

# Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

204 S. Chase Street, Houston, MN

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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship Service w/Holy  
Communion/Baptism/FB

Cradle Roll and Third Grade Bible Recognition

Sunday September 29, 2024



**Monday:**

**Tuesday:** 4:00 Potato/Squash peeling/cutting

**Wednesday:** 4:00-7:00 p.m. "Fall Supper"

**Thursday:**

**Friday:** Wedding Rehearsal

**Saturday:** Edwards Wedding

**Sunday:** 9:30 Sunday Worship Service w/Holy Communion/Noisy Offering/FB

10:30 Coffee Hour/Sunday School/Annual roadside cleanup

10:30 Stone Church/St. Pete's Cemetery Annual Board Meeting

Cross of Christ Mission Statement: *As a fellowship of believers, it is our mission to joyfully proclaim the gospel of Christ in word and deed; inviting people to worship together, nurturing them in the Christian faith, loving one another and serving a world in need.*

## Prelude

## Ringing of the Church Bell

## Announcements

### Gathering Song: Hymn #595 “Jesus Loves Me!”

1 Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.

(Refrain)

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.**

2 Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in. **R**

3 Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high. **R**

## Bible Presentation

**Cradle Roll** Lincoln Holmstadt, Henry Hongerholt

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade** Tason Bartsch, Andie Olson

## Choir Anthem

### First Reading: Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

<sup>4</sup>The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; <sup>6</sup>but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

<sup>10</sup>Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased.

<sup>11</sup>So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, ‘Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors’? <sup>13</sup>Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

<sup>16</sup>So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.”

<sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

<sup>26</sup>Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>And a young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, “My lord Moses, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses said to him, “Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord’s people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!”

R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 19:7-14**

<sup>7</sup>The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;  
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

<sup>8</sup>**The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

<sup>9</sup>The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

<sup>10</sup>**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

<sup>11</sup>By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

<sup>12</sup>**Who can detect one’s own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

<sup>13</sup>Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

<sup>14</sup>**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in  
your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia. Alleluia.**

## **Gospel: Mark 9:38-50**

P: The holy gospel according to Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>38</sup>John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." <sup>39</sup>But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. <sup>40</sup>Whoever is not against us is for us. <sup>41</sup>For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

<sup>42</sup>"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. <sup>43</sup>If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. <sup>45</sup>And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.

<sup>47</sup>And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, <sup>48</sup>where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

<sup>49</sup>"For everyone will be salted with fire. <sup>50</sup>Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Pastor Dana Jackson**

## **Hymn of the Day: Hymn #638 "Blessed Assurance"**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain)

**This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior, all the day long:  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.**

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. **R**

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. **R**

## **The Holy Baptism of Ava Ruth Kleist**

God gives us a new birth into a living home 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.

Parents and sponsors who do you present to be baptized?

**We present Ava Ruth to be baptized.**

Parent(s) called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? **I do.**

You are entrusted with the responsibilities of bringing your child to worship, teaching the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. To teach your child how to pray, to read the scriptures, to trust God and to care for others through word and deed. Do you promise to help your child to grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit? **I do.**

People of God, do you promise to support **Ava Ruth** and pray for her in her life in Christ? **We do.**

Parent(s) and Sponsors I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the forces that defy God, the devil, the powers of this world that rebel against God and the ways of sin?  
**I renounce them.**

Along with the congregation let us confess our faith.

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

**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?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.**

Baptism

**Ava Ruth**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

*Congregation: You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.*

Sign of the Cross

**Ava Ruth**, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Amen.

Candle

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

Congregational Welcome

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We welcome you into the body of Christ.**

Gift of Quilt

**Prayers of Intercession:**

Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

**Offering Collection**

**Offertory**

**“Let the Vineyards be Fruitful”**

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,  
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were  
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of  
life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with your presence,  
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

**Words of Institution**

## 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, for  
ever and ever. Amen

**Invitation to Communion** *Pastor:* The Table is set. Who is Welcome?

*Congregation Response:* All are welcome.

**The Distribution** (*Please sign the pew pad.*) **Communion Hymns:** 502,781,785,790

**Sending Song:** ELW #574 "Here I Am, Lord"

1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?"

(Refrain)

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.**

2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?" **R**

3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?" **R**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

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**Thank You for helping with the service today:**

Organist: Gayle Smith

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Acolytes: Helen Carlson, Alivia Halvorson

Reader: Jenelle Lemke

Communion: Vicki Mc Kay, Cheryl

Skifton, Patrick Forsyth, Larry Jerviss

Usher: Robbie Carlson, Keahna

Seekamp, Duane Hegland

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Baptized during worship today is Ava Ruth Kleist**, daughter of Cameron & Cara Kleist. Ava Ruth's God Parents are Amanda Johnson and David Schultz and Sponsors are Ronald Lantz Jr and Jordan Kleist.

**Tuesday October 1<sup>st</sup>** 4:00 p.m. Potato/Squash Peeling and cutting.

**Wednesday October 2, 2024 Cross of Christ Annual Fall Supper**

**CARRY OUTS ONLY**

*(Limited seating may be available upon request)*

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Menu: Meatballs/Gravy, Real Mashed Potatoes, 2 Salads, Green Beans, Home Grown Squash, Apple Pie. **Cost: \$12:00**

**Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>** annual roadside cleanup after service. CofC will provide bags, approved safety vests, training and bag retrieval. You contribute approximately two hours of labor. We look forward to having a multi-generational group to help out. Contact Mike Berg if you have questions or need more information.

\*All volunteers between the ages of 12-17 participating must have written consent of a parent or legal guardian to participate; these forms are available in the narthex. \*

**Sunday October 6<sup>th</sup>** Stone Church/St. Pete's Annual Cemetery Board Mtg. following worship service.

**Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>** "Fall Fest" following worship service.

**Sunday October 13<sup>th</sup>** Alice Training (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) 3-5pm



**A Big THANK YOU to Sandy Fishel and Judy Munson for decorating for fall.**