

Third Sunday after Epiphany January 21, 2024 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 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.

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 <u>churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org</u>, 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 Space: We invite you and your children to use:

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

Booster cushions: 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 and **Take & Keep Worship Bags:** Activity bags are available in the narthex for visitors.

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



Online Giving: Many of our members give online at www.cross-of-christ.org or by scanning this QR code with your phone's camera, however, you may also place your offering in the offering plates.

First Time Guests: We're glad you are here! Be sure to tell us about yourself by using this QR code.

If you'd like to learn more about us, please visit our website at www.cross-of-christ.org.



Pastors and Staff

Kathleen Armstrong Lead Pastor

Aly Kohlmeyer Associate Pastor

Amy Pallas Director of Children's Ministry

Joseph Noelliste Director of Music Ministry

Nikki Leverone Financial Secretary

Jessica Wanecek Office Administrator

Scott Elvington/Shannon Hazler Audio & Visual Ministers

Church Council council@cross-of-christ.org

Amy Goodmanson Preschool/Kindergarten Director

Worship Schedule

19:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

10:15 a.m. Fellowship – Hosted by CCLC Preschool

Kids Connect – Music Room Youth Café – Youth Room

11:15 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

12:15 p.m. Youth Service Trip Meeting – Fellowship Hall

To contact the Church Staff, please email: churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org

The Altar Flowers given this week by:

Mary Ann Wiegand, in gratitude to the CCLC Sound and Staff, that make it possible to view church online each week!

♦ Gathering **♦**

The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print.

Congregation responds with bold print.

PRELUDE

Voluntary in D minor

Marilyn Kopperud William Herschel

WELCOME

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



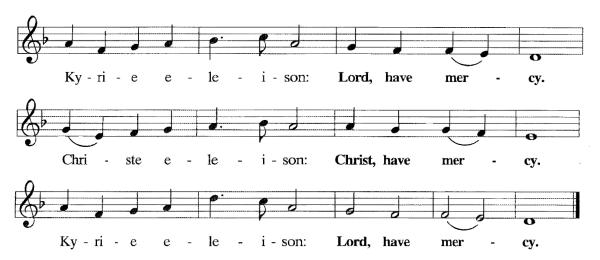
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GREETING

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 (Sing All)



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Cross of Christ Preschool and Kindergarten



READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the book of Jonah.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

God has been revealed to us in the Word.

Let us wait here and dwell in it.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from Paul's letter to the church of Corinthians.

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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CHILDREN'S TIME

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.

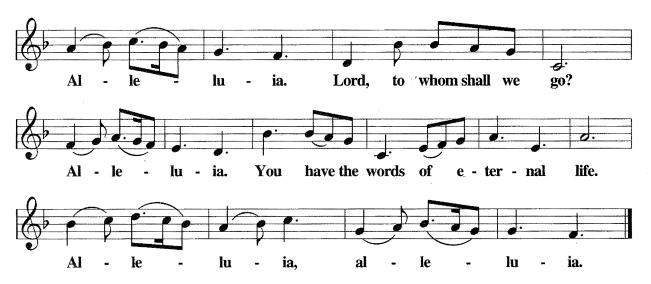
Children's Message

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

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



GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Love To Tell the Story



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SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Daniel Owen Westhoff

Son of Amy Alexandria (Kress) Westhoff and Kevin Andrew Westhoff.

Introduction

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word, God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Presentation

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you as parents and sponsors desire to have Daniel Owen baptized into Christ?

Response: I do.

As you bring Daniel Owen to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with *him* among God's faithful people, bring *him* to the word of God and the holy supper, teach *him* the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in *his* hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace.

Parents, do you promise to help *Daniel* grow in the Christian faith and life?

Response: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture Daniel in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help *him* live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Response: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Daniel* and pray for *him* in *his* new life in Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you, as parents and sponsors, renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, and the ways of sin that draw you from God?

Response: I renounce them.

Parents, Sponsors and People of God, do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Congregation: 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Congregation: 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.

Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. *Congregation: Amen.*

Baptism

Daniel Owen, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Laying on of Hands

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain *Daniel Owen* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

Signing with the Cross

Daniel Owen, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen.

Presentation of Candle and Faith Chest

Jesus said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

BAPTISMAL SONG

You Are Part of the Family



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Refrain:

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 Christ be with you always, And also with you.



