



# CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN CHURCH

12099 Lowell Blvd. Broomfield, CO 80020

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**Fifth Sunday after Easter  
April 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 [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.

**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 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Closed Fridays.



**Online Giving:** Many of our members give online at [www.cross-of-christ.org](http://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](http://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
Lorie Couture	Office Administrator
Jessica Wanecek	Director of Communications
Scott Elvington/Shannon Hazler	Audio & Visual Ministers
Church Council	<a href="mailto:council@cross-of-christ.org">council@cross-of-christ.org</a>
Amy Goodmanson	Preschool/Kindergarten Director

To contact the Church Staff, please email:  
[churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org](mailto:churchoffice@cross-of-christ.org)

### Worship Schedule

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

10:15 a.m. Faith and Fellowship Hour

Coffee with Council- Fellowship Hall

Kids Connect – Music Room

Youth Café – Youth Room

Together in Faith – 3 & 4 Year Old

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

### The Altar Flowers given this week by:

Ed and Doreen Painz

In celebration of our 45<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!

# ◆ GATHERING ◆

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

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## PRELUDE

Everlasting God

Del'Shawn Taylor

Jerry Camp

## WELCOME

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*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,  
the wellspring of grace,  
our Easter and our joy.

**Amen.**

Behold this living water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

Immersed in the promise of baptism,  
Let us give thanks for what God has done for us.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your voice thundered over the deep  
and water became the essence of life.

The ark carried your creation through the flood into a new day.

Miriam led the dancing as your people passed through the sea into freedom's land.

Behold this living water!

**Here is our water of life! Alleluia!**

At the river, your beloved Son was baptized by John  
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.

Through the death and resurrection of Jesus,  
you opened the floodgates of your reconciling love,  
freeing us to live as Easter people.

We rejoice with glad hearts and praise through the risen Christ,  
our source of living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever,

**Amen.**

# Opening Hymn

There in God's Garden (*verses 1,2,6*)

1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"

whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;

Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drills of our hu - man

pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.

6 All heav'n is singing,  
"Thanks to Christ whose passion  
offers in mercy  
healing, strength, and pardon.  
Peoples and nations,  
take it, take it freely!"  
Amen! My Master!

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# GREETING

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

# HYMN OF PRAISE

We Know That Christ Has Raised (*verses 1 & 4*)



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.  
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em-braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,  
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.  
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932  
Music: Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924  
Text © John B. Geyer

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may hear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## ◆ WORD ◆

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### READING

A reading from the book of 1<sup>st</sup> John.

1 John 4: 7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

The Lord is risen! The Word is Alive!

**God will meet us on our journey.**

# CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Gathering Song

Rise and Shine

Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.  
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory,  
Children of the Lord.

Children's Message

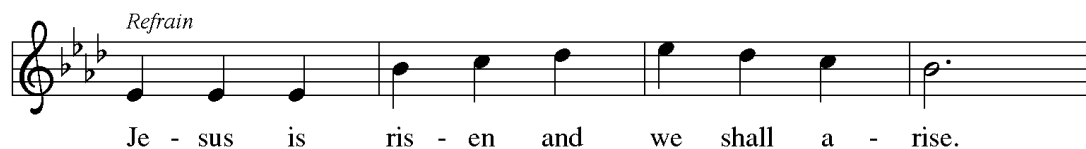
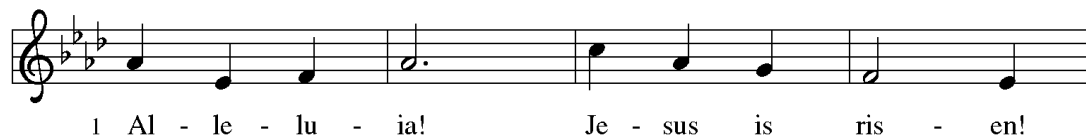
Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

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

Alleluia! Jesus is Risen (*verse 1*)



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## GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:1-8

The Gospel according to St. John, the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

