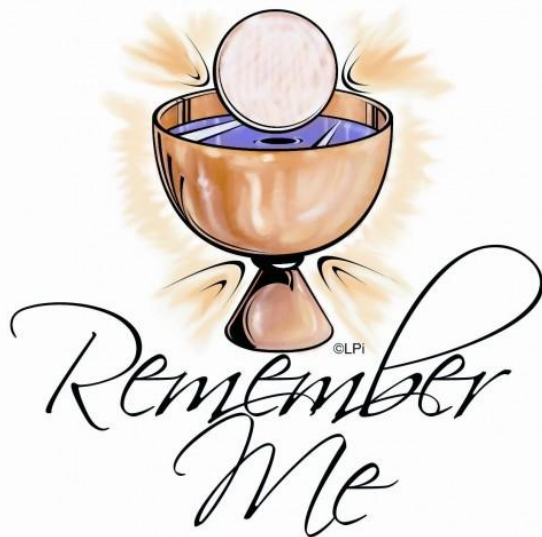


Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Reformation Sunday
October 31, 2021

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

* PROCESSIONAL 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"

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.

Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al - migh-t-y God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 8th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St John 8: 31-36 (ESV)**

³¹To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” ³³They answered him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?” ³⁴Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Sermon Text: Romans 6: 1-11 (Luther’s Translation)

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid! We who died to sin, how shall we any longer live therein? Or are ye ignorant that all we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried, therefore, with him through baptism into death: that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Knowing this, (that our old man was crucified with him, that the body of sin might be done away), that so – we should no longer be in bondage to sin. But if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. Knowing that Christ – being raised from the dead – dieth no more; death no more hath dominion over him. For the death that he died, he died unto sin

once: but the life that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Even so, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

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

OFFERING 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.

*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.

***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.

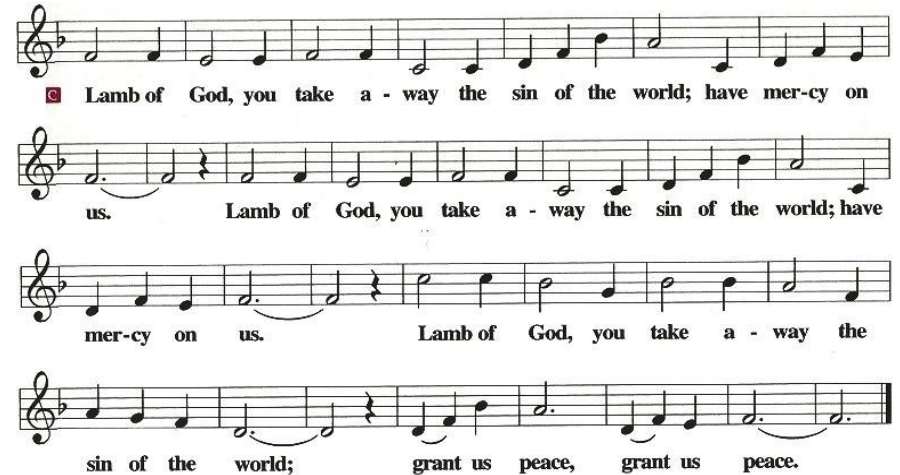
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 709 & 740

***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"

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, SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7, CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meeting

The **First** congregational nominating meeting to be held on **Nov. 7, 2021** before service.

Persons not eligible for nomination are: Cathy Weast, Elizabeth Webb, Jodie Strube, Doug Bell, Melvin Bost, Earlene Cox, Sharon Duncan, Wayne Furr.

The **Second** Congregational meeting to be held on **Nov.14, 2021** following service.

Congregation Meeting Agenda: Election of Council Members, Approval of 2022 Budget, and Referendum on 2021 NALC Convocation Actions.

Blood Drive with One Blood date is **November 7th**. Drive will be held in Parish Hall. Please eat iron enriched foods to build your iron up. CDC guidelines will be observed. You will need to wear a mask. Thank you for your much needed donation that will help 3 patients.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
21st Annual Youth Group Bar-B-Q
Old Fashioned Hickory Coal Cooked BBQ!

Date: November 13, 2021

Time: 3:00pm - 7:00pm

Place: Cross of Christ Lutheran Church 4500 Rimer Rd, Concord, NC 28025

ALL ORDERS FOR WHOLE MEATS MUST BE PLACED AND

PAID IN FULL BY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 7th, 2021

Order Blanks will be in mailboxes

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring a **food drive** for the **Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry** thru the months of October/November. Place your donations on pulpit side down front. Please remember not everyone knows where their next meal is coming from.

The Food Ministry has specific needs at this time. They are as follows:

2 lb flour (both plain and self rising); 2lb sugar; 2lb cornmeal

Canned Vegetables (**NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS please**):

carrots, sweat peas, mixed vegetables, greens, potatoes, etc.

Soups (**NO TOMATO please**): cream of mushroom, cream of celery, chicken noodle, etc.

Canned Meats: chicken, tuna, stew beef

Peanut Butter and Jellies
Canned Fruit (**NO PEARS please**)

Other Items needed:

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Small Dish Soap, Bath soap, Small clothes washing liquid

They are still in need of these items: salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings (ranch, 1000 island, honey mustard, etc), cooking oil, cake mixes and icings, cooking spices (Italian seasoning, garlic salt, onion powder, cinnamon, paprika, chili powder), Duke and Hellman mayonnaise.

Food Lion gift cards to buy the perishable items. Cards can be given to Jodie.

Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry.



October 31, 2021

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

Kay Barbee; Kevin Blackburn (Lower extremity angioplasty done 10/22 for a blood clot and severe varicose veins and diagnosed with severe psoriatic arthritis that has significantly affected all joints that is being treated with chemotherapy treatments); John Faggart; Harry Goodman (Hernia surgery on November 1); Candice Horton; Frances Kanipe; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Kristi Leonard; Marie Pless; Katelyn Strube; John Trull

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan); Will Drye

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of The Rev. Brent Collins and the congregation of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Little Mountain, SC
Family of Ole Moe (Father of Ed Sverko)
Shelby Childress; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart;
Wanda Floyd (Mother of Cathy Weast – Shut In Health Issues); Joyce Furr;
Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; AJ Jorsey;
Brady Krimminger; Ensley Morgan; Diane Parker (and Husband Steve) – battling Leukemia; Connie Walters (Sister of Cathy Weast – Heart issues)

General Prayer Concerns

Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

Today October 31, 2021
Reformation Sunday

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

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings
All Saints' Sunday



Revelation 7: 9-17
Psalm 149
1 John 3: 1-3
St Matthew 5: 1-12