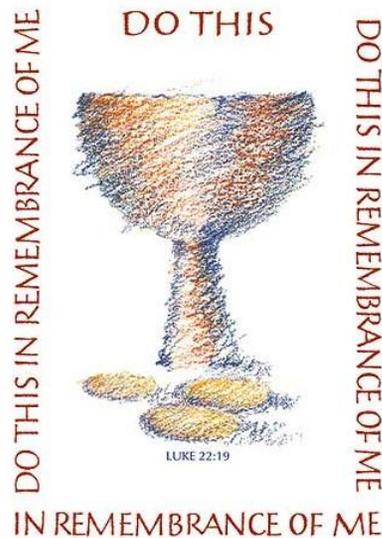


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 3, 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

* OPENING HYMN

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

LBW 343

*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"



C 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.



I 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.



C Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



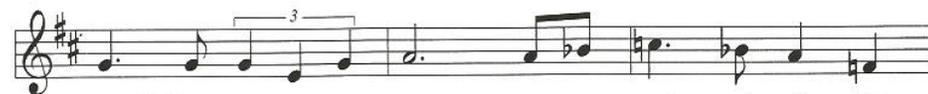
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



II 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.



C 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.



I 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.



C 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. God of love,

you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: GENESIS 2: 18-25 (ESV)

¹⁸Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” ¹⁹Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 128 READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!

²**You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;
you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.**

³Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
around your table.

⁴**Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
who fears the LORD.**

⁵The LORD bless you from Zion!
May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life!

⁶**May you see your children's children!
Peace be upon Israel!**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2: 1-13 (ESV)

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. ²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a

just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ⁵For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, “What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet.” Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, “I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise.” ¹³And again, “I will put my trust in him.” And again, “Behold, I and the children God has given me.”

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Mark 10: 2-16 (ESV)**

² And Pharisees came up and in order to test him asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” ³ He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” ⁴ They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away.” ⁵ And Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶ But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ⁷ ‘Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸ and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹ What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” ¹⁰ And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹ And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹² and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” ¹³ And they were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them. ¹⁴ But when Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁵ Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” ¹⁶ And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds”

LBW 370

*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**

GIVING 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.

***EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & 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 HOLY 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.

***POST COMMUNION 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 "On Our Way Rejoicing" LBW 260**

***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 memory of Mary Thomas by Larry Barbee and family.

Council Meeting is after Worship Service today.

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.

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.

Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry.

A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – October 16th

Our monthly fund-raising meals will be a **Country Breakfast Saturday, October 16th from 7:00AM until 11:00AM**. Come enjoy the meal and invite others to join you!

Donations will go towards the Facilities Improvement Fund

Blood Drive with One Blood. Rescheduled date is **November 7th**. If you had scheduled for previous drive and would like the same times contact Jodie Strube and she will schedule appointment for you. You will need to wear a mask. Thank you for your much needed donation that will help 3 patients.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meeting

The **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be on **Sunday, November 14** with council elections preceding the worship service and the meeting to follow. A report from the Nominating Committee and any nominations from the floor will be received following the worship service on **Sunday, November 7**. According to our Constitution one must be an active member of the congregation and present at the meeting in order to vote. An agenda for November 14 will be published prior to the meeting.



October 3, 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; John Faggart; Candice Horton; Frances Kanipe; Doris Kluttz;
Frank Kluttz; Kristi Leonard; Marie Pless (Hospice Care);
Katelyn Strube; John Trull

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Eaven will be TDY (temporary duty assignment) to Osan AFB, Seoul, South Korea for the month of October as part of a joint training exercise. Jayci and the girls will be at home in Okinawa. Your prayers for them are appreciated!); Will Drye

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Ivory Holland (Mother of Leslie Seagraves)
Steve Cagle; Shelby Childress (Recuperating at Home);
Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff;
Tommy and Eva Harrel; AJ Jorsey; Brady Krimminger (Nephew of Jodie Strube – Diagnosed with Lymphoma – Care plan being planned);
Ole Moe; Ensley Morgan; Diane Parker

General Prayer Concerns

Prayers for those in our County recovering from COVID.

Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

Today – October 3, 2021

Executive Council Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Church Council Meeting	11:00 AM

NEXT SUNDAY

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Amos 5: 6-7, 1-15
 Psalm 90: 12-17
 Hebrews 3: 12-19
 St. Mark 10: 17-22

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