



CROSS OF CHRIST Lutheran Church

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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January 9, 2022
Epiphany of Our Lord

Welcome to Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), a part of the worldwide Lutheran Church body. We invite you to join us for worship, and for a variety of opportunities for growth and service. If you are new here, welcome! If you are newly returned to church, we rejoice with you! If you are a member, we celebrate your involvement in this faith community! You do not need to be a member to participate in our ministry and mission.

Mission Statement

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church invites all to join in celebrating Christ's love as we worship, learn, and serve.

As Lutheran Christians, we are committed to the gift of grace that God brings to the world through Jesus Christ. On the cross, Jesus bridges the divide that we place between ourselves and God. In Jesus' life, death and resurrection we are given forgiveness and hope for today and for eternity. As a congregation, we experience the love of Jesus in scripture, in the sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, and in giving of ourselves in our community and in our world.

Our congregation's mission and vision are centered on worship, learning and service:

- Worship:** We offer a place to gather in Word and Sacrament, inspiring all to walk as children of God.
Learning: We invite and engage all to strengthen their faith, deepen their relationship with God, and empower them to share their faith with others.
Service: We inspire all to share their God-given gifts in service to the church, the community, and the world.

Our Core Values

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church boldly meets the future in our ever-changing world. We welcome individuals and families of all types to share in the grace and acceptance found in our community. Together we worship and learn, as we study and strive to live the Word of God in our everyday vocations. In our neighborhoods and in our world, we extend helping hands, offering ourselves in service to others and sharing our resources with those in need.

An Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is mounted on the right (north) side of the main hallway, just before the restrooms.

Prayer Requests may be phoned to the church office (303-469-4004), emailed to churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org, or put in the prayer box located in the Narthex. Our Prayer Team is made up of people who are dedicated to pray for others.

Children's Worship Bags (take & keep) are available for families and can be found on the south wall in the narthex.

Mobile Giving is available via the Vanco app on your iPhone or Android device. Giving by text is also available. Please text your dollar amount to 1-866-601-2815 and include a dollar sign before the amount (ex. \$50).

Online Giving is available www.cross-of-christ.org/give

Church Office Hours:
Monday-Thursday 9:30 am to 4:30 pm. Closed Fridays.

Altar Flowers this week are given by:
Julie Nunns in memory of
Gary Reineke and Connie Nunns.

Sunday Morning Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship
10:15 a.m. Youth Café
Faith Formation (Pre-k to 5th)
11:15 a.m. Worship
12:30 p.m. Grief Group

GATHERING

*The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print.
Congregation responds with bold print.*

PRELUDE

Glory to You

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy Trinity † one God,
creator of the stars of night,
companion at the table,
breath over the deep waters.
Have mercy, O God,

Against you, you alone, we have sinned.
In your compassion, cleanse us from sin and take away our guilt.
Create in us a new heart and give us a steadfast spirit.
Do not cast us away, but fill us with your Holy Spirit
and restore your joy within us.
Amen.

As tender as parent to child, so deep is God's compassion for you.
As high as heaven is above earth, so vast is God's love for you.
As far as east is from west, so far God removes your sin from you,
renewing your life through Jesus Christ.
Blessed be God who crowns us with mercy and love.
Blessed be God forever.

OPENING HYMN

We Three Kings (*verses 1,2*)

1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing gifts we tra - verse a -
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I bring to crown him a -

far, field and foun-tain, moor and moun-tain, fol - low-ing yon - der star.
gain; king for - ev - er, ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.

Refrain

Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty

bright; west-ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

Text: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891, alt.
Music: John Henry Hopkins, Jr., 1820-1891

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT
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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.

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first staff contains the melody for the first line of text. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of text. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of text, which ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

PSALM READING

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.
May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy,
and crush the oppressor.

May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.
In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles
render him tribute,
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts.
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations give him service.

For he delivers the needy when they call,
the poor and those who have no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life;
and precious is their blood in his sight.

God has been revealed to us in the Word.
Let us wait here and dwell in it.

CHILDREN'S TIME (9:00 A.M.)

Children's Gathering Song

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Children's Message

Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer

Children's Church

Children may follow the children's church leader to the Fellowship Hall. They will return during the Hymn of the Day.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

The Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, ‘Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.’ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, ‘In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.” ’

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, ‘Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.’ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer

HYMN OF THE DAY

When A Star Is Shining



1 When a star is shin-ing o - ver east - ern hills,
2 Where the world is wait-ing for an un - known day,
3 Lead us on, O Day-star, in the qui - et night;



when the air is si - lent, and the clam - or stills,
where a voice for - got - ten cries, "Pre - pare the way!"
guide us through the shad - ow with your gen - tle light;



when the night is wait-ing, and the old hopes rise,
Where an earth - ly pow - er make the heart turn cold,
show us in a man - ger our re - demp - tion's sign;



then the time has rip - ened and the heart grows wise.
there the gifts are of - fered— in - cense, myrrh, and gold.
bring us to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.



Lead us on, lead us on, to a morn - ing where the



prom - ise shines. Lead us on, lead us on,



to a morn - ing where the prom - ise shines.

APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father.
and he will come 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response
Upon us, Lord,
Shine your light.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The sign of Peace is not the same as saying "hello" to our neighbors. Rather, the Peace of Christ is a sign of forgiveness and love we receive in Holy Communion and our hope to be able to share that with each other in this community.

The peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

Children are invited to come forward with their offering and place it in the basket in front of the altar while the offering plates are being passed.

OFFERING MUSIC

Jesus Child (9:00 a.m.)

Soli Dei Choir

John Rutter

Beautiful Star of Bethlehem (11:15 a.m.)