‘I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

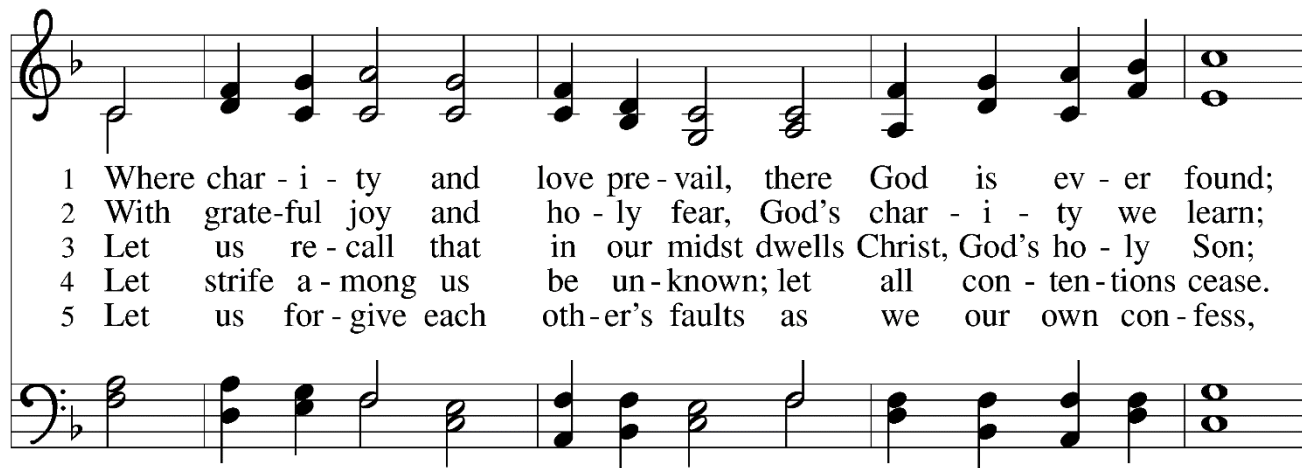
## SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

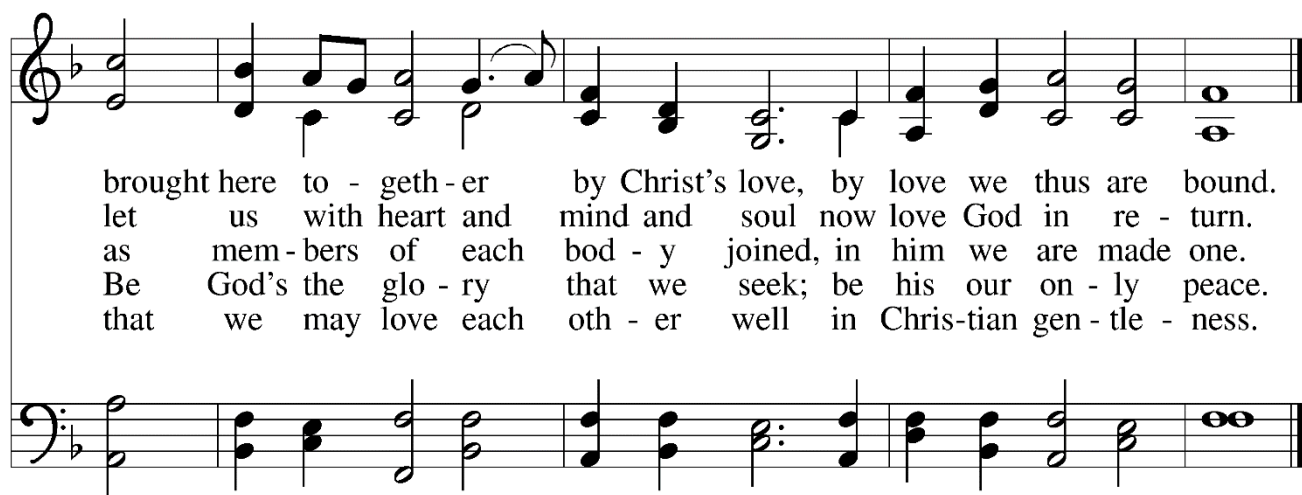


# HYMN OF THE DAY

Where Charity and Love Prevail



1 Where char - i - ty and love pre - vail, there God is ev - er found;  
2 With grate - ful joy and ho - ly fear, God's char - i - ty we learn;  
3 Let us re - call that in our midst dwells Christ, God's ho - ly Son;  
4 Let strife a - mong us be un - known; let all con - ten - tions cease.  
5 Let us for - give each oth - er's faults as we our own con - fess,



