

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany January 28, 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 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.

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 <u>www.cross-of-christ.org</u> 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 Council

Council Forum – Room 20

Kids Connect - Music Room

Youth Café - Youth Room

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

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

The Altar Flowers given this week by:

♦ GATHERING **♦**

The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print.

Congregation responds with bold print.

PRELUDE

Joseph Noëlliste

arr. Bill Wolaver

WELCOME

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the Holy Trinity, + one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our rock and refuge,

we pour out our hearts before you.

We have known you but have not always loved you.

We have wounded one another

and sinned against you.

We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit

dwelling in each of us.

Remember your covenant.

Renew your creation.

Restore us,

that we might proclaim your good news to all.

Amen.

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters.

God has spoken:

The time of grace is now.

In Jesus, the reign of God has come near.

By the authority of + Jesus Christ,

your sins are forgiven.

You are God's beloved.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign (verses 1,4 &5)



Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: attr. John Hatton, d. 1793

DUKE STREET

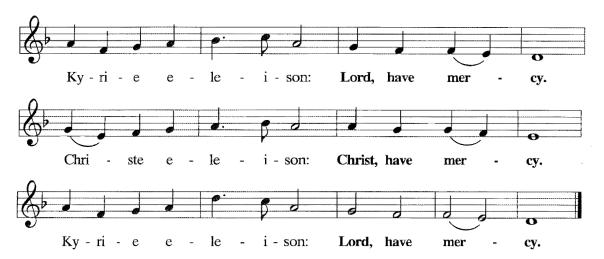
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GREETING

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

Compassionate God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Bring wholeness to all that is broken and speak truth to us in our confusion, that all creation will see and know your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

♦ WORD ♦

PSALM READING

Psalm 111

A reading from the book of Psalms.

To be read responsively.

Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.

Full of honour and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures for ever.

He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the heritage of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established for ever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant for ever. Holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practise it have a good understanding. His praise endures for ever.

God has been revealed to us in the Word.

Let us wait here and dwell in it.

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.

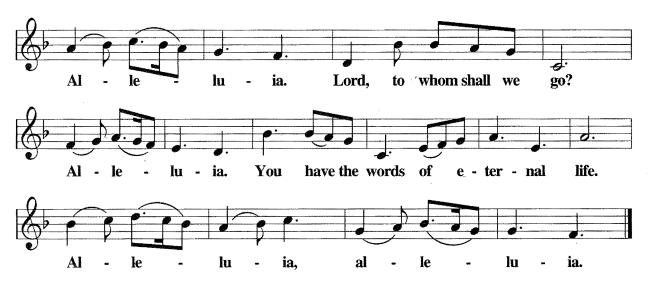
Children's Message

Pastor 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



GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

They went to Capernaum; and when the Sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

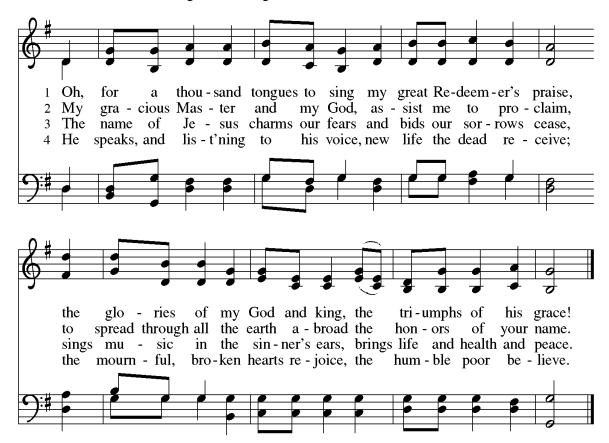
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



- 5 Look unto him, your Savior own,O fallen human race!Look and be saved through faith alone,be justified by grace!
- 6 To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt. Music: AZMON, Carl G. Gläser, 1784–1829; arr. Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

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

Gloria Deo!

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong, Trumpet Sally K. Albrecht

OFFERTORY



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

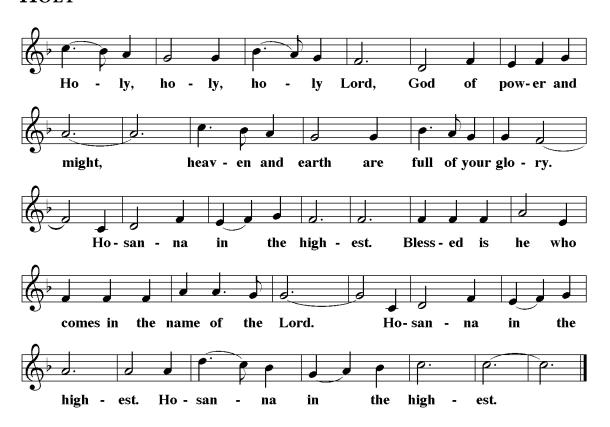
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

