



# CROSS OF CHRIST Lutheran Church

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

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*Invitation  
to Connect*

September 18, 2022

9:00 A.M.

## 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](mailto: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

Online Giving is available [www.cross-of-christ.org/give](http://www.cross-of-christ.org/give)

**Children's Worship Space:** We know that children are active! So we invite you and your children to use:

Carpeted area: Worship through movement. Feel free to use items in this space or take them to a "pew seat."

Booster cushions: Need a better view? Please take a booster cushion to your seat and return it to the hooks in the narthex after worship.

Reusable Worship Bags: Pick yours up from the church office.

Take & Keep Worship Bags: Activity bags are available in the narthex for visitors and those inevitable times when we forget our reusable bags.

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

### Fall Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. New Member Class

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation

-Kid's Connect

-Youth Café

-Adult Formation (Spiritual Gifts)

11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion  
(Contemporary Service)

12:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat

Upcoming Events for Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:15 a.m. New Member Class

10:15 a.m. Faith Formation

12:15 p.m. Youth Summer Trip Meeting

Altar Flowers given this week by:

# GATHERING

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

PRELUDE

Katie Couch

WELCOME

# OPENING HYMN

God We Gather as Your People (verses 1 & 4)



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -  
4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.  
wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we  
As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.  
join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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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

*Refrain*



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.



Ky-ri - e e - lei - son, ev-'ry day.



1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the  
2 That we may live out your im - passioned re - sponse to the  
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for



u - ni - ty of all; for  
hun - gry and the poor; that  
friends and fam - i - ly; for



this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,  
we may live out . . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,  
life and for love, . . . . for our work and our play,



*Refrain*

let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

God among us, we gather in the name of your Son to learn love for one another. Keep our feet from evil paths. Turn our minds to your wisdom and our hearts to the grace revealed in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

# WORD

## READING

Romans 5:1-5

A reading from the book of Romans.

Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us..

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

## PSALM READING

Psalm 121

A reading from the book of Psalms.

I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.  
He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord is your keeper;  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand.  
The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.  
The Lord will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.

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# CHILDREN'S TIME

## Children's Gathering Song

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Nina Simone

He's got the whole world, in his hands,  
He's got the whole world, in his hands,  
He's got the whole world, in his hands,  
He's got the whole world in his hands.

## 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

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Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL LESSON

John 17:20-24

The Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17<sup>th</sup> chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

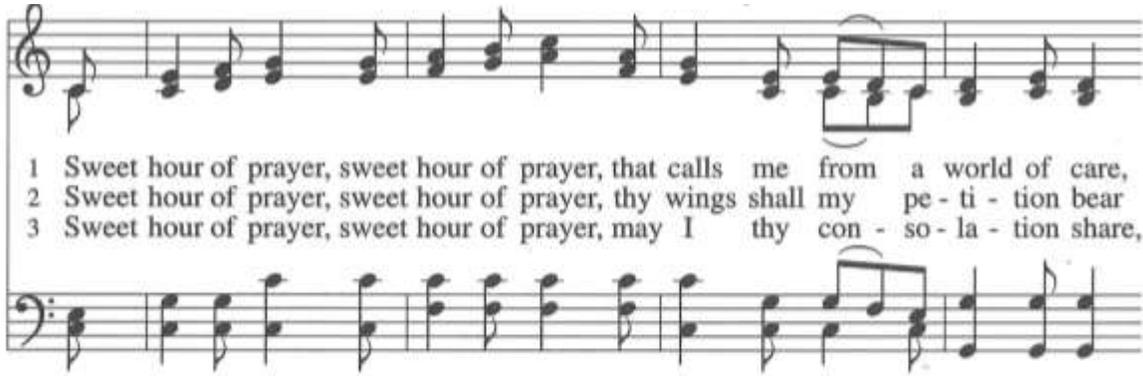
## SERMON

Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer

*In what ways do you connect with God?*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

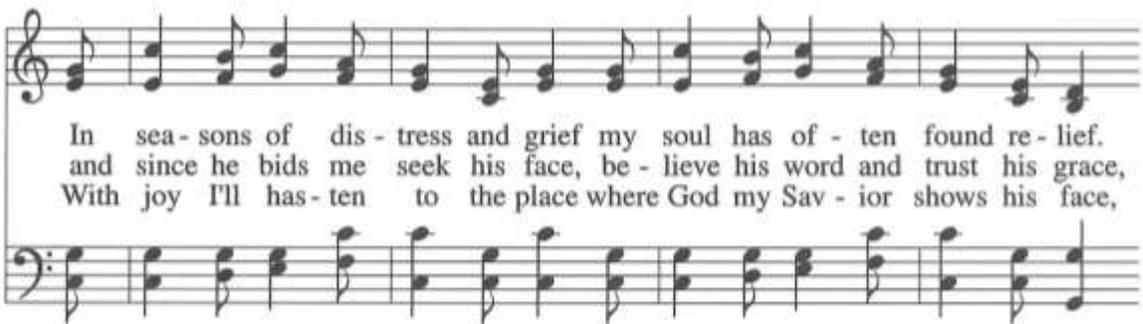
## Sweet Hour of Prayer



1 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, that calls me from a world of care,  
2 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear  
3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, may I thy con - so - la - tion share,



