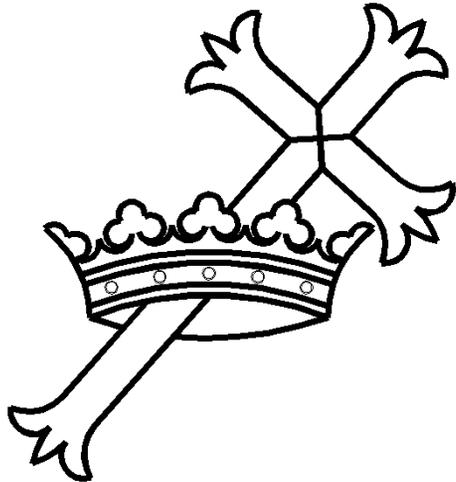


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Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!

In the Cross of Christ I glory †

*Third Sunday Of Pentecost
June 30, 2019*

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

"My Country 'Tis Of Thee"

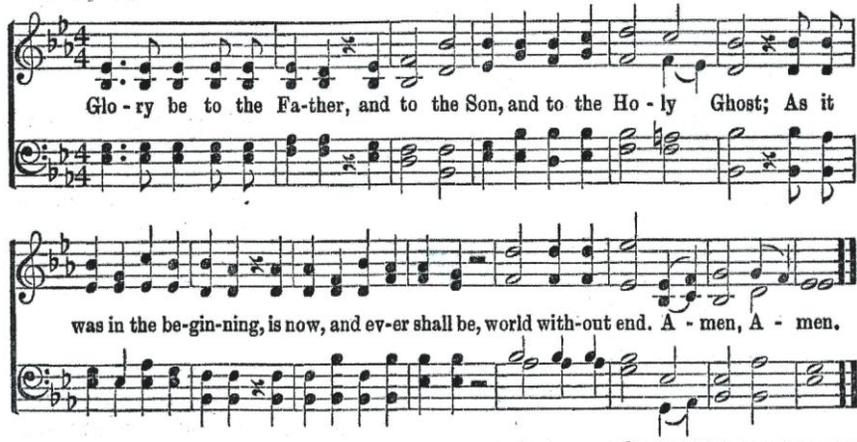
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*APOSTOLIC GREETING

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"



*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Holy God, the strength of those who hope in you,

Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CHILDREN DISMISSED FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

FIRST READING: 1Kings 19: 9b-21 (ESV)

And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹¹And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD." And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. ¹²And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. ¹³And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He said, "I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your

covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." ¹⁵And the LORD said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus. And when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria. ¹⁶And Jehu the son of Nimshi you shall anoint to be king over Israel, and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah you shall anoint to be prophet in your place. ¹⁷And the one who escapes from the sword of Hazael shall Jehu put to death, and the one who escapes from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha put to death. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." ¹⁹So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him. ²⁰And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.

The Word of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God!

PSALM 16 (ESV)

READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

² **I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;**

I have no good apart from you."

³ As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones, in whom is all my delight.

⁴ **The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names on my lips.**

⁵ The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶ **The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.**

⁷ I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸ **I have set the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.**

⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.

¹⁰ **For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption.**

¹¹You make known to me the path of life;
in your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading: Acts 16:1-10

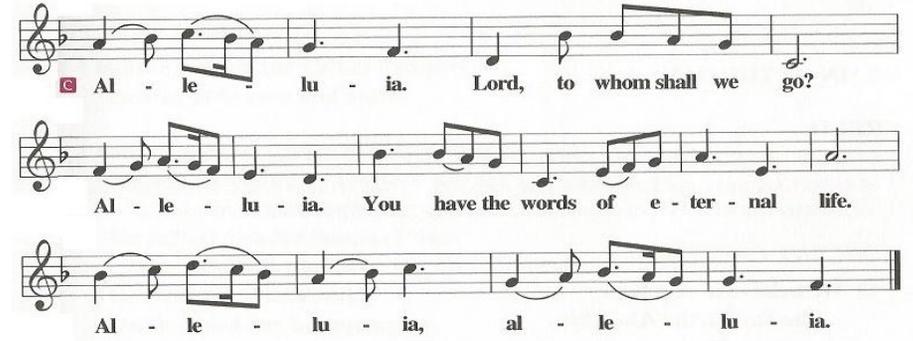
Paul continued on, reaching Derbe and then Lystra where there was a disciple named Timothy, (the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer but his father was a Greek). The Christians in Lystra and Iconium spoke well of him. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him on the journey; so he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, (for they all knew his father was a Greek). As they traveled from city to city they delivered to them the decisions reached by the apostles and elders in Jerusalem for them to observe. And so the churches were strengthened in faith and grew in numbers daily. Paul and his companions traveled through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach the word in the province of Asia. And when they had come to Mysia, they were trying to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them to do so. So they crossed through Mysia and came down to Troas. And during the night a vision appeared to Paul: a man from Macedonia stood there pleading with him, saying: “Come over to Macedonia and help us!” And when Paul had seen the vision we immediately sought a way to cross over to Macedonia, united by the conviction that God had called us to preach the good news to them

