

October 13, 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 9:00 am to 3:00 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

Lorie Couture Office Administrator

Jessica Wanecek Director of Communications

Scott Elvington/Shannon Hazler Audio & Visual Ministers

Church Council council@cross-of-christ.org

Amy Goodmanson Preschool/Kindergarten Director

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

# Worship Schedule

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

10:15 a.m. Faith and Fellowship Hour

Youth Café

Kids Connect

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

The Altar Flowers given this week by:

Marie & Ervin Hesterberg

# **♦** Gathering **♦**

The pastors and assisting minister will read the normal print.

Congregation responds with bold print.

#### GATHERING WORSHIP SONG

Oh How I Need You (Find You)

All Sons & Daughters

Verse 1

Lord I find You in the seeking Lord I find You in the doubt And to know You is to love You And to know so little else

Chorus

I need You Oh how I need You

Oh how I need You Oh how I need You

Verse 1

Chorus

Verse 2
Lord I find You in the morning
Lord I seek You every day
And let my life be for Your glory
Woven in Your threads of grace

Chorus

Oh.....

*Bridge x2* 

Light glorious light

I will go where You shine

Break the dawn crack the skies

Make the way bright before me

In Your light I will find

All I need all I need is You

Chorus x2

#### WELCOME

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Amen.

God whose love never quits:

Help us admit that we have been wrong.

Give us the world the world cannot.

Tell us again you believe in us,

So we can love ourselves and each other like you do.

Amen.

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

A time of silence.

Loving God,

We confess that we have turned from your way

To follow our own ways.

Forgive us for the times

We have spoken or acted too quickly;

We have not spoken or acted at all;

We have hurt those closest to us;

We have hurt those we have yet to know;

We have made ourselves more important than we really are;

We have thought less of ourselves than we ought.

Forgive us, turn us around, so that we can live again as your children.

Amen.

Here is the good news!

Even when we have done wrong, God sees the good in us.

Even when we have messed up, God gives us a fresh start.

God's love never runs out, and God never tires of calling us beloved children.

Amen.

#### **OPENING HYMN**

#### Gather Us In



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Music: GATHER US IN, Marty Haugen
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# **G**REETING

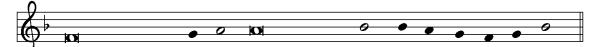
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. And also with you.

## **KYRIE**



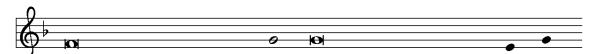
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



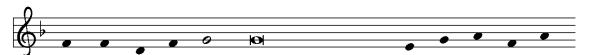


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.





For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.



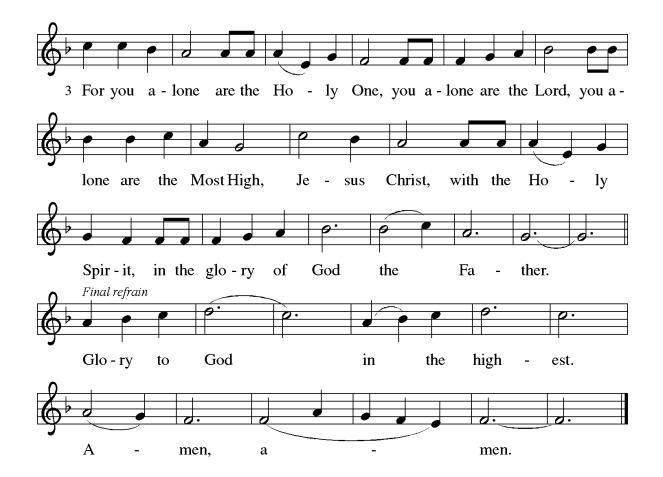


Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.



# HYMN OF PRAISE





## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.



#### FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Psalm.

Psalm 90:12-17

So teach us to count our days

that we may gain a wise heart.

Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,

and for as many years as we have seen evil.

Let your work be manifest to your servants,

and your glorious power to their children.

Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,

and prosper for us the work of our hands—

O prosper the work of our hands!

Word of God, Word of Life Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING

A reading from the book of Hebrew.

Hebrew 4:12-16

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Word of God, Word of Life Thanks be to God.

## CHILDREN'S TIME

Children's Gathering Song

Awesome God!

Our God is an awesome God

Who reigns from heaven above

With wisdom, power, and love

Our God is an awesome God

#### 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 (sing twice)





## GOSPEL LESSON

The Gospel according to St. Mark, the  $10^{\text{th}}\,\text{chapter}.$ 

Glory to you, O Lord.

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother." 'He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, 'Look, we have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**SERMON** 

Pastor Aly Kohlmeyer

Mark 10: 17-31

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Take My Life



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vicente Mendoza, 1875–1955 Music: William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Music © 1999 Augsburg Fortress

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## RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

We welcome these new members into our Cross of Christ family:



Rob, Kate & Missy Snyder



Jon Weber



Vyckye Stager



Joe Girard



Lee & Kay Backstrom

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Refrain:

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

#### 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

O Lord, Be Gracious

arr. Lee Dengler Soli Dei Choir

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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.

