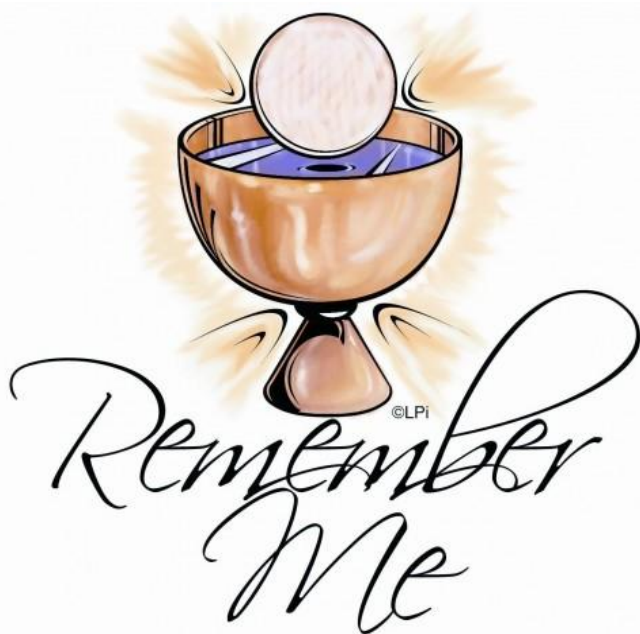


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

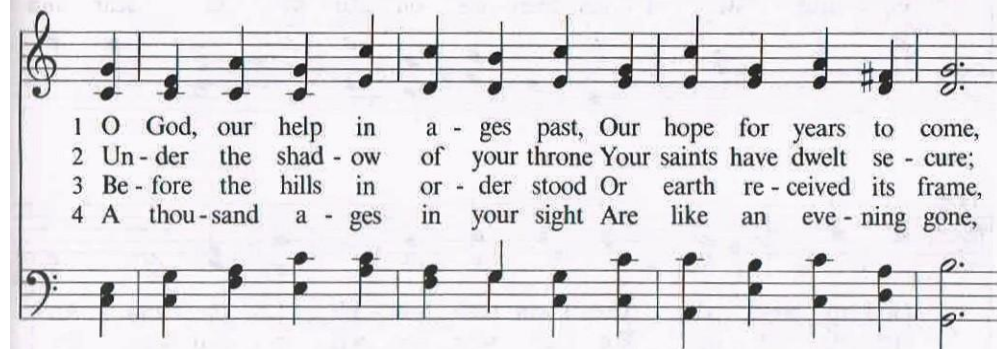
*Fifth Sunday After Epiphany  
February 7, 2021*

OUR ACCOMPANIST

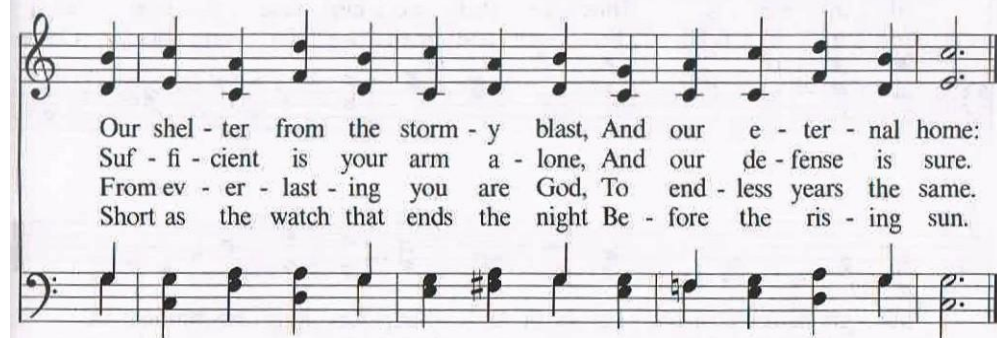
MRS. YVONNE YOST

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,  
2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne Your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood Or earth re - ceived its frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight Are like an eve - ning gone,



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:  
Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, And our de - fense is sure.  
From ev - er - last - ing you are God, To end - less years the same.  
Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream  
Dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come,  
Still be our guard while troubles last  
And our eternal home!

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**

\*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.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God,

**you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen**

**FIRST READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 9: 16-27 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup>For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel. <sup>19</sup>For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings. <sup>24</sup>Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain

it. <sup>25</sup>Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. <sup>26</sup>So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. <sup>27</sup>But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Here ends the reading.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st Chapter

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MARK 1:29-39 (ESV)**

<sup>29</sup>And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. <sup>31</sup>And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. <sup>32</sup>That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered together at the door. <sup>34</sup>And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. <sup>35</sup>And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, <sup>37</sup>and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." <sup>38</sup>And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

PASTOR RAFAE ALLISON

\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

\*HOLY COMMUNION

\*BENEDICTION

\*SENDING HYMN (TURN THE PAGE)

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Harold, Helen and Frankie Faggart by Don Faggart Family.

Council will meet immediately following the 11:00AM Service. Today.



**February 7, 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... 1Timothy 2:1*

**In the Fellowship of Cross of Christ**

Tim Aldridge; Rev. Rafe Allison (Outpatient Knee surgery on 2/8/2021);  
Kay Barbee; Scott Barringer (Back surgery recovery);  
Megan Blackburn (Heart CT on 1/22/2021 for checkup);  
Phyllis Campbell (Knee surgery recovery); John Faggart; Roger Horton  
(Gallbladder surgery recovery); Frances Kanipe; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz;  
Kristi Leonard (Wisdom tooth surgery recovery); Marie Pless; John Trull;  
Dot Weast; Harold Yost (Duke Hospital – Heart Surgery being scheduled)

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison(Okinawa, Japan); Will Drye

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Sherry Baker; Mike & Shawana Byers and their 2 children (Co-worker of Jubal Strube. Shawana remains hospitalized with COVID, Mike is out of work taking care of his wife and two children at home); Steve & Angie Dixon; Morgan Eudy; JB Faggart; Jane Faggart; Joyce Furr (Co-worker of Gail Leonard - trouble with her blood pressure keeps getting really high and she is having severe headaches); Ralph Furr; Carol Goe (Aunt of Stephanie Blackburn - Rehab recovery from COVID); Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Ivory Holland; Patsy Huffman; AJ Jorsey ; Mary Paula Keith; Patti Mitchell (Home recovering from a Stroke); Ensley Morgan; Diane Parker; Angie and Steve Potter; Cindy Ritchie (Friend of Strubes – Home recovering from COVID); Emory Rae Robinson (Friend of Wayne and Julie Peck's Infant daughter – Respiratory issues at birth at Atrium Main); Bob Seagraves; Derrick Shafer (Continuing recovery from accident); Shelbie Snipes; Beverly and Lewis Williams; Pat Winecoff.

**General Prayer Concerns**

Our nation, Our community and Our Church

**Cross of Christ Shut-Ins**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 129)

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

## Praise to the Father

1 Praise to the Fa - ther for his lov - ing - kind - ness, Ten - der - ly  
2 Praise to the Sav - ior for his deep com - pas - sion, Gra - cious - ly  
3 Praise to the Spir - it, com - fort - er of Is - rael, Sent from the

car - ing for his err - ing chil - dren; Praise him, all an - gels;  
car - ing for his cho - sen peo - ple; Young men and wom - en,  
Fa - ther and the Son to bless us! Praise to the Fa - ther,

praise him in the heav - ens; Praise to the Fa - ther!  
ag - ing folk and chil - dren, Praise to the Sav - ior!  
Son, and Ho - ly Spir - it! Praise to the tri - une God!