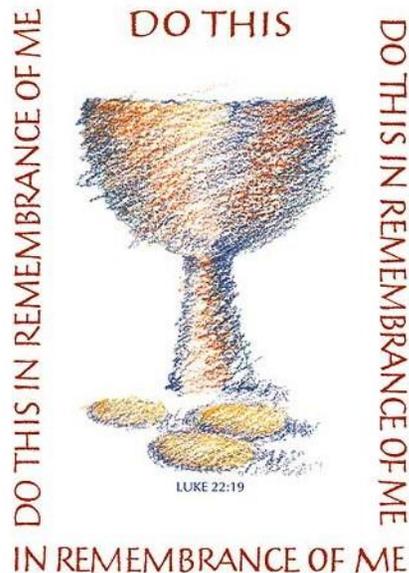


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*All Saints Sunday
November 6, 2022*

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

"For All The Saints"

LBW 174

Vs. 1-4

*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 - migh - ty 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,
II 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. Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one Holy Church, the Body of Christ our Lord:

Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; 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 7: 9-17 (ESV)

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

PSALM 149 READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!
²Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
³Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!
⁴**For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;**
he adorns the humble with salvation.
⁵Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
⁶**Let the high praises of God be in their throats**
and two-edged swords in their hands,
⁷to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,
⁸**to bind their kings with chains**
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

⁹to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the LORD!

SECOND READING: 1 JOHN 3: 1-3 (ESV)

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

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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 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Matthew 5: 1-12 (ESV)**

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN *“I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry”* **WOV 770**

* Affirmation of Baptism

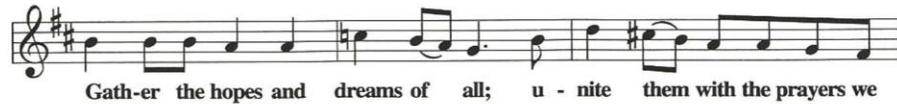
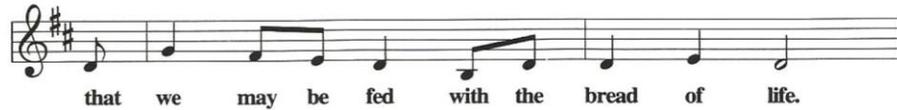
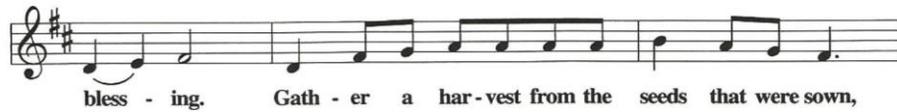
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Jude McGowan son of Sean and Heather Aldridge McGowan

*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*THE OFFERTORY



*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.

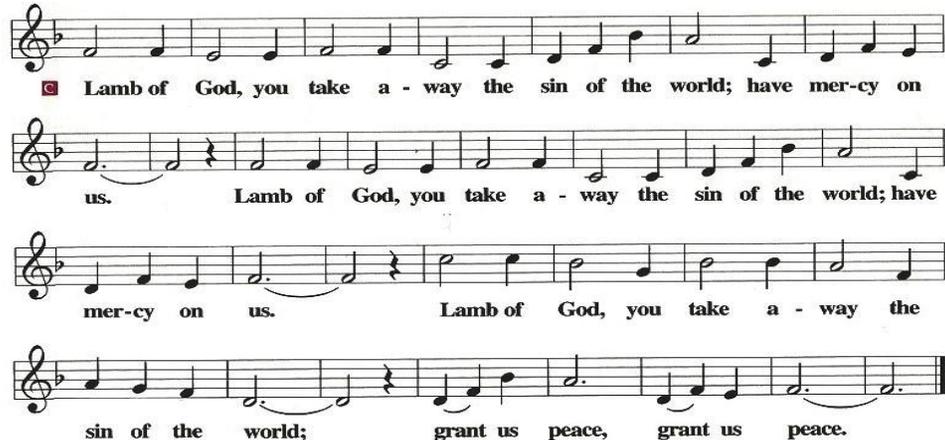
***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.

COMMUNION HYMNS

WOV 740 & 709

***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

"Immortal Invisible"

LBW 526

*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE

(* *Please stand as you are able*)

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On **All Saints Sunday**, we celebrate the eternal hope we have in Christ and remember with thanksgiving: Frances Kanipe, Marie Pless, Albert Weast, Geneva Gray and Sylvia Loggans.