Proclaim

Adger McDavid Pace & R. Fisher Boyce

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours, and your faithfulness is sure. Word and water, wine and bread: these are signs of your abundant grace. Receive the gifts we bring and nourish us to proclaim your abiding love in our communities and in the world, through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song.

Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to all to drink, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. Please form two lines in the aisle as you come forward. Grape juice is available in the center of each tray of communion glasses for those who desire it; and gluten-free wafers are available from those serving. Pre-packaged communion is available up front for those who desire that option. If you need Communion brought to you, please tell an usher. Children and adults who would like a blessing instead of receiving Communion, please indicate this by crossing your hands over your chest.

LAMB OF GOD

Be Known To Us, Lord Jesus



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

COMMUNION MUSIC

One Bread, One Body

Marilyn Kopperud, piano
arr. John Carter

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God's grace.

Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We thank you, O God, that you have strengthened our hearts through this feast of life and salvation. Shine the light of Christ on our path, that we may do justice, love kindly, and walk humbly with you, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God, the source of glory, God, the Word of Life, God the Spirit of truth, ✠ bless you now, and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Bright and Glorious is the Sky (*verses 1,5,6*)

1 Bright and glo - rious is the sky, ra - diant are the

heav - ens high where the gold - en stars are shin - ing.

All their rays to earth in - clin - ing beck - on us to

heav'n a - bove, beck - on us to heav'n a - bove.

5 Guided by the star, they found
him whose praise the ages sound.
We too have a star to guide us,
which forever will provide us
with the light to find our Lord,
with the light to find our Lord.

6 And this star, as bright as day,
that will never lead astray
with its message so appealing,
is the Word of God, revealing
Christ, the way, the truth, the life,
Christ, the way, the truth, the life.

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SENDING

Share the light of Christ with a weary world. Live the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Recessional

Gordon Young

LEADERSHIP

9:00 AM

Assisting Minister
Communion Assistants

Carol Tingley
Julie Nunns

11:15 AM

Lisa Dietz
Rebecca Pfaff

Ushers

Gary Mueller
Whitney & Sean Gillies

Greeter

Altar Guild
Children's Church
Cantor
Council

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UPCOMING EVENTS

For more details about all the upcoming events, please make sure to read the Cross of Christ weekly newsletter.
If you would like to receive the newsletter, please contact the church office.



Golden Oldies

Baked Potato Bar

When: Wednesday, January 12 @ noon

Where: Fellowship Hall

Hosts: Russ and Sonja Chesnut

Please bring a topping, side or dessert to share. All are welcome!!



Worshipping with Children



Sunday, January 9
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
in the Music Room with Amy Pallas

Explore ways to engage children in worship.
Elementary aged children are invited to attend with their adult(s).
Infants and toddlers are invited to play in the nursery.

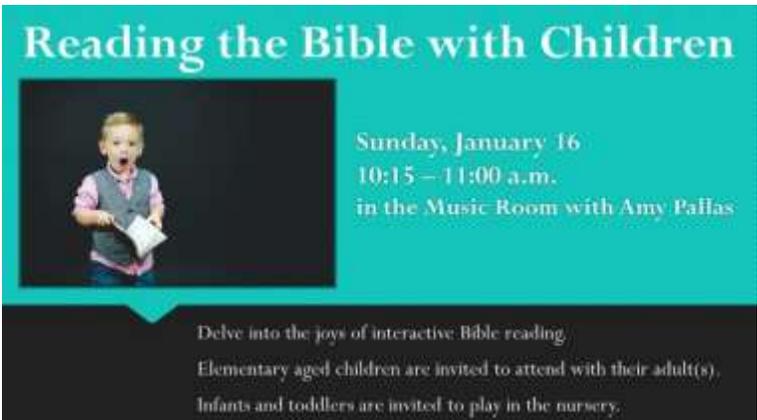


Park It!

COMING JAN ~~9TH~~ 23RD
THROUGH FEB 27TH

And Know That I Am God

Share in the wonder and awe of God's creation with
PICTURES STORIES EXPERIENCES
of the US National Parks
with accompanying devotional discussion facilitated by Paul Kunz
10:15 AM Sunday mornings in the Fellowship Hall



Reading the Bible with Children



Sunday, January 16
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
in the Music Room with Amy Pallas

Delve into the joys of interactive Bible reading.
Elementary aged children are invited to attend with their adult(s).
Infants and toddlers are invited to play in the nursery.



UNCONDITIONAL:



Sundays
10:15-11:00 a.m.
January 23- February 27
in Room 20

Masks required. Thank you!

REFLECTING CHRIST'S LOVE TO YOUR CHILDREN



Nursery Volunteers Needed



Sundays
10:15 – 11:00 a.m.
Volunteer when it's convenient for you!

Interested?
Email Amy Pallas
apallas@cross-of-christ.org



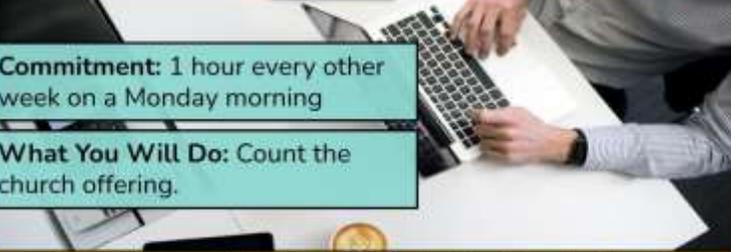
Caring Ministry



Would you be willing to make a home conversational visit to someone in need? Please contact Whitney Gillies at the church office if you can help. Thank you!



Offering Counter Needed



Commitment: 1 hour every other week on a Monday morning

What You Will Do: Count the church offering.

Please contact Whitney Gillies in the church office if interested. Thank you!