brought here to - geth - er by Christ's love, by love we thus are bound.  
let us with heart and mind and soul now love God in re - turn.  
as mem - bers of each bod - y joined, in him we are made one.  
Be God's the glo - ry that we seek; be his our on - ly peace.  
that we may love each oth - er well in Chris - tian gen - tle - ness.

Text: Latin hymn, 9th cent.; tr. Omer Westendorf, 1916–1997, alt.

Music: TWENTY-FOURTH, attr. Lucius Chapin, 1760–1842

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## APOSTLES' 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 Refrain:

Risen Lord, in your mercy,  
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.

# ◆ 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

Be Still and Know

Soli Dei Choir  
Words & Music by Steven Curtis Chapman  
arr. Tom Fettle

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

**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. 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.*

The risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

# COMMUNION WORSHIP SONG

## Beautiful Things

Del'Shawn Taylor  
North Point Worship

### *Verse 1*

All this pain  
I wonder if I'll ever find my way  
I wonder if my life  
Could really change at all

### *Verse 2*

All this earth  
Could all that is lost ever be found  
Could a garden come up  
From this ground at all

### *Chorus*

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things  
Out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things out of us

### *Verse 3*

All around  
Hope is springing up from this old ground  
Out of chaos life is  
Being found in You

### *Chorus x2*

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things  
Out of the dust  
You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things  
Out of us

### *Bridge*

You make me new  
You are making me new

### *Women:*

You make me new  
You are making me new

### *Men:*

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things  
Out of the dust

### *All:*

You make beautiful things  
You make beautiful things  
Out of us

You make beautiful things

You make beautiful things out of us

You make me new

You are making me new

You make me new

You are making me new

## 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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

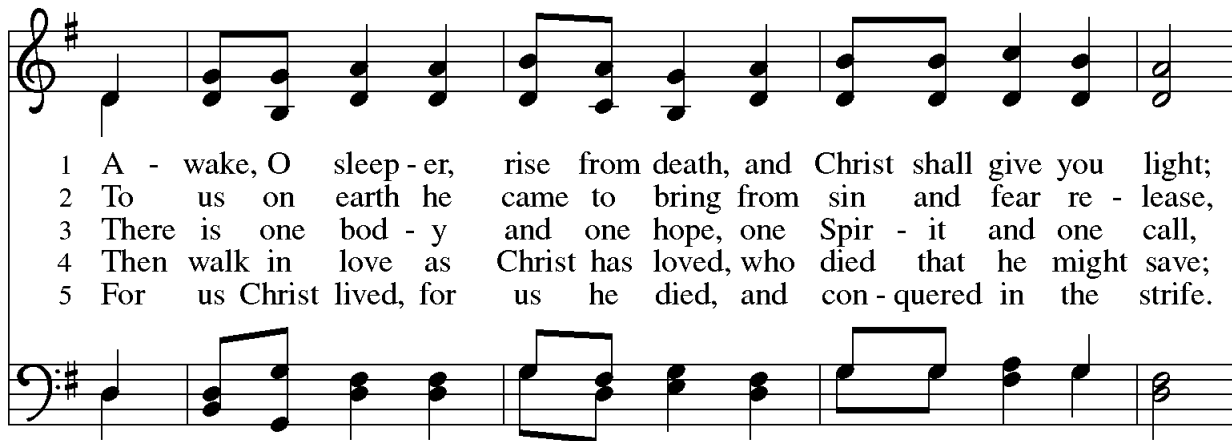
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

