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

Christ The King Sunday
November 23, 2025

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

PRELUDE

OUR ACCOMPANIST MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: 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.

C: Amen

P: 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.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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

P: 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.

C: Amen

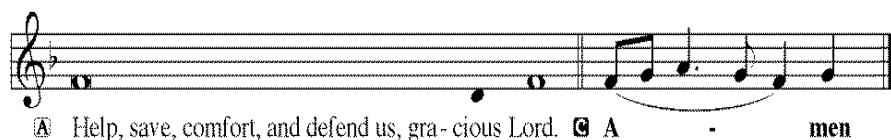
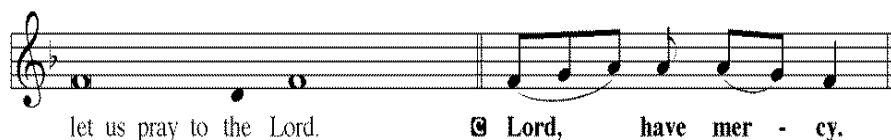
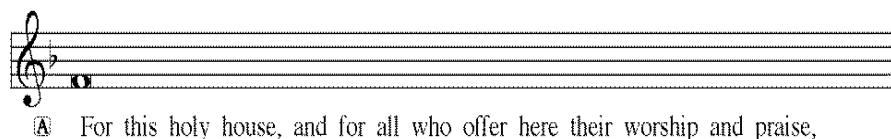
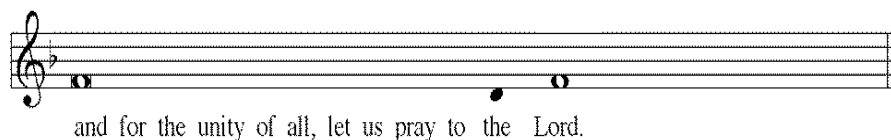
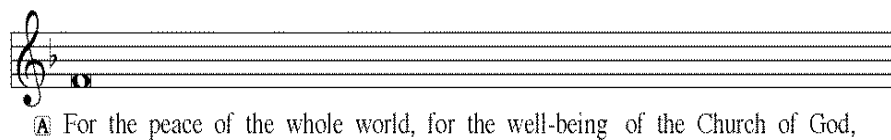
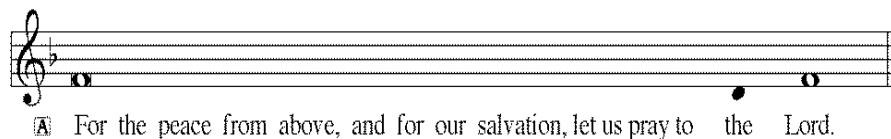
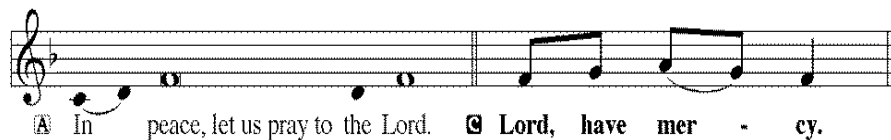
* OPENING HYMN ***“Crown Him With Many Crowns”*** LBW 170

*APOSTOLIC GREETING

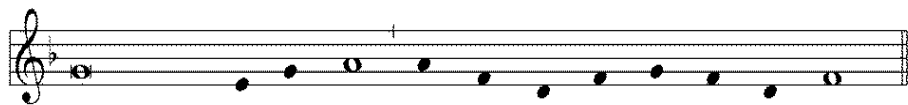
P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

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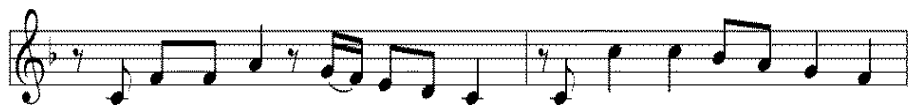
*HYMN OF PRAISE: "*Glory to God*"



♩ Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



♩ 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.



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.



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

***SALUTATION**



***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Almighty and everlasting God, you have crowned your Son as King and, by him, will renew your whole creation. May the families of the earth now torn apart and yoked by sin find liberty in him and be subjected to his gentle rule. Grant this, we pray, through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE FROM PASTOR RAMEY

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Malachi 3: 13-18 (ESV)

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’”¹⁶ Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 46:1–11 (ESV)

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 give 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: Colossians 1: 13-20 (ESV)

¹³ He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶ For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The Word of God for the people of God!

C: Thanks be to God!

***Gospel Acclamation**

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

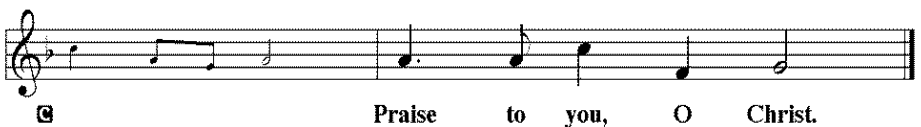
P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 23rd chapter.