and bids me at my Fa - ther's throne make all my wants and wish-es known.  
to him whose truth and faith-ful - ness en - gage the wait - ing soul to bless;  
till from Mount Pis - gah's loft - y height I view my home and take my flight.



In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief my soul has of - ten found re - lief.  
and since he bids me seek his face, be - lieve his word and trust his grace,  
With joy I'll has - ten to the place where God my Sav - ior shows his face,



and oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.  
I'll cast on him my ev - 'ry care, and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.  
and glad - ly take my sta - tion there, thy prom - ise gained, sweet hour of prayer.

# BLESSING OF THE BIBLES

*The following Preschoolers will receive their Bibles today:*

*Grace Alina Carvalho*

*The following Kindergartners will receive their Bibles today:*

*Jayden Yandel Carvalho*

*Abigail Kay Vega*

*The following Third Graders will receive their Bibles today:*

*Tyler David Babcock*

*Trevor Jacob Harder*

*Carter Michael Hendricks*

*Hannah Claire Holman*

*Colin Geoffrey Holmes*

*Stella Avery Howe*

*Claire Elizabeth Pallas*

*Lily Noel Tran*

We give thanks as our students mark another milestone in their faith journey by receiving their own Bibles today. The Preschoolers will receive the Frolic Bible, the Kindergartners will receive the Spark Bible and the Third Graders will receive the Hands-On Bible. We ask for all these students and their families to please come forward.

When you were baptized, your parents promised to place in your hands the Holy Scriptures. On that same day, this or another congregation promised to help your parents fulfill that promise. Today, we join together in taking this important step toward fulfilling these promises.

*Let us read Deuteronomy 6:4-9 together.*

**“Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your homes and your gates.”**

God tells us to speak about God and about our relationships with God in all that we do: when we are at home and when we are away – at all times. As a parent, you are the primary faith teacher for your child and as a congregation we have pledged to support you in this effort. Today we gather in thankfulness to ask God’s blessing upon these children, your families, and the scripture being placed in their hands today.

*Parent(s), take the Bible and place it in your child's hands. Then lay your hands on the Bible and the child.*

Lord, be with us now and bless all those gathered as we dedicate these Bibles to your glory and praise. Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose for our lives, give us joy in the reading of your word, and bless these children and their families as they seek to live holy lives according to your will.

Let us join our hearts in prayer: We give you thanks, Lord, for the gift of your word, for the life of each child here, and for the families that nurture them. Give them insight and wisdom as they share the Good News of your love in Jesus Christ with them. Help us as a community to be a welcoming congregation that is eager to serve you and provide Christian growth opportunities and faith support for children and families. We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response:

God of Grace,  
Receive our prayer.

## 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 the Lord be with you always,  
And also with you.

MEAL
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## OFFERINGS 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

A Choral Benediction

Soli Dei Choir

Don Besig

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing and invitation, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.  
Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

