



Cross of Christ Lutheran Church  
Guiding our journey of faith.

**October 13, 2024**

***Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost***

***Worship with Holy Communion***

**10:00 a.m.**

**Pastor Samantha (Sam) Perret, Presiding**

***Welcome to all who worship with us today, especially our visitors. We invite you to return and worship with us again.***

Hymns are found in the Evangelical Lutheran Worship Service Book & Hymnal (red book).



## + GATHERING +

Welcome and Announcements

\* Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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

***Silence is kept for reflection.***

Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

***Music today is by Pastor Sam***

**Gathering Hymn**

*Son of God, Eternal Savior*

**ELW #655**

Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

L: Let us pray.

**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.**

**+ WORD +**

*Reading for us today is Bryan Fitzgerald*

**Lesson 1 – Amos 5:6-7, 10-150**

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. <sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! <sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. <sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. <sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. <sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. <sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. <sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Lesson 2 – Hebrews 4:12-16**

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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. <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel – Mark 10: 17-31**

#### **The Gospel according to Mark**

#### **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] 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?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>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; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions. <sup>23</sup>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!" <sup>24</sup>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! <sup>25</sup>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." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." <sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>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, <sup>30</sup>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. <sup>31</sup>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**

### **Hymn of the Day**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**ELW #705**

### **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess our faith, in the words of the 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.**

*Sharing prayers with us today is Lisa Rapisarda*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Challenged by God's Word in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and the whole creation.

*A brief silence.*

Compassionate God, embolden the church to seek all who are lost, clothe those who are naked, and mend what is broken. May we be generous bearers of your eternal love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, as we approach harvest time, we pray for farmers, field workers, and those who process crops. Keep us mindful of environmental threats to the nourishing food that feeds the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Steadfast God, inspire world leaders to share resources and work collectively to end global poverty, starvation, and preventable disease. Direct us to seek justice and equity, that all may live in peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those who are afflicted, tormented, grieving, oppressed, and lonely. Deliver the strength of your love and compassion to all who need it today. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Generous God, we give thanks for the first nations and tribes who inhabited this land. We lament the harm done by colonization. Call us to deeper appreciation and care for the languages, rituals, and history of all Indigenous people. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Today we pray especially for all those on our prayer list below, all whom we send cards through our Care Card Ministry, on our prayer tree and those we now name in our hearts or with our voices... *[Current prayer list: Joseph D, Mustafa G, Kathy M, Lainey, Joshua, Augusto C, Melvin V, Sr, Luna, Ziva and family, Myra S, Elaine W, Jim C, Arlene & William S, Judy J, Arthur F and family, Jacky A, Judi C, Barbara C, Eva B, Shawn Y, Candie L, The LeClair family, Mark B, Phyllis K, Ernst R, Iliana B, Nadia & Gary M, Glenn & Ann, Betsy C, Adam K, Don M, Lori, Susan A, Randy and Priscilla B, Randolph K, Jeff S]* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Dear God, we give you thanks for the gift of life to Bob Blewitt who will be celebrating his birthday tomorrow. Grant them the joy of your continued presence throughout the years to come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, we know that all good things come from you, and we give you thanks for the many blessings we have received. We name before you now some of the gifts for which we are thankful... Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

