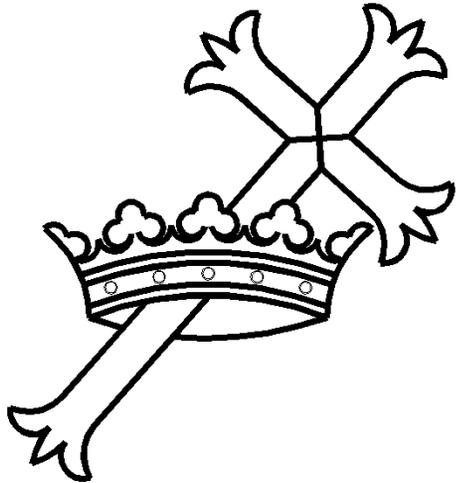


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost
November 11, 2018*

PRELUDE

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

"Eternal Father, Strong To Save"

LBW 467

*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. Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people,
**to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may
enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: 1KINGS 17: 8-16 (ESV)

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹"Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." ¹²And she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." ¹³And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.'" ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he

and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 146

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul!

² **I will praise the LORD as long as I live;**

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

³ Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

⁴ **When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.**

⁵ Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the LORD his God,

⁶ **who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them,
who keeps faith forever;**

⁷ who executes justice for the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free;

⁸ **the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are
bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous.**

⁹ The LORD watches over the sojourners; he upholds the widow and
the fatherless, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰ **The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations.
Praise the LORD!**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 9: 24-28 (ESV)

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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 12th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

*THE HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 12: 38-44 (ESV)

³⁸ And in his teaching he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹ and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰ who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” ⁴¹ And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN *“The Church's One Foundation”* LBW 369

*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**

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND OURSELVES

*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

*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

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 ***"Battle Hymn Of The Republic"*** **LBW 332**

*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 John Paul Deese by Larry and Sharon Barbee.

2018 Annual Congregation Meeting, Sunday November 11 immediately following the Worship Service. In order to vote you must have received Holy Communion and given a contribution of record to the ministry of the congregation during the last year. A **Special Offering for Funeral Flowers** will be taken at today's meeting.

Nominees for the Council are:

Joe Barrier, Kevin Blackburn, Leonard Campbell, Cayle Drye, Robin Drye, Donnie Gandy, Joyce Harkins, and Wayne Peck. Robin Drye, Leonard Campbell, and Joe Barrier are currently serving due to resignations of previous members. We will elect five new council members with four serving three year terms and the fifth highest vote-getter will serve the remaining two year term of a resignation.

2018 Benevolence Task Force Report. In order to provide us with the opportunity to work together towards a common goal with our congregational giving, the Church Council earlier this year unanimously passed the Annualized Benevolence Mission Plan and formed the Benevolence Task Force to receive input and make recommendations to council. As part of the budgetary process, Task Force Chair, Wayne Furr made those recommendations to the council and they were unanimously adopted as part of our 2019 proposed Budget/Mission Plan. For 2019 our overall giving target (expressed as a percentage of general giving) is 10% (a tithe). Our congregational tithe is to be dispersed as follows:
North American Lutheran Church - 25% (of the 10%)
Carolina's Mission District (NALC) - 25% (of the 10%)
Mount Pleasant Bible Teacher - 20% (of the 10%)
Cooperative Christian Ministry - 20% (of the 10%)
My Father's House - 10% (of the 10%)

A benevolence task force will be formed each year by the council to review and receive input concerning our mission partners and percentages and these may be adjusted annually. Members are still free to support any charities they so desire on an individual basis, however, "pass-through's" via the congregation's financial system will no longer be processed. The goal is to have a unified Mission Plan we can all support and work together each year to achieve. Please visit with a member of the Benevolence Task Force or Council if you have further questions.

Sexton Bids for 2019 are due to Council President **Rusty Drye** prior to the Executive Committee meeting (6:30pm) on Sunday, December 2. Individual bids will be received for: Main Church Building, Administrative Building, Parish Hall, Church and Parsonage Grounds. Bids should be placed in a sealed envelope. If anyone would like to review the duties/expectations of the sextons please visit with Rusty before making your bid.

A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – November 17

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

Newsletter Articles are due Next Sunday.

Again this year at Cross of Christ we will be displaying **Poinsettias** in our sanctuary for Christmas. They will be on display December 23rd. If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary in memory or in honor of a loved one, cost is \$9.00 Please see Meredith Harrison. **Orders due by December 16th.**



November 11, 2018

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

Matt Bost; Chuck Drye; Coy Edgison;

Wayne Furr (Sudden Nerve Damage Hearing Loss in Right Ear);

Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Andrew Lyerly; Elizabeth Webb

Serving in the Military

Will Drye (Stationed in Japan)

Friends of Cross of Christ

Family of The Reverend Homer Edgar Fry (Former Pastor of CCLC from 1964 – 1971)

Bill Bishop (Friend of Fred Sinz – Stroke); Lawrence Campbell (Baptist Hospital); Julie

Carr; Lannie Cruse, Jr.; Madison Drye; JB Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart;

Adian Fontanta; Mary Fudge; Mary Paula Keith (Barbara Seagraves and Belinda

Campbells Aunt – CMC Pineville – Unknown Infection); Ensley Morgan (Scotty

Seagraves co-workers Granddaughter – 15 month old who had brain surgery on 10/16

for Chiari Malformation); Joanna Penisson (Friend of Meredith Harrison – Breast

cancer); Reba Shafer; Giles Tucker (John Harrison's Grandfather – Hospice House);

Linda White; Beverly and Lewis Williams; LuAnn Wilmont.

General Prayer Concerns

Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Rina Moss; George Pless, Sr.; Mildred Watson

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

Today – November 11, 2018

Sunday Church School	9:45 AM
Family Worship Service	11:00 AM
Annual Congregational Meeting	NOON
Choir Practice	5:00 PM
NO PLAY PRACTICE	

This Week

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

WED: 6:30-8:00 PM Play Practice

NEXT SUNDAY

9:45 AM	Sunday Church School Classes
11:00 AM	Family Worship Service
5-6:00 PM	Play Practice
5:00 PM	Choir Practice

Next Sunday's Readings

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Daniel 12: 1-3

Psalm 16

Hebrews 10:11-25

St. Mark 13:1-13



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