

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church
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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost Worship
with Holy Communion/Baptism/FB
September 27, 2026



Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday: Squash donation due date. Thank you!

Friday:

Pastor's Day Off

Saturday:

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion/Noisy Offering/FB

10:30 a.m. Coffee Hr./Sunday School/Confirmation

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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

Ring of the Church Bell

Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW #415 “Father Most Holy” vs 1,2&3

1 Father most holy,
merciful, and tender;
Jesus, our Savior, with
the Father reigning;
Spirit of comfort,
advocate, defender,
light never waning.

2 Trinity blessed, unity
unshaken;
goodness unbounded,
very God of
heaven, light of the
angels, joy of those
forsaken, hope of all
living.

3 Maker of all things, all
thy creatures praise
thee; all for thy worship
were and are created;
now, as we also worship
thee devoutly, hear thou
our voices.

Prayer of The Day

God of love, giver of life, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them, keep us from those things that harm us, and guide us in the way of salvation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Choir

Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

¹ If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name

that is above every other name,
¹⁰ so that at the name given to Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my
presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and
trembling, ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for
his good pleasure. R: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 25:1-9

- ¹ To you, O LORD,
I lift up my soul.
² **My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.**
³ Let none who look to you be put to shame;
rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous.
⁴ **Show me your ways, O LORD,
and teach me your paths.**
⁵ Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.
⁶ **Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.**
⁷ Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake
of your goodness, O LORD.
⁸ **You are gracious and upright, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners in your way.**
⁹ You lead the lowly in justice
and teach the lowly your way.

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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

Sermon

Pastor Dana Jackson

Hymn of the Day ELW #661 "I Love to Tell the Story"

1 I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would
do.

(Refrain)

**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in
glory to tell the old,
old story of Jesus and
his love.**

2 I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I
tell it, more wonderfully
sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never
heard the message of
salvation from God's
own holy word. **R**

The Holy Baptism of Riley Grayce

God 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.

Parents and sponsors who do you present to be baptized?

We present Riley Grayce.

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 **Riley Grayce** to worship, teaching her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. To teach her how to pray, to read the scriptures, to trust God and to care for others through word and deed.

Do you promise to help **Riley Grayce** to grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**

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

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

Parents 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.**

Baptism

Riley Grayce, 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

Riley Grayce, 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

P: Let us welcome the newly baptized. *C:* **We welcome you into the body of Christ.**

Gift of Quilt

Hymn ELW #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.

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

The Holy Baptism of Ella Lynn

God 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.

Parents and sponsors who do you present to be baptized?

We present Ella Lynn.

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 **Ella Lynn** to worship, teaching her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed and the Ten Commandments. To teach her how to pray, to read the scriptures, to trust God and to care for others through word and deed.

Do you promise to help **Ella Lynn** to grow in the Christian faith and life? **I do.**
Sponsors, do you promise to nurture your God-child, **Ella Lynn** in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit? **I do.**

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

Parents 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.**

Baptism

Ella Lynn, 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

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

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Prayers of Intercession:

P: Lord in your mercy. **C: 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

Congregation Response: All are welcome.

The Distribution (*Please sign the pew pad.*)

Communion Hymns: 462, 487, 494

Sending Song: ELW #536 “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

1 God be with you till we meet again;
by good counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd's care enfold you;
God be with you till we meet again.

(Refrain)

**Till we meet,
till we meet,
till we meet at Jesus' feet;
till we meet,
till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.**

2 God be with you till we meet again;
holy wings securely hide you,
daily manna still provide you;
God be with you till we meet again. **R**

3 God be with you till we meet again;
when life's perils thick confound you,
put unfailing arms around you;
God be with you till we meet again. **R**

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

Postlude

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jake Olson

Reader: Teddi Nastor-Whitney

Acolytes: Elin Kohnen, Natalie Hagen

Communion: Ellen Hongerholt, Jessica

Boettger, Teddi Nastor-Whitney

Usher: Dakota Tinderholt, Megan Ulmen,

Duane Hegland

Baptized today are Riley Grayce and Ella Lynn, daughters of Cory and Amy Wood.

Sponsors are Byron & Anna Frauenkron, Kurt & Emily Zehnder, Nate & Heather Tiarks,
Ben & Karissa Wood.

Tuesday October 6th Potato and squash peeling and cutting 4:00 pm

Wednesday October 7th Cross of Christ Annual Fall Supper

4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. CARRY OUTS ONLY

Menu: Meatballs/Gravy, Real Mashed Potatoes, 2 Salads, Green Beans, Home Grown
Squash, Apple Pie. Cost: \$15.00.