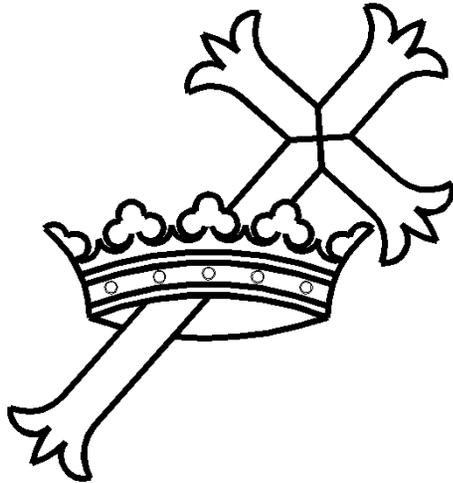


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!
In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Third Sunday Of Easter
May 1, 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 *“Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds”* **LBW 143**

*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



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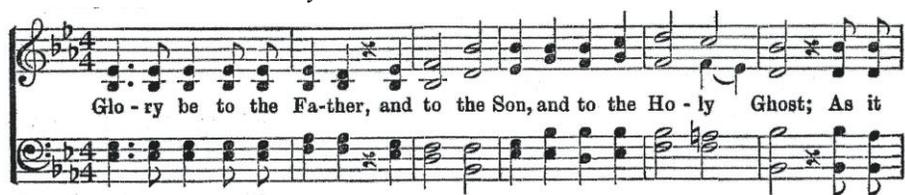


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Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

*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. Holy God,

by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; 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: Acts 9: 1-22 (ESV)

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he

might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."¹¹ And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem.¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel.¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;¹⁹ and taking food, he was strengthened. For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus.²⁰ And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."²¹ And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?"²² But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 30**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**2 O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.**

**3 O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

**4 Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

**5 For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

**6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”**

**7 By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

**8 To you, O LORD, I cry,
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**

**9 “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?**

**10 Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!
O LORD, be my helper!”**

**11 You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;
you have loosed my sackcloth
and clothed me with gladness,**

**12 that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 5: 8-14 (ESV)

8 And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. **9** And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation,^{**10**} and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.” **11** Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, **12** saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” **13** And I heard every

creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!” **14** And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 21st chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 21: 1-19 (ESV)**

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. **2** Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. **3** Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. **4** Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. **5** Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” **6** He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. **7** That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. **8** The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off. **9** When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. **10** Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” **11** So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net

ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead. ¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ He said to him a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹ (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“Lord Guide Me Ever”

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*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



bles - sing. 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 *“Crown Him With Many Crowns”* **LBW 170**

*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 in celebration of the nuptials shared by Alison Webb and Dillon Little at their wedding yesterday, April 30. May God bless them as they begin their journey together as husband and wife.

This month along with our monthly **BREAKFAST Fundraiser** on **May 21st**, we are having our **2nd CAR SHOW**. We will have our normal delicious breakfast from **7 – 10 a.m.** and lunch from **11am – 1 p.m.** Lunch will be Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers and Hot Dogs with all the trimmings, with tea and desserts. Monetary donations for the upcoming Car Show on May 21st can be placed in the offering plate as you leave the service today. Also, if you are able to volunteer let Belinda Campbell or Earlene Cox know and we can get you in touch with a member of the taskforce. Donations of door prizes are needed also. Come out and enjoy some delicious food and while you are there, browse some old, new, classic cars, trucks and hopefully some motorcycles. Thank you, in advance, for your help.

BLOOD DRIVE: May 22, 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.

ATTENTION: High School and College Graduates:

It's that time of year again. If you are graduating from High School or College this spring, please submit your information to Meredith. **Graduates will be recognized Sunday, May 29th during service.**

The **Rite of Confirmation** will be held on **Pentecost Sunday, June 5th.**



May 1, 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

Kay Barbee; Marilyn Barringer; Kevin Blackburn; John Faggart; Wayne Furr; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff (in Hospice Care); Brady Krimming; Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty (Granddaughter of Keith & Cathy Smith – Lives in Oklahoma – Experiencing increased seizure activity and duration); Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Susan Starling; Connie Walters

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine

Cross of Christ Shut-In

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

Today – May 1, 2022

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday Of Easter

Acts 20: 17-35

Psalm 23

Revelation 7: 9-17

St. John 10: 22-30

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