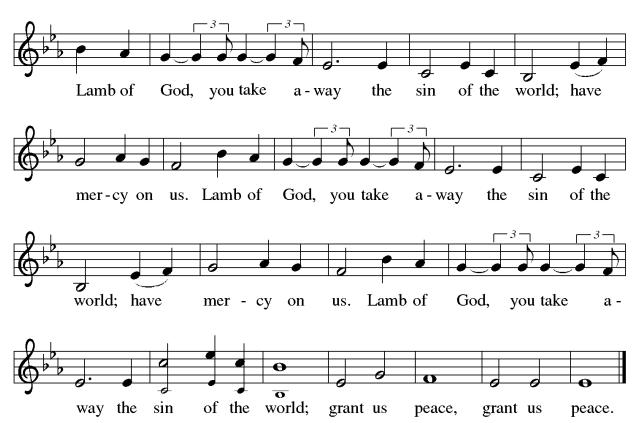
#### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

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.

Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come and be fed.

## LAMB OF GOD



#### **COMMUNION MUSIC**

Shout to the Lord Darlene Zschech

Verse 1

My Jesus, my Savior

Lord, there is none like You

All of my days

I want to praise

The wonders of Your mighty love

Verse 2

My comfort, my shelter

Tower of refuge and strength

Let every breath, all that I am

Never cease to worship You

Chorus

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing

Power and majesty, praise to the King

Mountains bow down and the seas will roar

At the sound of Your name

I sing for joy at the work of Your hands Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You

Verse 1

Verse 2

Chorus x 2

Tag

Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.

Oh, nothing compares to the promise I have in

You.

## **BLESSING**

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **BENEDICTION**

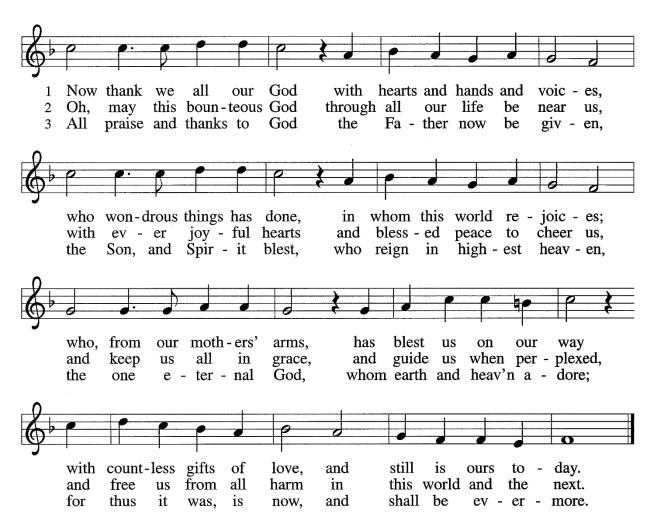
God all mighty,
God most merciful

→ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Now Thank We All Our God



#### **SENDING**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

Thanks be to God.

#### **POSTLUDE**

Reprise of Oh How I Need You (Find You)

All Sons & Daughters

# **♦** LEADERSHIP **♦**

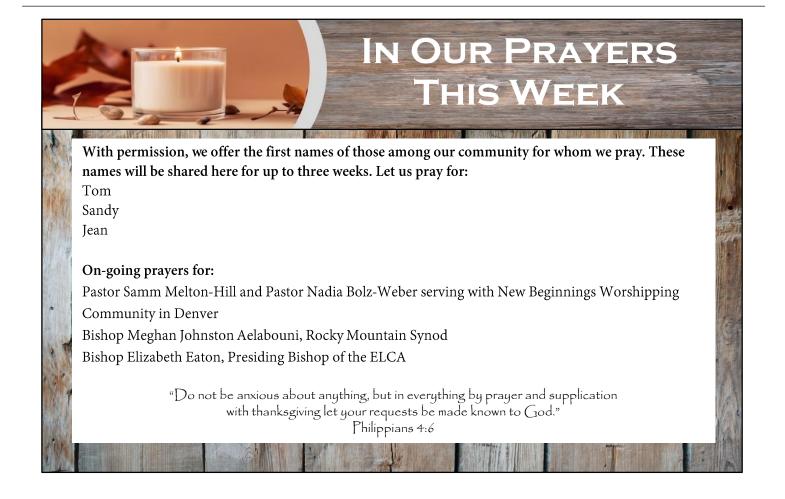
#### 9:00 AM

Assisting Minister/Reader

Mary Ellen Steele

Communion Assistants

Brett Woodiel, Kerri Kraft



# **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.





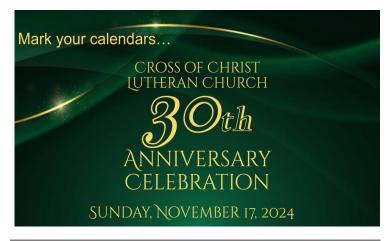


## Sandwiches for the Homeless

Third Friday of the month @ 8:00 a.m.

Please contact Ed Painz or Kristin Kinchen for more details.

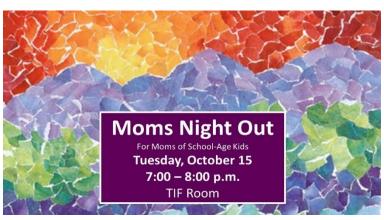


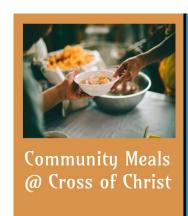






Senior High Youth!
September Brunch/Lunch
October 20<sup>th</sup> @ 12:45pm
Home Team Deli-Westminster
Bring your own lunch money
Come join us for about an
hour and hang out!





Join our
Community Meal
team the
1st and 3rd Tuesdays
as we serve those
who are seeking
nourishment and
connection.

To learn more, contact Pastor Aly.



