



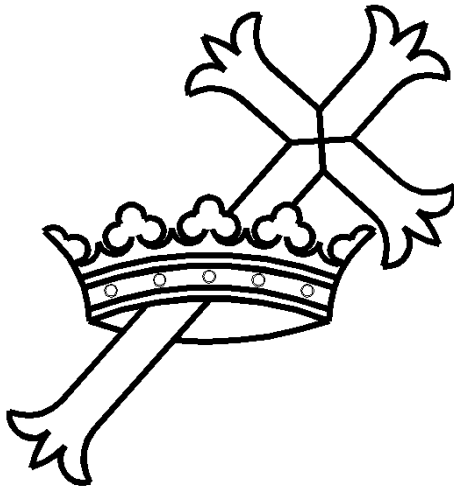
# *Cross of Christ Lutheran Church*

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A NALC Congregation



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

**Third Sunday After Pentecost**  
**June 18, 2023**

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MRS. YVONNE YOST

TEMPLE TALK

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 us, forgive us all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

\* OPENING HYMN

*“God Of Our Fathers”*

**LBW 567**

\*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"

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.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has 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 written below the vocal line. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Lord of all nations,

**you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: EXODUS 19: 2-8 (ESV)**

<sup>2</sup>They set out from Rephidim and came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, <sup>3</sup>while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: <sup>4</sup>'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. <sup>5</sup>Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my

covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; <sup>6</sup> and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.” <sup>7</sup> So Moses came and called the elders of the people and set before them all these words that the LORD had commanded him. <sup>8</sup> All the people answered together and said, “All that the LORD has spoken we will do.” And Moses reported the words of the people to the LORD.

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

**PSALM 100** **READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

<sup>2</sup> **Serve the LORD with gladness!**

**Come into his presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

<sup>4</sup> **Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**SECOND READING: ROMANS 5: 6-15 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— <sup>8</sup> but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. <sup>9</sup> Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. <sup>10</sup> For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more,

now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. <sup>11</sup> More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation. <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men<sup>all</sup> because all sinned— <sup>13</sup> for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. <sup>14</sup> Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. <sup>15</sup> But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many.

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. Matthew, the 9th chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8-20 (ESV)**

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. <sup>36</sup> When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup> Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup> therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” <sup>8</sup> Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay. <sup>9</sup> Acquire no gold or silver or copper for your belts, <sup>10</sup> no bag for your journey, or two tunics or sandals or a staff, for the laborer deserves his food. <sup>11</sup> And whatever town or village you enter, find out who is worthy in it and stay there until you depart. <sup>12</sup> As you enter the house, greet it. <sup>13</sup> And if the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. <sup>14</sup> And if anyone will not receive you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet when you leave that house or town. <sup>15</sup> Truly, I say to you, it will be more bearable on the day of judgment for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah than for that town. <sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. <sup>17</sup> Beware of men, for they will deliver you over to courts and flog you in their synagogues, <sup>18</sup> and you will be dragged before governors and kings for my sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles. <sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour. <sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

LARRY BARBEE

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Faith Of Our Fathers”*

**LBW 500**

**\*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



bles - 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

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Lord almighty order our days and our deeds in peace.

**Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN     *“Let All Things Now Living”*     **LBW 557**

\*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 honor of Larry and Sharon Barbee's 39<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

We would like to thank Larry Barbee for leading our service today.

**July** Newsletter Articles are Due **TODAY**.

Our youth will be leaving the church **tomorrow at 8:00 am** for **TVR** camp. Please keep them and their leaders in your thoughts and prayers. May our Lord bless them with an enlightening experience.

**8 Youth:** Delana Drye, Shelbie Bost, Kaylee Barbee, Kate Hemann, Lilly Steele, Nate Smedburg, Caydee and Mason Holder.

**2 Leaders:** Gail Leonard, and Kristi Drye.

**Community Outreach** is asking for donations for Mt. Pleasant Food Pantry for the Sundays of **6.18 – 7.9**. The needs are as follows: Tomato soup, Canned Pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, etc), Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Pancake mix and syrup. Thank you for providing for those in need.

The **PBnJ Youth** Group painted **Prayer Rocks** at their June meeting. They have been placed inside and outside of the church. If you find one, you can do one of two things, pick it and say a little prayer for someone and place it back where you found it or keep it and see Meredith for the prayer that goes along with it. Happy Hunting!

Hello Gardeners and Canners!! Don't forget the upcoming **Fall Bazaar** - Can some extra and donate to sell. If you have excess produce - let us know we have canners who will can it for the Bazaar. Keep creating crafts too. Can't wait to see what we have coming up. Thanks everyone.



**June 18, 2023**

*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**

Family of Bob Yost

Earlene Cox (continuing recovery at Home); John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Doris & Frank Kluttz; Carl Pless; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Rand Yost (GI testing on Friday).

**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 (Friend of Kristi Drye – Pancreatic cancer diagnosis received); 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; Susan Starling; Connie Walters; Candace Yates; Vickey Belk Young

**General Prayer Concerns**

**Praise List:**

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

**Today – June 18, 2023**

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

**Monday**

8:00 AM Youth leave for TVR

**Saturday**

Youth return from TVR

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Fourth Sunday After Pentecost*

Jeremiah 20: 7-13

Psalm 91: 12-23

Romans 6: 12-23

St Matthew 10: 5a, 21-33

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