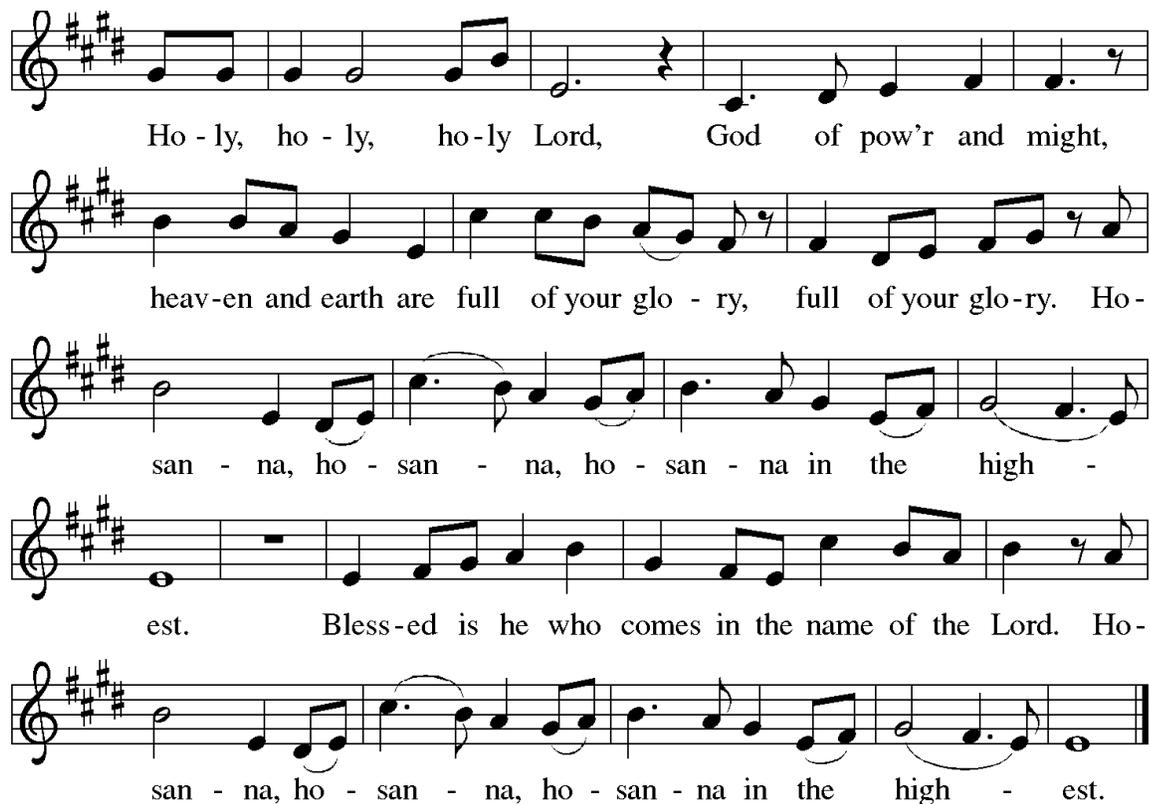
Lift up your hearts  
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
it is right to give God thanks and prayers.

## PREFACE

It is our duty and delight...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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.

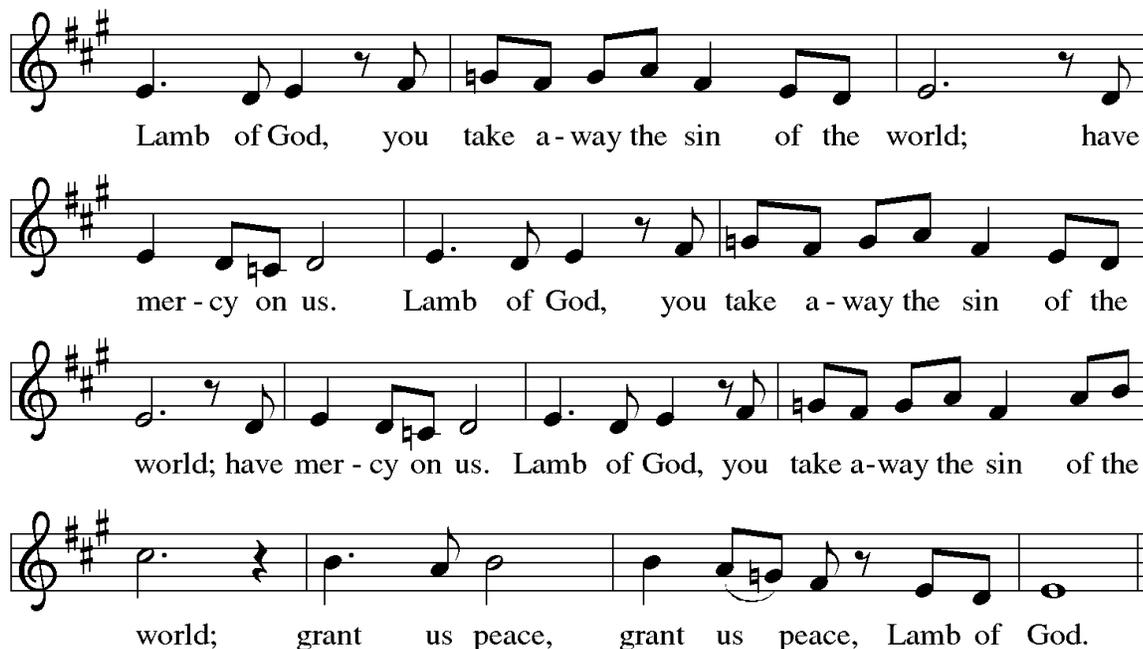
## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*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.*

Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste and see.

# LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

## COMMUNION MUSIC

Katie Couch

## 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

God of invitation and abundance, you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

**SENDING**

## BENEDICTION

God, who gives life to all things and frees us from despair, bless you with truth and peace. And may the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

Amen.

# CLOSING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision (*Verses 1 & 2*)

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,  
Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

The musical score consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major/D minor) and the time signature is common time. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.  
Music: Irish tune

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## SENDING

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

Thanks be to God.

## POSTLUDE

Katie Couch

# LEADERSHIP

9:00 AM

Assisting Minister/Reader  
Communion Assistants

Jerry Jagers  
Kerri Kraft  
Doris Dittmer  
Karolyn Tate

Ushers  
Altar Guild  
Coffee Prep / Clean Up  
Fellowship Snacks  
Organist/Accompanist

Carol Tingley & Tom Clapp  
Susan Herrick & Elise Tom

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Katie Couch

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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.

**New Member Classes Start September 18!**

When: Sunday, September 18  
Sunday, September 25  
Sunday, October 2  
Reception on Sunday, October 9

Time & Place: 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. in Room 20

Free childcare will be provided

Questions? Please contact Whitney Gillies  
303-469-4004 or  
volunteer@cross-of-christ.org



The CCLC Preschool **Butter Braid Fundraiser** is here!

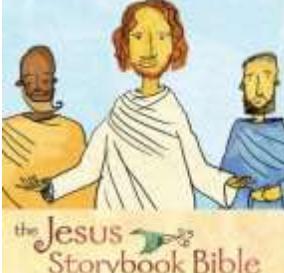
On sale in the narthex  
September 18th  
from 9:45 to 11:30am.

**DISCOVER · LEARN · EXPLORE  
GROW · SHARE**



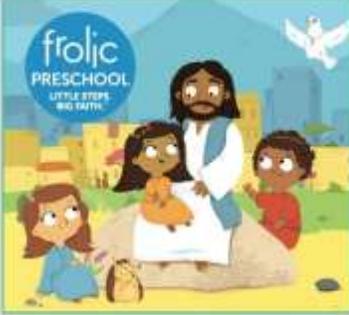
**SPIRITUAL GIFTS CLASS**  
**SEPTEMBER 18 & 25**  
10:15-11:00am  
Fellowship Hall  
Debbie and Paul Kunz

**YOU'RE INVITED!**  
FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN PROGRAM



**Kindergarten - 5th Grade**  
with age-based break-out groups

Starts September 18  
**Sunday Mornings**  
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  
in the Music Room

**0 to 4 year olds**  
and their adults  
Starts September 18

**Sunday Mornings**  
10:15 - 11:00 a.m.  
Begins in the music room  
Moves across the hall to room 82

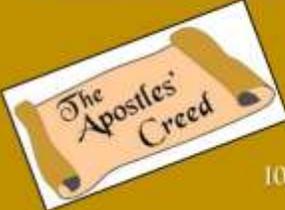


**Sanctuary Crawl**  
3 & 4 Year olds and Families



Saturday, September 24 at 9:00 a.m.

**Together in Faith**  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and Parents



**Apostles' Creed**  
September 25, October 2, &  
October 9  
10:15 a.m. in Together in Faith Room



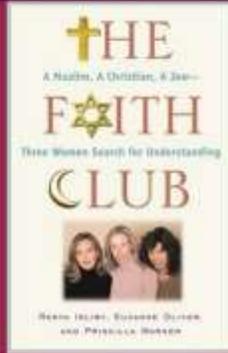
**Rainbow Trail Grace Race**  
October 1, 2022  
Sloan Lake Park  
4:00 p.m.

Register TODAY at [www.rainbowtrail.org](http://www.rainbowtrail.org)

Help fight World Hunger and bring the Fleetest Flock Trophy back to Cross of Christ.

**CCLC Book Club**  
**"The Faith Club"**  
**Conversation on**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**10:15am**

**For more**  
**information,**  
**contact**  
**Paula Burky**



**2022 Rainbow Trail**  
**Fall Confirmation Retreat**  
**6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth**  
**October 14-16**  
**Register @**  
**[www.rainbowtrail.com](http://www.rainbowtrail.com)**



**BELONG**

**Senior High Youth**  
**First Sundays of the Month**  
**6:30-7:30pm**

**Faith & Fellowship Time**

**Watch the upcoming**  
**Youth Scoop Newsletter**  
**for more information.**



**Confirmation Middle School Ministry**  
**for 6-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth**

**Connect,**  
**Learn &**  
**Grow**

**Wednesday nights**  
**6:30-8:00pm**  
**@Church starting 10/5**

