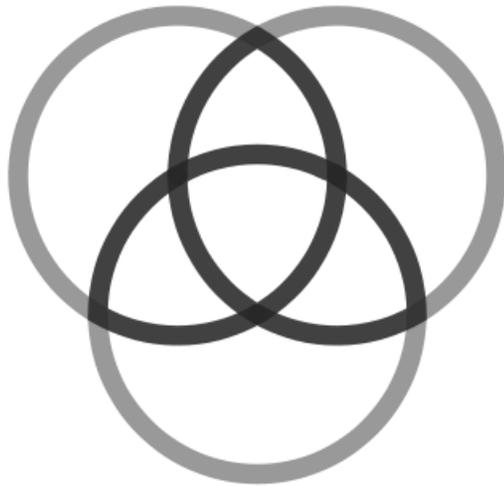


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*The Rev. Rafe Allison, Pastor*



*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*The Holy Trinity  
May 30, 2021*

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

**"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

**LBW 165**

\*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.**

\*KYRIE

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

A Chri - ste e - le - i - son: C Christ, have mer - cy.  
 Christ, . . . have mer - cy:

A Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son: C Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Lord, . . . have mer - cy:

\*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. Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ:

**Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 6:1-8 (ESV)**

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" <sup>4</sup>And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" <sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." <sup>8</sup>And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

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

**PSALM 29 (ESV)**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,  
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

<sup>2</sup> **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
 worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.**

<sup>3</sup> The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders,  
 the LORD, over many waters.

<sup>4</sup> **The voice of the LORD is powerful;  
 the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.**

<sup>5</sup> The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;  
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

<sup>6</sup> **He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,  
 and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

<sup>7</sup> The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.

<sup>8</sup> **The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;  
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

<sup>9</sup> The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth  
 and strips the forests bare, and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

<sup>10</sup> **The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;  
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.**

<sup>11</sup> May the LORD give strength to his people!  
May the LORD bless his people with peace!

**SECOND READING: Acts 2:14a, 22-36 (ESV)**

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: “Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. <sup>22</sup>“Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know <sup>23</sup> this Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of lawless men. <sup>24</sup> God raised him up, loosing the pangs of death, because it was not possible for him to be held by it. <sup>25</sup> For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand that I may not be shaken; <sup>26</sup> therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; my flesh also will dwell in hope. <sup>27</sup> For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One see corruption. <sup>28</sup> You have made known to me the paths of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’ <sup>29</sup> “Brothers, I may say to you with confidence about the patriarch David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. <sup>30</sup> Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants on his throne, <sup>31</sup> he foresaw and spoke about the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. <sup>32</sup> This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. <sup>33</sup> Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing. <sup>34</sup> For David did not ascend into the heavens, but he himself says, ‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, <sup>35</sup> until I make your enemies your footstool.’ <sup>36</sup> Let all the house of Israel therefore know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 3rd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. John 3:1-17 (ESV)**

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?” <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. <sup>6</sup> That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*"Take My Life, That I May Be"*

LBW 406

\*NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,**

**the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,**

**the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation**

**he came down from heaven;  
by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again**

**in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,**

**who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

**With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.**

**We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,**

**and the life of the world to come. 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

\*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      **"God Himself Is Present"**      **LBW 249**

\*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 by the congregation.

**"...let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." (Mark 10:14)**

We are excited to announce that on **Sunday, June 6th**, we will finally begin a renewed year of our Children's Church ministry here at Cross of Christ! If you would like to become involved in this ministry, we would love to welcome you to the group! Responsibilities include teaching a provided lesson (with an assistant) during the sermon portion of the service about six times a year (more or less depending upon the number of adults participating as teachers) and sharing the Good News with the smallest lambs of our congregation. If you feel led to join this ministry (as a teacher or assistant) or have questions, please see Heather Bell.

### **HELP WANTED!**

We are in need of Sunday School teachers at Cross of Christ. We are in immediate need of volunteers willing to take over the teaching of the older Adult 1 Sunday School class. This position may be shared if you and a friend (or friends) would like to work together! Please give this opportunity prayerful consideration and if you are interested, please see Heather Bell, Wayne Furr or Pastor Allison.

### **A-Meal-A-Month – June 19th**

Our monthly fund-raising meal is Saturday, **June 19th - Country Breakfast from 7:00AM until 11:00AM**. Donations will go towards the Facilities Improvement Fund.

Totals from May 15<sup>th</sup> breakfast were: 166 served / donated \$1,453.00



**May 30, 2021**

*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... 1 Timothy 2:1*

### **In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

Kay Barbee; Brenda Barrier (Surgical procedure to implant SCS device on 6/2); Megan Blackburn; John Faggart; Candice Horton (5/20/2021 surgery recovery);

Frances Kanipe; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Marie Pless;  
John Trull; Harold Yost

### **Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan); Will Drye

### **Friends of Cross of Christ**

Lamar Barrier (Friend of Carl Pless, Jr – Lymphoma diagnosis); Steve Cagle; Steve & Angie Dixon; JB Faggart; Jane Faggart; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Ivory Holland; AJ Jorsey; Ole Moe; Ensley Morgan; Diane Parker; Derrick Shafer; Beverly and Lewis Williams.

### **General Prayer Concerns**

Our nation, Our community and Our Church

### **Cross of Christ Shut-Ins**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301) – 2 visitors allowed at a time, please call Five Oaks to schedule a visit

### **Praise List**

Geneva Gray is feeling better and appreciates the prayers.

Morgan Eudy has returned to school and is making great strides. She is still unable to participate in sports but is improving daily.

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

**Today – May 30, 2021**

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

**NEXT SUNDAY**

8:30 AM Executive Board Meeting  
9:00 AM Sunday Church School Classes  
10:00 AM Holy Communion Service  
11:00 AM Church Council Meeting

**Next Sunday's Readings**  
*Second Sunday of Pentecost*



Genesis 3: 8-15  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
St Mark 3: 20-35