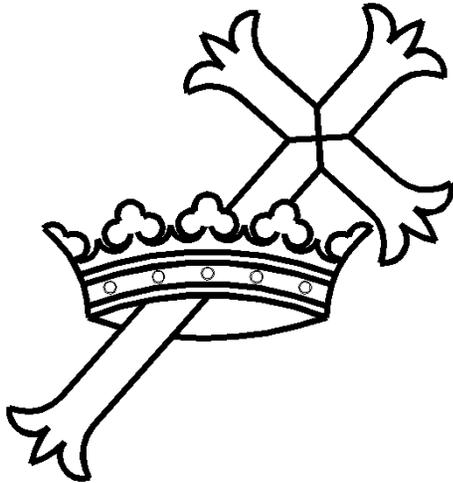


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*  
*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost*  
*September 26, 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

***"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. Lord God,  
**you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

**FIRST READING: Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29 (ESV)**

<sup>4</sup>Now the rabble that was among them had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat!" <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at." <sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. <sup>11</sup>Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all

this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness." <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. <sup>26</sup>Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." <sup>28</sup>And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

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

**PSALM 104: 27-35 (ESV)**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

- <sup>27</sup>These all look to you,  
to give them their food in due season.
- <sup>28</sup>**When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**
- <sup>29</sup>When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.
- <sup>30</sup>**When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the ground.**
- <sup>31</sup>May the glory of the LORD endure forever;  
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
- <sup>32</sup>**who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!**
- <sup>33</sup>I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
- <sup>34</sup>**May my meditation be pleasing to him,  
for I rejoice in the LORD.**

<sup>35</sup> Let sinners be consumed from the earth, and let the wicked be no more! Bless the LORD, O my soul! Praise the LORD!

**Second Reading: James 5:13-20 (ESV)**

<sup>13</sup> Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup> Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup> And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. <sup>17</sup> Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. <sup>18</sup> Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. <sup>19</sup> My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, <sup>20</sup> let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St Mark 9: 38-50 (ESV)**

<sup>38</sup> John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” <sup>39</sup> But Jesus said, “Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be

able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup> For the one who is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup> For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward. <sup>42</sup> “Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup> And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup> ‘where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ <sup>49</sup> For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup> Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE ALLISON

\*SERMON HYMN

*“Take My Life, That I Might Be”*

**LBW 406**

\*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

\*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 "He Leadeth Me" LBW 501

\*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 the Congregation of Cross of Christ by Wes and Elizabeth Webb. We all too often take for granted the people around us and we easily become used to seeing their smiling faces. We assume they will always be at our side. Today, as we remember our son Jacob who is celebrating his 27<sup>th</sup> birthday in heaven, we are overcome with gratitude to you all. In the past four years you have shared with us your faith, hope and love. And for that, we are truly grateful.

**Executive Council Meeting is NEXT Sunday** at 8:30 am; **Council Meeting** is after Worship Service.

The **Outreach Committee** is sponsoring a **food drive** for the **Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry** thru the months of October/November. Place your donations on pulpit side down front.

The Food Ministry has specific needs at this time. They are as follows:

2 lb flour (both plain and self rising)

2lb sugar

2lb cornmeal

Canned Vegetables (**NO CORN OR GREEN BEANS please**):

carrots, sweat peas, mixed vegetables, greens, potatoes, etc.

Soups (**NO TOMATO please**): cream of mushroom, cream of celery, chicken noodle, etc.

Canned Meats: chicken, tuna, stew beef

Peanut Butter and Jellies

Canned Fruit (**NO PEARS please**)

**Other Items needed:**

Toilet Paper, Paper towels, Small Dish Soap, Bath soap, Small clothes washing liquid

**They are still in need of these items:** salt, pepper, ketchup, mustard, salad dressings (ranch, 1000 island, honey mustard, etc), cooking oil, cake mixes and icings, cooking spices (Italian seasoning, garlic salt, onion powder, cinnamon, paprika, chili powder), Duke and Hellman mayonnaise.

**Food Lion gift cards** to buy the perishable items.

**Thank you for supporting this much needed ministry.**

**Blood Drive with One Blood.** Rescheduled date is **November 7th**. If you had scheduled for previous drive and would like the same times contact Jodie Strube and she will schedule appointment for you. You will need to wear a mask. Thank you for your much needed donation that will help 3 patients.



**September 26, 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 (Hospice Care); Katelyn Strube (Velamentous cord pregnancy); John Trull

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan); Will Drye

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Steve Cagle; Shelby Childress (Moved to Elmcroft Rehabilitation in Harrisburg); Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart; Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Ivory Holland; AJ Jorsey; Brady Kriminger (Nephew of Jodie Strube – Diagnosed with Lymphoma – Care plan being planned); Ole Moe (2<sup>nd</sup> surgery); 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)

**Praise List**

Sheila Freeman – Recovering from Gallbladder surgery and no cancer found on Pancreas.

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

**Today September 26, 2021**

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

***This Week***

**FRI-SUN:** Ladies Retreat

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 2: 18-25

Psalm 128

Hebrews 2: 1-13

St Mark 10: 2-16



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