The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Alma Blackwelder's birthday by Ann & Mary Catherine, Joe, Ann Safrit & Cabot Grew.

The **Piano Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in celebration of Jude McGowan's baptism by his grandparents Tim and Kim Aldridge and Joel and Lissa McGowan.

Council Meeting is after Congregational meeting today.

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church Annual Congregation Meetings

The **First** congregational nominating meeting is today **Nov. 6, 2022** before service.

The **Second** Congregational meeting to be held on **Nov.13, 2022** following service.

The **PBnJ** Youth Group will meet **Friday**, November 11th at 10:00 a.m.

CSI Youth 22nd Annual BBQ this Saturday **November 12th** from **3-7pm**. We will be cooking Boston butts over hickory coals and we will have Joey Barriers famous Brunswick Stew. Dine in or Carry Out. We need your help! Sign up in the mailroom to make a homemade dessert for our BBQ! Best sellers: brownies, whole iced cakes, cookies, and pies!

We will be placing poinsettias in the Church Sanctuary on **Sunday, December 25th**. If you would like to order poinsettias they are **\$9 each**. Please place your money in the offering plate marked with how many plants you are purchasing by **December 11th** and give your in honor or memory information to **Meredith Harrison**.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring the Toys for Tots this year. The boxes will be at the back corners of sanctuary. New, unwrapped toys for all ages are needed. **Our church will collect toys thru Dec. 11th**. Just think of the smiles on the children's faces this Christmas morning. Thank you for your generosity.



THE LITTLE DRUMMER DUDE

Planned Practice Schedule

Sunday, November 6	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, November 9	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, November 13	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, November 16	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, November 20	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, November 23	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, November 27	NO PRACTICE
Wednesday, November 30	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 4	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 7	6:00 – 7:30
Sunday, December 11	4:00 – 5:30
Wednesday, December 14	6:00 – 7:30
Thursday, December 15	6:00 – 8:00 (DRESS REHEARSAL)
Saturday, December 17	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #1)
Sunday, December 18	7:00 (PERFORMANCE #2)

November 6, 2022

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 Geneva Gray

Family of Sylvia Loggans

Ronnie Barrier (recovering from abdominal surgery); Marilyn Barringer; Coy Edgison; John Faggart; Joyce Harkins; Candice Horton; Linda Horton (upcoming surgery and recovery); Doris & Frank Kluttz; Richard Strube; John & Linda Trull; Dot Weast; Bob Yost

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Theescha Proctor (Cousin of Phyllis Campbell and Earlene Cox)
Veronica Barber and family and fiancée Jeff; Bettie Bean; Ronnie Boger; LeaAnne Buckwell (additional testing confirmed cancer is back on chest, hip bone & liver); Mary Cox; Steve & Angie Dixon; Terry Earnhardt (Friend of Susan Caudle – Recent cancer diagnose); Jane Faggart; Wanda Floyd; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Brady Krimminger; Mary Kunze (Friend of Niki Sveko – Last scheduled Breast cancer radiation treatment on 10/28; follow-up time to be determined, prayers appreciated for no signs of cancer confirmation); Brandon Lewis; Kaye and Gerry Litzinger; Doris McCarn; Gabby Monty; Ensley Morgan; Dianne and Steve Parker; Ronnie Procter; Jeff Sampson; Brian Seagraves; Susan Starling; Baby Geneva Amanda Sverko and Mom Chyna; Connie Walters; Vickey Belk Young

General Prayer Concerns

The People of Ukraine
All impacted by Hurricane Ian

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

Today – November 6, 2022

All Saints Sunday

Executive Council Meeting	8:30 AM
Sunday Church School	9:00 AM
Holy Communion Service	10:00 AM
Congregational Meeting	After Service
Church Council Meeting	11:00 AM
Play Practice	4-5:30 PM

This Week

WED 6-7:30 PM Play Practice
FRI 10-NOON PBNJ meeting
SAT **3-7 PM** Youth BBQ

NEXT SUNDAY

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes
10:00 AM Family Worship Service
11:00 AM Congregational Meeting
4-5:30 PM Play Practice

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Malachi 4: 1-6

Psalm 98

2 Thessalonians 3: 1-13

St. Luke 21: 5-28

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