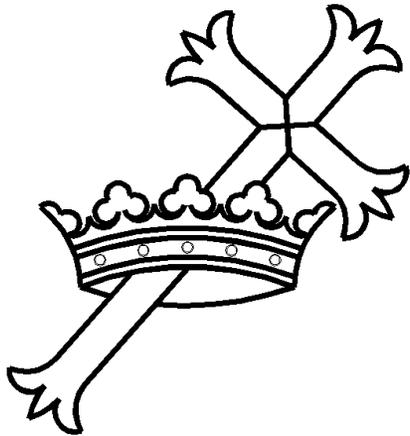


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
August 11, 2019*

PRELUDE

MRS. YVONNE YOST

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS (WOV pg. 10)

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 "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" LBW 320

*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.

*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God,
pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15: 1-6 (ESV)

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."² But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"³ And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir."⁴ And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir."⁵ And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be."⁶ And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

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

PSALM 33: 12-22

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

- ¹² Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD,
the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!
¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven;
he sees all the children of man;**
¹⁴ from where he sits enthroned he looks out
on all the inhabitants of the earth,
¹⁵ **he who fashions the hearts of them all
and observes all their deeds.**
¹⁶ The king is not saved by his great army;
a warrior is not delivered by his great strength.
¹⁷ **The war horse is a false hope for salvation,
and by its great might it cannot rescue.**
¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is on those who fear him,
on those who hope in his steadfast love,
¹⁹ **that he may deliver their soul from death
and keep them alive in famine.**
²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD;
he is our help and our shield.
²¹ **For our heart is glad in him,
because we trust in his holy name.**
²² Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us,
even as we hope in you.

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 11: 1-16 (ESV)

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.² For by it the people of old received their commendation.³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.⁵ By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must

believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith. ⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore. ¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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. Luke, the 12th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 12: 22-40 (ESV)**

²² And he said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷ Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸ But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried. ³⁰ For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you. ³² “Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ³⁵ “Stay dressed for action^[d] and keep your lamps burning, ³⁶ and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! ³⁹ But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

LARRY BARBEE

* SERMON HYMN **“Softly And Tenderly Jesus Is Calling”** **WOV 734**

*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
 blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
 that we may be fed with the bread of life.
 Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we
 offer now. Grace our table with your presence, 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 "My Hope Is Built" LBW 294

*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 Corbin Ennis's first birthday by his parents Dylan and Ashleigh Ennis.

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

All Sexton Bids are due to **Rusty Drye** by **September 1**, before council meeting at 8 AM (new date to have bids submitted.)

A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – Aug. 17

The next monthly fund-raising meals of a **Country Breakfast is Saturday, Aug 17 from 7:00AM until 11:00AM.** Come enjoy the meal and invite others to join you! A free will offering will be received with all receipts going to Parish Hall Debt Elimination.

Bible Journaling with Craft His Love is on **September 7th, 10 AM to 2 PM.** \$20 per person covers class, materials to use and kit. Please bring a Bible or notebook to journal in. Open to middle school and up. Please see Kristi to sign up.

Women's Retreat at TVR is October 4-6, leaving in church on the afternoon of the 4th. \$50 deposit is due by September 22nd. Open to women 18 and up. Please see Kristi or Gail to sign up.

HELP WANTED!

We are in need of Sunday School teachers for the upcoming year at Cross of Christ. Specifically needed are volunteers willing to restart a class for very young children (toddlers) and people to share teaching duties for an older adult class. These positions may be shared if you and a friend (or friends) would like to work together! Please give these opportunities prayerful consideration and if you are interested, please see Heather Bell, Rusty Drye or Pastor Allison.

2019 weekly needs:	\$3,690.12
Last weeks General tithes	\$4,307.00
Above needs	\$616.88

YTD Budget needs	\$118,083.84
YTD General Tithes Received	\$104,390.80
YTD Deficit	(\$13,693.04)

WEEKLY PARISH HALL BALANCE

Beginning Balance - July 31 2019	\$72,455.90
Payment to Principal - From General Checking to Parish Hall Debt	(\$10,863.05)
Parish Hall Loan Amount as of August 7, 2019	\$61,592.85



August 11, 2019

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 Coodinator 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

Darrell Barrier; Alisha Blackburn; Stephanie Blackburn; Chris Bost; Coy Edgison; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Carl Pless; Frances Pless.

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison; Will Drye

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of Leo Butler and his Mother Michelle Thomas (Friends of Tom, Joyce and Brandy – 2 year old boy was hit by a car and passed away from his injuries)
Renae Aycock; Cameron Barnes; Julie Carr; Courtney Colton; Katie Consbruck; Mark Drye; JB Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart; Adian Fontanta; Ralph Furr; Lisa Griffin; Ivory Holland; Beth Lomax (Niece of Sylvia Kluttz – Recovery at home from a Horse accident); Arya McDermott; Johnny Moore; Ensley Morgan; Reba Shafer; Ada Jo Shell; James and Frances Shue; Ritchie Thomas; Beverly and Lewis Williams.

General Prayer Concerns

Family and Friends of all those impacted by the shootings in El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio

Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Rina Moss; George Pless, Sr. (Hospice care); Mildred Watson

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

Today – August 11, 2019

Sunday Church School	9:45 AM
Family Worship Service	11:00 AM
Men's Choir Practice	4:30 PM
Choir Practice	5:00 PM

This Week

MON: 7:00 PM Scouts
7:00 PM Soldiers of the
Cross of Christ practice

Sat: 7-11 AM Breakfast Fundraiser

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 AM Sunday Church School Classes
11:00 AM Family Worship Service
3:30 PM PBnJ Meeting
4:30 PM Men's Choir Practice
5:00 PM Choir Practice

Next Sunday's Readings

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



Jeremiah 23: 16-29

Psalm 119: 81-88

Hebrews 11: 17-31; 12: 1-3

St. Luke 12: 49-56

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