

Cross of Christ Lutheran Church

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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost Worship
with Holy Communion/FB
Window Walk Rededication of Stained Glass Windows
October 11, 2026



Monday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting Day
Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. Quilting Day
2:00 p.m. Ruth Circle

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday: 9:00 a.m. Hobby Huddle
Pastor's Day Off

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. Hobby Huddle

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Worship w/Holy Communion/Caring Collection/FB
10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. First Communion Class/Coffee Hr.
No Sunday School/Confirmation
S.C. Preservation mtg.

Prelude

Ringling of the Church Bell

Announcements

Gathering Song: ELW #634 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" vs 1,3&4

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him Lord of all.

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and crown him Lord of all.

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,
whom David Lord did call--
the God incarnate, man divine

and crown him Lord of all.
The God Incarnate, man divine--
and crown him Lord of all.

4 Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at his feet
and crown him Lord of all.
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and crown him Lord of all.

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 4:1-9

¹ My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³ Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my coworkers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

⁹ As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

Psalm 23

¹ The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

² **The Lord makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.**

³ You restore my soul, O Lord,

and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

⁴ **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Rededication of our Cross of Christ Stained Glass Windows

Confirmation Bell Choir Processional

Message from Stewardship Cabinet Church Council Chair Ellen Hongerholt

Stewardship Cabinet members Patrick Forsyth, Gayle Smith, Larry Jerviss, Erin Smith

Congregational Prayer of Rededication

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we gather to rededicate our Stained-Glass Windows to the praise and glory of God.

We give thanks for the artists who created them and the congregation members who helped purchase them from 1961-1969.

We are grateful for our Sunday School students who will lead the Stained-Glass Window Walk today.

**May we have courage to live out the promises of God's grace and mercy
told in these windows through our words and actions.**

We read in Matthew 18:20

²⁰ **For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, ruler of the universe.
You made the whole earth for your glory; all creation praises you.

**We lift our voices to join the songs of heaven and earth,
of things seen and unseen.**

You blessed your people through all generations and guided them in life and death:
Abraham and Sarah; Moses and Miriam; Isaiah and all the prophets;
Mary, mother of our Lord; Peter, James, John, and all the apostles;
and all the saints and witnesses in your church of ages past,
in whom your Spirit spoke and moved.

**We give you thanks, O God,
as we rededicate these windows to your glory and praise.
Grant us faith to know your gracious purpose in all things,
give us joy in them, and lead us to witness our faith
wherever it is we may be. Amen.**

Hymn of the Day 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.

(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**

Apostle's Creed

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.**

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: 480, 491, 502

Sending Song: ELW #547 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

1 Sent forth by God's blessing,
our true faith confessing, the people of
God from this dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended. Oh, now be
extended the fruits of this service in all
who believe.
The seed of Christ's teaching,
receptive souls reaching, shall blossom
in action for God and for all.
Your grace shall incite us, your love shall
unite us to work for your kingdom and
answer your call.

2 With praise and thanksgiving
to God ever-living, the tasks of our
ev'ryday life we will face-- our faith ever
sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing God's children, the whole
human race.
With your feast you feed us,
with your light now lead us;
unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and
thanksgiving give honor to Christ and his
name that we bear.

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

Postlude

Thank You for helping with the service today:

Organist: Shelley Jerviss

Choir Director: Jo Ann Miller

Accompanist: Eileen Hegland

Reader: Sheri Johnson

Acolytes: Keahna Seekamp, Andie Olson

Communion: Sheri Johnson, Sherry
Jergenson, Heather Reay

Usher: Helen Kulas, Isaac Frauenkron,
Duane Hegland

Youth Bell Choir: Eileen Hegland



Thank You!

A Big Thank You to each and everyone who helped out or contributed in any way to make this year's fall supper another success.

Sunday Octobers 18th Caring Collection we are collecting laundry detergent and toilet paper.

Stained Glass Windows Walk will be presented by our Sunday School Students following worship today.