

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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*Welcome to worship at Cross of Christ!*

*In the Cross of Christ I glory †*

*Ninth Sunday After Pentecost*

*Youth Sunday*

*July 25, 2021*

PRELUDE *Nothing But The Blood* by Shane and Shane

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION & 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 us , forgive us all our sins, through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN *At Calvary* by Casting Crowns

Years I spent in vanity and pride

Caring not, my Lord was crucified

Knowing not, it was for me He died

At Calvary

By God's Word at last, my sin I learned

Then I trembled at the law I'dz spurned

'Til my guilty soul imploring turned

To Calvary

There Your mercy and Your grace was free

There Your pardon multiplied to me

There my burdened soul found liberty

At Calvary, yeah

Now I've given Jesus everything

Now, I gladly know Him as my King  
And now my raptured soul can only sing  
Of Calvary, yeah, yeah  
There Your mercy and Your grace was free  
There Your pardon multiplied to me  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary, yeah  
There Your mercy and Your grace was free  
There Your pardon multiplied to me  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary, yeah  
Calvary  
Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan  
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man  
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span  
Calvary, yeah, yeah  
There Your mercy and Your grace was free  
There Your pardon multiplied to me  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary, (Yeah) yeah  
There Your mercy and Your grace was free  
There Your pardon multiplied to me  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary, yeah  
Calvary  
There Your mercy and Your grace was free  
There Your pardon multiplied to me  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary, yeah  
There my burdened soul found liberty  
At Calvary

**\*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.**

**\*SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us pray. Holy God,

**pour out upon us the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**FIRST READING: Mark 14: 1-11 (ESV)**

It was now two days before the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. And the chief priests and the scribes were seeking how to arrest him by stealth and kill him,<sup>2</sup> for they said, “Not during the feast, lest there be an uproar from the people.”<sup>3</sup> And while he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he was reclining at table, a woman came with an alabaster flask of ointment of pure nard, very costly, and she broke the flask and poured it over his head.<sup>4</sup> There were some who said to themselves indignantly, “Why was the ointment wasted like that?<sup>5</sup> For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor.” And they scolded her.<sup>6</sup> But Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a beautiful thing to me.<sup>7</sup> For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you want, you can do good for them. But you will not always have me.<sup>8</sup> She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for burial.<sup>9</sup> And truly, I say to you, wherever the gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her.”<sup>10</sup> Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them.<sup>11</sup> And when they heard it, they were glad and promised to give him money. And he sought an opportunity to betray him.

The Word of God for the people of God!

**Thanks be to God!**

**PSALM 121 & 30**

**READ RESPONSIVELY BY VERSE**

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

**<sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**

<sup>3</sup> He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

**<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**

<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

**<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,**

**nor the moon by night.**

<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.

<sup>8</sup> **The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore. I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.**

<sup>2</sup> O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

<sup>3</sup> **O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.**

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

<sup>5</sup> **For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.  
Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.**

<sup>6</sup> As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be moved."

<sup>7</sup> **By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong;  
you hid your face; I was dismayed.**

<sup>8</sup> To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

<sup>9</sup> **"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?"**

<sup>10</sup> Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!"

<sup>11</sup> **You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

<sup>12</sup> that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent.

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!

**SECOND READING: LUKE 7:11-17 (ESV)**

<sup>11</sup> Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. <sup>12</sup> As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. <sup>13</sup> And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." <sup>14</sup> Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." <sup>15</sup> And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. <sup>16</sup> Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen among us!" and "God has visited his people!" <sup>17</sup> And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

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

**\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (SPOKEN)**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia.  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 2nd chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**\*THE HOLY GOSPEL: St. Mark 2:1-17 (ESV)**

And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. <sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. <sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. <sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" <sup>8</sup> And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? <sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?" <sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the paralytic— <sup>11</sup> "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!" <sup>13</sup> He went out again beside the sea, and all the crowd was coming to him, and he was teaching them. <sup>14</sup> And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him. <sup>15</sup> And as he reclined at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners were reclining with Jesus and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. <sup>16</sup> And the scribes of<sup>[a]</sup> the Pharisees, when they saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>17</sup> And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

This is the Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

\*SERMON HYMN "Come Thou Fount" by Shane and Shane Hymns

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
mount of thy unchanging love.  
Here I raise mine Ebenezer;  
hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wandering from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.  
O to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,  
bind my wandering heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.  
Above all else, I adore your name.  
Above all else, to my heart to sing your praise. (Repeat 6x)  
Highest praise, loudest praise.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
seal it for thy courts above.

\*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 **More Like Jesus by Passion**  
**Sung by Kensi Bell and Taylor Barbee**

\*PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,  
**for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You set free those who are bound.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You raise up those whose courage falters.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You provide for our every need.

**Accept our grateful praises.**

You have called us from all peoples.

**We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

You bless your people with peace.

**We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,  
**for in your wisdom you have formed us.**

**Amen.**

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, you may abound in hope.

*(Romans 15:13)*

**Amen**

\*SENDING HYMN     "*His Mercy is More*"     by Matt Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Praise the Lord, His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

\*DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE                   *His Love Shines* by Austin Stone Worship

(\* *Please stand as you are able*)

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The **Altar Flowers** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Emma Harrison's 13<sup>th</sup> birthday by Mom, Dad, Marianna and Justin.

Welcome to **Youth Sunday!** The youth that went to Teen Valley Ranch Youth Camp will share testimonies from their experience. Thanks to the youth for leading the worship service today and sharing with us.

**NO** Children's Church today.

**August** newsletter articles are due **TODAY**.

We will be welcoming new members on **Sunday, August 1<sup>st</sup>**. If you are called to join the fellowship of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church please speak with Pastor Allison.

**A-Meal-A-Month Parish Hall Fundraiser – August 21<sup>st</sup>**

The next monthly fund-raising meals of a **Country Breakfast is Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:00AM until 11:00AM**. Come enjoy the meal and invite others to join you! Donations will go towards the Facilities Improvement Fund.

Breakfast totals : 215 served; \$1,891.00 donations.



**July 25, 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**

Kay Barbee; Brenda Barrier; Chloe Bell; John Faggart;  
Candice Horton (Chemo treatments start 7/26/2021); Frances Kanipe;  
Doris Kluttz; Frank Kluttz; Kristi Leonard; Marie Pless; John Trull

**Serving in the Military**

Eaven Allison (Okinawa, Japan); Will Drye

**Friends of Cross of Christ**

Steve Cagle; Steve Cooke; Steve & Angie Dixon; Jane Faggart;  
Joyce Furr; Ralph Furr; Dave Goff; Tommy and Eva Harrel; Ivory Holland;  
AJ Jorsey; Ole Moe; Ensley Morgan; Bobby Morton; Diane Parker;  
Derrick Shafer; Beverly and Lewis Williams.

**General Prayer Concerns**

**Cross of Christ Shut-Ins**

Sylvia Loggans (Five Oaks, Room # 301)

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

**Today – July 25, 2021**

**Youth Sunday**

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

***This Week***

**MON:** 7:00 PM Soldiers of the  
Cross of Christ practice

**NEXT SUNDAY**

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

**Next Sunday's Readings**

*Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*



Exodus 16: 2-15  
Psalm 145  
Ephesians 4: 1-16  
St. John 6: 22-35

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