***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. LUKE 23: 24-43 (ESV)**

²⁴ So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. ²⁵ He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will. ²⁶ And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸ But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For behold, the days are coming when they will say, ‘Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ ³¹ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³² Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³ And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴ And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵ And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” ³⁶ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷ and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸ There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹ One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹ And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴² And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³ And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

P: This is Gospel of our Lord.



*SERMON HYMN "O, Worship The King" LBW 548

Vs 1-4

*NICENE CREED

**C: 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



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right spir -
it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

***PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

C. 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**

P: 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.

C: Amen

***SENDING HYMN “Now Thank We All Our God” LBW 534**

***DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

***POSTLUDE**

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory John Paul Deese by the Larry Barbee Family.

The new **Christ the King Chancel Banner** is given to the Glory of God, in memory and honor of the Pless families by Jerry and Joyce Pless.

December Newsletter Articles are due **TODAY**.

Church Chrismon decorating: Friday 11/28 we need strength to get the tree inside at 4:30pm. Then Saturday 11/29 at 2pm to help decorate and make our church beautiful for the best time of the year!

Family pictures in front of the Christmas tree will begin next Sunday, **November 30th**. If you'd like to have your photo taken, please meet at the front of the sanctuary immediately after worship. Photos will also be taken on **December 7th** and **December 14th**.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring **Toys for Tots** Our church will collect toys through **Dec. 7th**. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. Thank you for your generosity.

Please see **Suzanne Bost** for all **new** and **reoccurring** parish hall rentals/events for **2026**. Thank you!

The **2026 Flower Calendar** has been placed in the mail room. Please mark any dates that you would like for flowers. The cost is still **\$64** for both vases. If a date you would like is already taken, talk with the person who signed up and split that Sunday. **One vase is \$32**.

If you have any changes to addresses, phone numbers, or email address for the **CCLC 2025 / 2026 Annual Yearbook**, please get those changes to the Historical Comm, Rhonda Drye or Jodie Strube. Committee chairs, event leaders, group leaders please start preparing your year-end summaries. If you have any questions, please contact us.

We will be placing **Poinsettias** in the sanctuary on Sunday, December 21st If you would like to place one or several in honor or in memory of a loved one, please let Meredith know by Sunday, December 7th. The cost this year is \$10. Money should be placed in the offering plate and information about plants should be given to Meredith. Thank you!

Sharing Sheppard's gifts should be brought to church by Monday, December 1st.

November Stewardship Awareness

What is Generosity? What are the biblical beliefs and values that shape your understanding of money, possessions, giving and stewardship. Refer to your Bible. The Widow's Offering ~ Mark 12:41-44 ESV Generosity is a lifestyle in which, as a demonstration of God's love and grace, we share all that we have and all that we are or ever will become. It involves both attitude and action and enhances the well-being of the receiver. Generosity flows from hearts that have been transformed as they conform their lives to Jesus Christ, who is generous. The Holy Spirit activates giving in such a way that the giver overflows with joy as they give liberally and abundantly of their time, talents, treasure and witness to the mission of Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, as the psalmist says, you open your hand and satisfy the thirst and hunger of every living thing. We give and are filled with joy at all the generous blessings of grace and provisions you daily provide us. Holy Spirit, open our hearts to the indescribable joy of giving, stir us to see giving generously as a heavenly investment which can be used now to help our neighbor and build up Christ's Church, and empower us to give abundantly, sacrificially, and joyfully as God's chosen priesthood. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.



November 23, 2025

We ask that you always have an individual's permission before requesting their name be added to our Prayer List. Please send prayer list request additions or changes to prayercclc@gmail.com by Tuesday 5PM.

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

Tim Aldridge (Hip surgery recovery); Walker Drye (Recovery from left leg injury); Roy Gray; Dorothy Goodman; Harry Goodman; Norman Goodman; Amy Preston; John Trull; Linda Trull.
Call Process prayer requests: 1) Cross of Christ Church; 2) Call Committee; 3) Prospective pastors see our profile/video and consider a call here.

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Arnold Cranford (Grandfather of Dylan Ennis)
J.D. Almond; Pastor Charles Barrier; Deena Bost; Pastor Gene Bost; Myra Bost; LeaAnn Buckwell; Pastor Randall Cauble; Pastor Tom Corbell; Luke Cranford; Ed Duncan; Vicky Floyd; April Funderburke (Friend of Susan Caudle – diagnosed with cancer); David Gandy; Marty Gandy; David Goforth; Lee Goforth; Barbara Hamilton; Annette Heller; Candice Horton; Greg Houston; Jimmy Howard; Melissa Krumbien; Gerry Litzinger; Susie Moore; Karen Morgan; Hank Morris; Daniel Pless; Lettie Reid; Blake Rogers; Jacob Rodgers; Nick Smith; Susan Starling; Veronica Williams; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Fairbanks, Alaska)

General Prayer Concerns:

Rimer Fire Department
All those traveling for Thanksgiving

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

Today November 23, 2025

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

This Week

MON: 7 – 8:30 PM Soldiers of the Cross of Christ Practice

THURS: *Happy Thanksgiving!*

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

First Sunday Of Advent

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm 122: 1-9

Romans 13: 8-14

St. Matthew 24: 36-44

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