**\* Sharing the Peace**

L: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

**+ MEAL +**

**\* Offering Prayer**

A: Let us pray,

**C: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**\* The Great Thanksgiving**

L: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

L: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

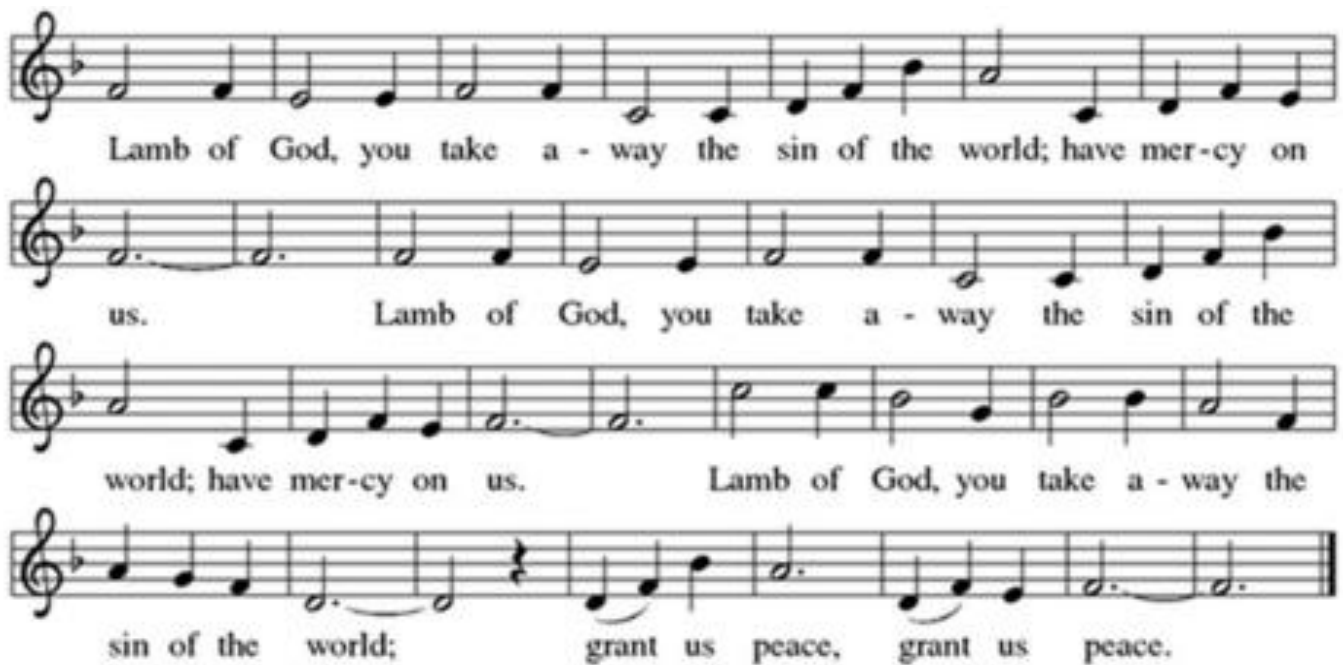
**C: Holy Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

L: 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 for 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 for the remembrance of me.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
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world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.



*Assisting with communion today is Charmaine Lawton*

**Communion Distribution** In Christ's presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

\* Post-Communion Blessing

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

A: Let us pray.

**C: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**+ SENDING +**

L: Almighty God, Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **C: Amen.**

**Sending Hymn**

*O God of Every Nation*

**ELW #713**

P: Go in peace, share the good news! **C: Thanks be to God.**

**9/20:** Barbara Mase will be performing in a special fundraiser concert here at Cross of Christ at 3PM. A free-will offering will be collected to raise money for a "new to us" piano for the sanctuary. Hospitality/refreshments to be served after concert. There will **"not"** be coffee hour immediately following worship.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays via zoom at 6:00 p.m. and Thursdays in the conference room at 10:00 a.m.

**PRAYERS:** Please notify Lainey if there is anyone on the prayer list or prayer tree that you would like removed.

### **Altar Care Volunteers**

**TODAY:** Janine Kifer & Tish Hunter  
**10/20:** Sr. Carol Weaver & Del Blewitt  
**10/27:** Tish Hunter & Janine Kifer



### **Hospitality Volunteers**

**TODAY:** Char Lawton  
**10/20:** Del Blewitt & Linda Nido (after concert)  
**10/27:** Blanche Feero & Pat Huesch



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**To welcome all into safe, sacred relationship, as  
the Spirit works through us to embody God's love  
and grace in the world.**