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

Paul begins his 2nd Missionary Journey



***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 9th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

***THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9: 51-62 (ESV)**

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him, who went and entered a village of the Samaritans, to make preparations for him. ⁵³But the people did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴And when his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to tell fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶And they went on to another village. ⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, let me first go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰And Jesus said to him, “Leave the dead to bury their own dead. But as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹Yet another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶²Jesus said to him, “No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

PASTOR ALLISON

*SERMON HYMN

“Take My Life And Let It 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

"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 honor of Amanda Faggart and Starr Kluttz birthdays by the Larry Barbee family.

The **PBnJ youth** will meet at **2 PM today** to go play bingo at the Mount Pleasant house. Please let Meredith know if you are going.

VBS is July 7-11, supper served at **5:30pm** and VBS actives 6-8pm. The registration forms are in the mailroom. Once filled out please give to Suzanne Bost.

Cross of Christ Youth Sunday 2018 – July 14th

Our annual celebration of Youth Sunday will be on July 14th this year. Our youth will be leading worship and sharing their experiences from Teen Valley Ranch Summer Camp as well as Cross of Christ VBS (July 7-11). Come enjoy this very special worship service that never fails to highlight the wonderful children and youth of our congregation!

A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – July 20th

Our monthly fund-raising meals will be a Country Breakfast on Saturday, July 20th from 7:00AM until 11:00AM. Come enjoy the meal and invite others to join you! A free will offering will be received with all receipts going to Parish Hall Debt Elimination.

Week 25: 2019 weekly needs: \$3,690.12 YTD Budget needs: \$92,253.00
6.16.19 Last weeks Gen. tithes: \$3,124.00 YTD Gen. Tithes Received: \$79,205.81
(Deficit) (\$566.12) YTD Deficit (\$13,047.19)

Week 26: 2019 weekly needs: \$3,690.12 YTD Budget needs: \$95,943.12
6.23.19 Last weeks Gen. Tithes: \$1,547.00 YTD Gen.Tithes Received: \$80,752.81
(Deficit) (\$2,143.12) YTD Deficit (\$15,190.31)



June 30, 2019

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

Family of Matt Bost

Darrell Barrier; Alisha Blackburn;

Stephanie Blackburn (Doctors checking an Iron Deficiency);

Chris Bost; Coy Edgison; Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz;

Carl Pless (Recuperating at home after a fall); Frances Pless

Serving in the Military

Eaven Allison; Will Drye

Friends of Cross of Christ

Renae Aycock; Cameron Barnes; Lawrence Campbell; Julie Carr;

Katie Consbruck; Madison Drye; Mark Drye; Jeanne Ervin; JB Faggart; Pastor Jeff Faggart; Adian Fontanta; Ralph Furr; Lisa Griffin; Ivory Holland;

Arya McDermott; Johnny Moore (Preparing for a Stem Cell transplant);

Ensley Morgan; Reba Shafer; Ada Jo Shell; James and Frances Shue;

Ritchie Thomas; Robert Whitley; Beverly and Lewis Williams.

General Prayer Concerns

Cross of Christ Shut-Ins

Rina Moss; George Pless, Sr. (Hospice care); Mildred Watson

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

Today June 30, 2019

Sunday Church School	9:45 AM
Family Worship Service	11:00 AM
PBnJ Meeting	2:00 PM

This Week

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

NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 AM Executive Board Meeting
8:30 AM Church Council
9:45 AM Sunday Church School Classes
11:00 AM Holy Communion Service
5:00 PM Choir Practice

Next Sunday's Readings

Fourth Sunday of Pentecost



Isaiah 66: 10-14
Psalm 66: 1-7
Galatians 6: 1-10, 14-18
St Luke 10: 1-20

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