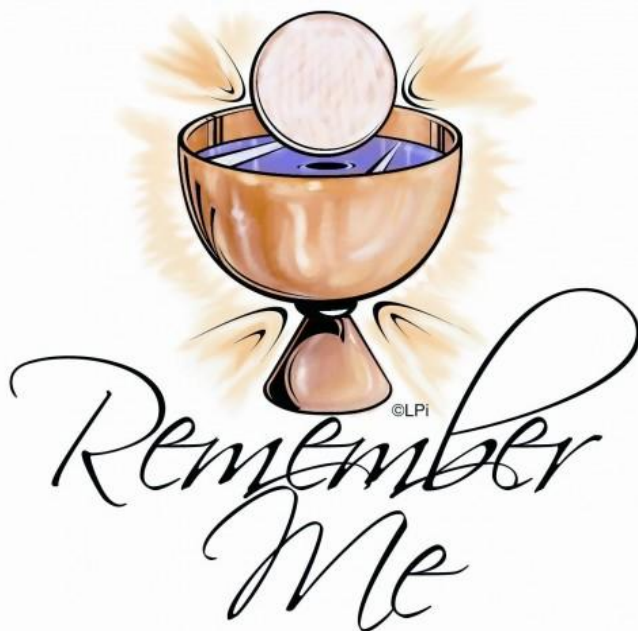


# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost  
October 4, 2020*

PRELUDE

MRS. YVONNE YOST

## Blessed Assurance

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1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!  
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;  
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sa-vior am hap-py and blest,



Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.  
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove e-choes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.  
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa-vior all the day long:



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## 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. 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.**

### READING: Philippians 3: 4b-14 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup>though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup>But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. <sup>8</sup>Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— <sup>10</sup>that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

Here ends the reading.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

### \*THE HOLY GOSPEL: ST. MATTHEW 21: 33-46 (ESV)

<sup>33</sup>“Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. <sup>34</sup>When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. <sup>35</sup>And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup>Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. <sup>37</sup>Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ <sup>38</sup>But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ <sup>39</sup>And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. <sup>40</sup>When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” <sup>41</sup>They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.” <sup>42</sup>Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: “‘The stone that the builders

rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes'? <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. <sup>44</sup> And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.' <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. <sup>46</sup> And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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

SERMON

PASTOR RAFE 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

MRS. YVONNE YOST

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in memory of Mary Thomas by the Larry Barbee family.

### **Yes! The Parish Hall Debt has been Retired!**

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to pay off our Parish Hall Renovation Debt! Plans for a note burning ceremony will be forthcoming. In the meantime, the Facilities Improvement Task Force is working on future projects, at the moment particularly the exhaust hood for the convection ovens in our kitchen. The line item in the Treasurer's Report "Parish Hall Debt Reduction" has been renamed "Facilities Improvement Fund." Please continue your support of *all* our ministries here at Cross of Christ!

The **Outreach Committee** would like to thank the congregation for all the donated supplies for the Mt. Pleasant Food Ministry. We had a total of **807 lbs.:** July 243 lbs, August 358 lbs and September 206 lbs.. Thank you all so much for your generous donations to this food ministry that helps so many in our surrounding area.

You are invited to a "**Drive Thru**" wedding shower for Jubal Strube and Kenly Cox on Saturday, **October 24th, 2PM - 4PM** at Cross of Christ. Due to Covid19, we have chosen to do a "drive thru" shower. You can drive up in your car under the admin drive thru and Jubal and Kenly will come to your car. Or if you like, walk up and visit while wearing a mask please. They are registered at Amazon.com and Walmart.com so if you feel uncomfortable about attending, you may purchase a gift there, if you like, and they will ship directly to them. Our family is blessed to have Kenly join the Strube clan!

The **Outreach Committee** at Cross of Christ is sponsoring a **Blood Drive** on **October 25th 11:45 AM thru 4:30 PM.** This is with One Blood. They will have the mobile bus for donations. All cleaning procedures will be observed per CDC. Only 2 donors on bus giving while 2 are doing prep work. They will also be doing Covid 19 anti-body testing for free. If you don't have access to the internet to register, call Jodie





## PRAY FOR . . .

October 4, 2020

*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

Tim Aldridge (Home recovering from the heart catheterization procedure and working with doctors to investigate a possible circulation issue); Kay Barbee;

Scott Barringer; Megan Blackburn; Stephanie Blackburn;

Chris Bost (Home recovering from the heart catheterization procedure);

John Faggart; Geneva Gray; Tom Harkins (Home recovering from surgery);

Doris Kluttz (Recovering from Hip fracture surgery); Frank Kluttz; Sylvia Loggans;

Rina Moss; Frances Pless; Marie Pless;

Dot Weast (Recovering from a broken arm and fractured knee).

### Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison; Will Drye

### Friends of Cross of Christ

Sherry Baker (Sister of Richard Strube – Breast Cancer diagnosis);

Kelly Caudle (Recovering from a fall that fractured his upper arm, injured the C4 vertebra, and caused a concussion); Steve & Angie Dixon; JB Faggart;

Jane Faggart (Mother of John Faggart - Diagnosed with colon cancer with surgery scheduled for 10/20); Ralph Furr; Marty Gandy; Dave Goff;

Tommy and Eva Harrel; Ivory Holland; Ensley Morgan; Daniel Neubacher (Son-in-Law of Pastor Jeff Faggart – Recovering from a broken neck (3 months in a neck brace) and skin abrasions received in a motorcycle accident);

Diane Parker; Bob Seagraves; Derrick Shafer (Cousin's husband of Tracy Drye - had a very serious ATV accident while checking on something on his farm, he was moved back to ICU due to worsening infection in his leg that requires surgery on

Thursday, Sept 24th - hospital in Lincoln, NE);

Beverly and Lewis Williams; Pat Winecoff.

### General Prayer Concerns

Our nation, Our community and Our Church

### Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Mildred Watson

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

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## I Love to Tell the Story

1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.  
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.

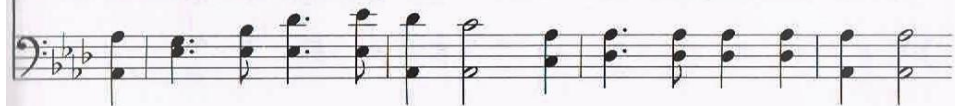
I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

*Refrain*



I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry



And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.

