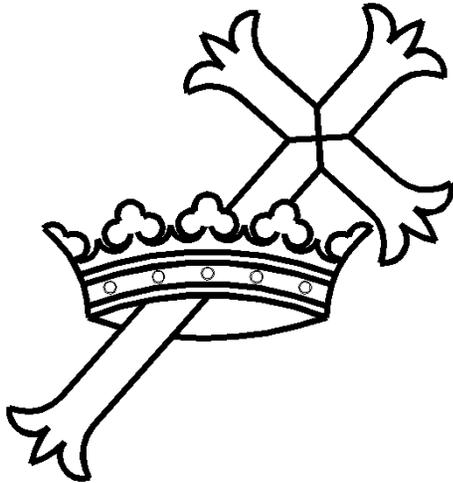


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 10, 2021*

OUR ACCOMPANIST

MR. LEONARD CAMPBELL

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 To Tell The Story"*

**LBW 390**

\*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. Our Lord Jesus,  
**You have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: Amos 5: 6-7, 10-15 (ESV)**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD and live, lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,<sup>7</sup>O you who turn justice to wormwood and cast down righteousness to the earth! <sup>10</sup>They hate him who reproves in the gate, and they abhor him who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and you exact taxes of grain from him, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and turn aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time, for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the LORD, the God of hosts, will be with you, as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate

evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the LORD, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

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

**PSALM 90: 12-17 (ESV)**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

- <sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.  
<sup>13</sup>**Return, O LORD! How long?**  
**Have pity on your servants!**  
<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.  
<sup>15</sup>**Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,**  
**and for as many years as we have seen evil.**  
<sup>16</sup>Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.  
<sup>17</sup>**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,**  
**and establish the work of our hands upon us;**  
**yes, establish the work of our hands!**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 3: 12-19 (ESV)**

<sup>12</sup>Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. <sup>13</sup>But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called "today," that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. <sup>14</sup>For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. <sup>15</sup>As it is said, "Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." <sup>16</sup>For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses? <sup>17</sup>And with whom was he provoked for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? <sup>18</sup>And to whom did he swear that they would not enter his rest, but to those who were disobedient? <sup>19</sup>So we see that they were unable to enter because of unbelief.

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 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Mark 10: 17-22 (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” <sup>18</sup> And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: ‘Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.’” <sup>20</sup> And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth.” <sup>21</sup> And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” <sup>22</sup> Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

This is Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFF ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Praise To The Father”*

LBW 517

\*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.

\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH





**October 10, 2021**

*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; 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 Ada Jo Shell (Aunt of Belinda Campbell and Barbara Seagraves)

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;

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, cards, or email along with your prayers.**

**Today October 10, 2021**

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

***This Week***

**SAT: 7-11** Breakfast Fundraiser

**NEXT SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes  
10:00 AM Family Worship Service  
3:30 PM PBnJ & CSI Youth Meeting

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*



Ecclesiastes 5: 10-20  
Psalm 119: 9-16  
Hebrews 4: 1-13  
St Mark 10: 23-31

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