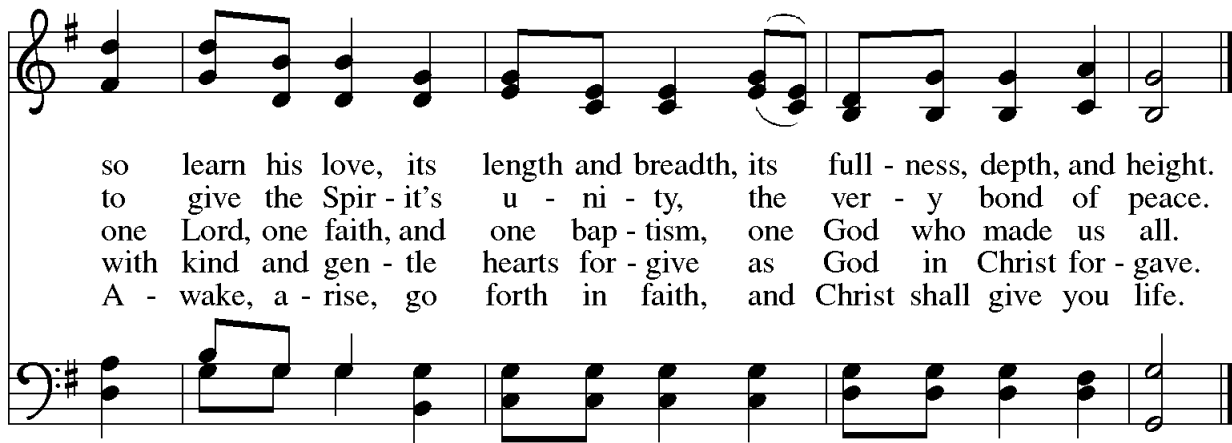
Amen.

### CLOSING HYMN

Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death



1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 There is one bod - y and one hope, one Spir - it and one call,  
4 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
5 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

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## SENDING

Alleluia! Go in peace.

Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## POSTLUDE

Glory and Praise to Our God

Del'Shawn Taylor

arr. Mark Hayes

## ◆ LEADERSHIP ◆

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9:00 AM

Assisting Minister/Reader

Jerry Jagers

Communion Assistants

Brett Woodiel, Mary Ellen Steele

Ushers



## IN OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK

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

Mary Ann

### 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

A photograph showing several rolls of colorful fabric on a rack, with a quilted surface in the foreground.

**Quilting Group**  
**When:** 2nd Monday of each month  
1p.m. to 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Fellowship Hall

A photograph of colorful maracas and a sombrero on a pink fabric background.

**CINCO de MAYO**  
Youth Service Trip Fundraiser  
May 5th at 12:00 p.m.  
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for this *fun* and *festive* Youth Service Trip Fundraiser.

A photograph of a field of orange and white flowers.

**Volunteer Blessing**  
Join us as we share our appreciation for all Cross of Christ volunteers during both Worship Services on Sunday, May 5th

A photograph of a blue food storage bin with a sign that says "USED DAILY!".

**FIRST FRUITS!**  
1st Sunday of the Month  
Monthly Little Pantry Food Drive  
Bring non-perishable, quality food items to fill our CCLC Little Pantry the first Sunday of **every** month. Turn items into the basket in the narthex.

A photograph of a hand painting colorful flowers on a black mug.

**Moms of elementary, middle & high schoolers Night Out**  
Tuesday, April 30 from 7-8 pm in the TIF Room

A photograph of a cactus wearing a sombrero and a mustache, with a sign that says "CINCO DE MAYO".

**Lunch Bunch**  
Join us for a **Mexican Food Potluck**  
Wednesday, May 8th at Noon  
In the Fellowship Hall.  
**All Are Welcome!**

A photograph of a cup of coffee with latte art.

**Coffee Council**  
with  
**April 28, 2024**  
10:15 a.m.  
Join us in the Fellowship Hall for refreshments and get to know our new Council Members

A photograph of musical notes and a treble clef on a black background with colorful geometric shapes.

**Cross-Generational Music Ministry Experience!**  
Join rehearsal on May 5 and May 12 at 10:15 a.m. In the music room!  
This musical moment of fellowship will take place during the 9:00 a.m. service May 19th!