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

Soli Dei Choir

In This Very Room

Ron and Carol Harris

OFFERTORY



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

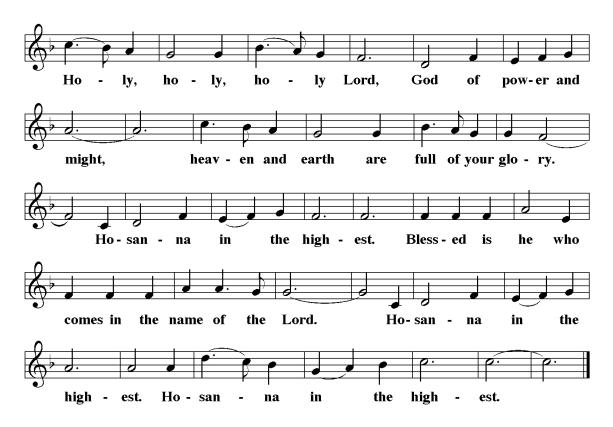
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PREFACE

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

HOLY



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.

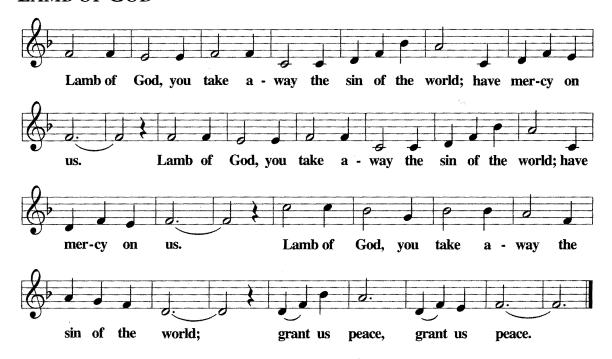
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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. 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.

At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see.

LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION MUSIC

Spirit of God

Marilyn Kopperud arr. John Carter

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

♦ SENDING **♦**

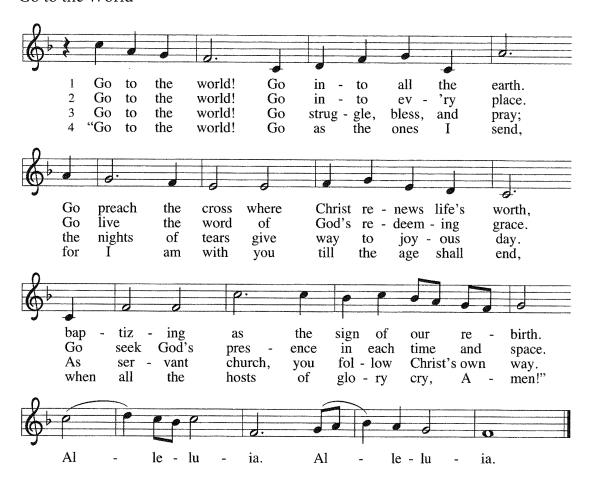
BENEDICTION

God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you + bless you and remain with you always.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Go to the World



Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955-1993

SINE NOMINE

SENDING

God has a mission for us.

To Invite all to join in celebrating Christ's love as we Worship, Learn and Serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wonderful Words of Life, Thy Word

Marilyn Kopperud arr. Carol Tornquist



9:00 AM

Assisting Minister/Reader

Communion Assistants

Phillys Rohnke

Ushers Carol Tingley

Altar Guild Sue Herrick and Elise Tom



On-going prayers for:

Pastor Meghan, Pastor Gabi Aelabouni, and family serving in Jerusalem and the West Bank Pastor Samm Melton-Hill serving with New Beginnings Worshipping Community in Denver Bishop Jim Gonia, Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Philippians 4:6

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.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

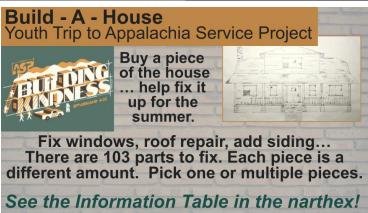








FAITH FORMATION















Ecumenical Service THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who
helped host our
Ecumenical Church
service and pie social
on Tuesday, January 16th.
Thank you for welcoming
our neighbors to our space
and serving them with care
and hospitality!



YOUTH



You can help the youth on their service trip to the ASP by shopping at King Soopers by linking your King Soopers card by following these steps.

- 1. Go to kingsoopers.com and sign in.
- 2. Search Community Rewards
- 3. Search for the Church by typing TJ037 in the small search bar
- 4. Click Enroll!









