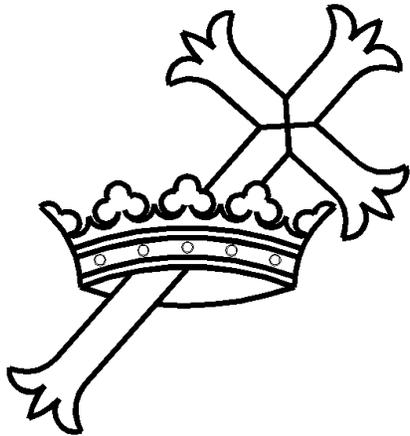


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost  
August 21, 2022*

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & 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 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.

Amen

\*OPENING HYMN     ***“Beautiful Savior”***     **LBW 518**

\*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. Gracious Father,  
**your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord.**  
Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: ISAIAH 66: 18-23** (ESV)

"For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup>"For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from

Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD.

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

**PSALM 50: 1-15**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to its setting.

**<sup>2</sup> Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,  
God shines forth.**

<sup>3</sup> Our God comes; he does not keep silence; before him is a  
devouring fire, around him a mighty tempest.

**<sup>4</sup> He calls to the heavens above  
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:**

<sup>5</sup> "Gather to me my faithful ones,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!"

**<sup>6</sup> The heavens declare his righteousness,  
for God himself is judge!**

<sup>7</sup> "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.  
I am God, your God.

**<sup>8</sup> Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;  
your burnt offerings are continually before me.**

<sup>9</sup> I will not accept a bull from your house  
or goats from your folds.

**<sup>10</sup> For every beast of the forest is mine,  
the cattle on a thousand hills.**

<sup>11</sup> I know all the birds of the hills,  
and all that moves in the field is mine.

**<sup>12</sup> "If I were hungry, I would not tell you,  
for the world and its fullness are mine.**

<sup>13</sup> Do I eat the flesh of bulls  
or drink the blood of goats?

**<sup>14</sup> Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
and perform your vows to the Most High,**

<sup>15</sup> and call upon me in the day of trouble;  
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me."

**SECOND READING: Hebrews 12: 4-24 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? “My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.” <sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it. <sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears. <sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned.” <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.” <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, 13<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Luke 13: 22-30 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup>He went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, “Lord, will those who are saved be few?” And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>“Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then he will answer you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.’ <sup>27</sup>But he will say, ‘I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!’ <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

SERMON

LARRY BARBEE

\* SERMON HYMN      *“O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing”*      **LBW 559**

\*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

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord almighty order our days and our deeds in peace.

Amen

\*SENDING HYMN "Here I Am, Lord" WOV 752

\*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 Joann Barrier's birthday by Rusty and Rhonda Drye.

We would like to thank Larry Barbee for leading our service today.

**BLOOD DRIVE is TODAY from 11AM till 3:00 PM with One Blood.**  
Appointments are still available. Help Save A Life Today!!

It's almost time for the **Women's Retreat! September 30-October 2.** If you'd like to attend, please let Gail or Kristi know by **September 4th.** Cost is **\$50** for church members, **\$150 for nonmembers.**

Mark your calendars: **Youth Sunday** will be **September 11th.**

Mark your calendars: **November 12th** is the 22nd Annual Youth BBQ. More details to come. If you would like to help, please let Gail or Kristi know.



**August 21, 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**

Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; Melvin Bost; Leonard Campbell;  
Phyllis Campbell (Recovery from COVID); John Faggart;  
Geneva Gray (Atrium Northeast – Recovery from an infection and COVID);  
Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Sylvia Loggan;  
John & Linda Trull; Dot West

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Mary Cox (Grandmother of Kenly Strube – 8/26/2022 Ovarian cancer surgery);  
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) – Transitioned to Home for continued  
recovery from COVID); Vickey Belk Young (Shoulder replacement surgery on  
8/18 – asking for a successful surgery and healing)

**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

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

**Today – August 21, 2022**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

Proverbs 25: 2-10

Psalm 131

Hebrews 13: 1-17

St. Luke 14: 1-14

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