
Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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A NALC Congregation



Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

July 9, 2023

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 ***“I Love Your Kingdom, Lord”*** **LBW 368**

*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*”

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "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.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, our defender,

storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: Zechariah 9: 9-12 (ESV)

⁹ Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰ I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹ As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹² Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 145: 1-14 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

I will extol you, my God and King,

and bless your name forever and ever.

² **Every day I will bless you**

and praise your name forever and ever.

³ Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

⁴ **One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

⁵ On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

⁶ **They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

⁸ **The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

⁹ The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.

¹⁰ **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!**

¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,

¹² **to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

[The Lord is faithful in all his words
and kind in all his works.]

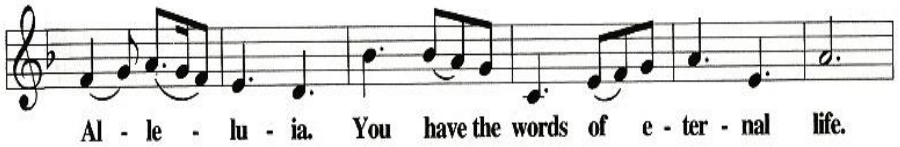
¹⁴**The Lord upholds all who are falling
and raises up all who are bowed down.**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7: 14-25A (ESV)

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵ For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶ Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷ So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸ For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹ For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰ Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹ So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²² For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³ but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴ Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵ Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 11th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 11: 25-30 (ESV)**

At that time Jesus declared, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

*SERMON HYMN *“I Am Trusting You Lord Jesus”* **LBW 460**

***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

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

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

LBW 551

*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 the birthday of Caleb Campbell by Leonard and Belinda Campbell.

Blood Drive is **TODAY** after service. Appointments available after 12:30. Our next blood drive is **November 12th**.

Meet and Greet with Pen Pals. Both youth groups will be going to the **Coltrane Life Center** on **Wednesday, July 19th** to have a party with their pen pals. Please let your leader know if you can go.

Youth Sunday Is July 30th.

Weekly Offering Report For: <u>Week No: 27</u> <u>Date: July 2, 2023</u>			
2023 Weekly Needs: \$3,674.98		YTD Budget Needs: \$99,224.46	
<u>Last Week</u>			
General Tithes Received \$2,600.00		YTD Gen. Tithes Received \$96,727.00	
Last week (Deficit) (\$1,074.98)		YTD (Deficit) (\$2,497.46)	



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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

John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz;
Carl Pless; Carson Seagraves; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast;
Rand Yost.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; David Buckland;
LeaAnne Buckwell; Delores Carpenter; Mary Cox;
Steve & Angie Dixon; Alisa Erts; Jane Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart;
Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Alley Handy; Brandon Lewis;
Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Ensley Morgan; Karen Morgan; Steve Parker;
Ronnie Procter; Lettie Reid, Susan Starling; Connie Walters;
Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young

Serving in the Military

Jonathan Preston

General Prayer Concerns

Praise List:

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

Today - July 9, 2023

Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Family Worship Service	10:00 AM
Blood Drive	11:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Isaiah 40: 19-23

Psalm 65: 1-13

Romans 8: 12-17

St. Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

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