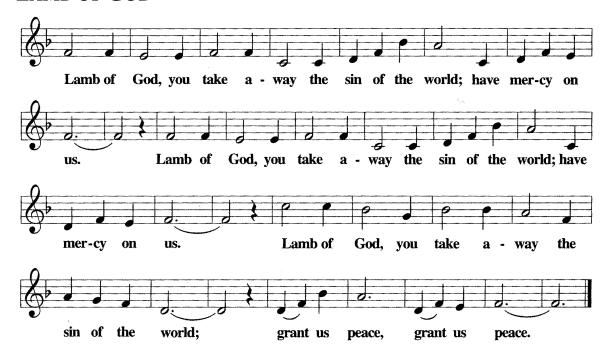
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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

O Come to the Altar

Joseph Noëlliste Elevation Worship

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



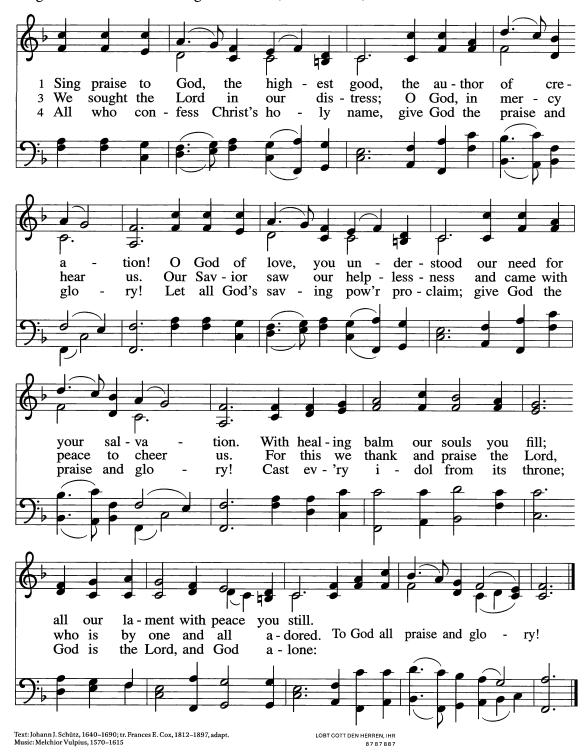
BENEDICTION

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

Sing Praise to God, the Highest Good (verses 1,3 & 4)



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

Soli Dei Choir

♣ LEADERSHIP **♣**

9:00 AM

Assisting Minister/Reader

Jerry Jaggers

Communion Assistants

Robby, Natalie, Eloise and Lorelei Flowers

Ushers

Altar Guild

Carol Tingley and Sharon McDaniel



With permission, we offer the first names of those among our community for whom we pray. These names will be shared here for up to three weeks. Let us pray for:

Tom

Sharon

Brett

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 evenis, piease 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





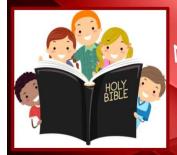


February 11, 2024 10:15 a.m. Room 20

Come discover the voyages of Paul through Greece and Turkey.

earn about the early church and the spread of the Gospel.

Together in Faith: Opening the Bible Third Graders and Parents



Sunday, February 25, March 3 and March 19.

Classes will be held in the Together in faith Room at 10:15 a.m.

Moms' of Littles Morning Out Saturday, February 10 @ 9:30 a.m. Scalzatto Italian Restaurant



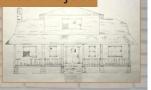


YOUTH

Build - A - House Youth Trip to Appalachia Service Project



Buy a piece of the house ... help fix it up for the summer.



Fix windows, roof repair, add siding... There are 43 parts to fix. Each piece is a different amount. Pick one or multiple pieces.

See the Information Table in the narthex!

Matching Funds Challenge

If our virtual house gets completely built - a church member has agreed to match \$500 towards the service trip.

We are well on our way! We have a chimney, windows, a door, some siding, and some porch railing and steps. We even have some trees, flowers and two dogs. But we still have a lot of house to build yet.

We have 43 house parts left!

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!

For step by instructions scan the QR











ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 14, 2024

Worship with Imposition of ashes and Holy Communion

6:30-7:30am

12:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Ash & Dash (Church Parking Lot) Spoken Service Family Service Worship Service

Live Streaming On-line and on Facebook

www.cross-of-christ.org