



Community of the Cross Lutheran Church

Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 • 10:45 a.m.



Our Mission

We are all called to be ministers—
Welcomed by the love of Jesus Christ,
Nurtured in faith by the Holy Spirit,
Sent to share God's promises with others.

GATHERING

Please feel free to be seated as you need to.

GATHERING SONG *“How Can I Keep From Singing”*

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG *“Holy Spirit”*

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be God, the one who forms us, Jesus who bears the cross, the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

C: Amen.

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

P: Merciful God,

**C: We confess we are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.
Amen.**

P: Beloved, through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promise you are already and always forgiven.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Jenna Trenbeath

READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *"Word of God Speak"*

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 25th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Christine Wenzel

OFFERING AND PRAYERS

OFFERING

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SONG OF REFLECTION *"Carry Me To The Cross"*

PRAYERS

P: God in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion supplies - including gluten-free option - are available
in the Welcome Center or from the ushers.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

DISTRIBUTION

“Only Grace”

COMMUNION BLESSING

SENDING

BLESSING / BENEDICTION

P: The God of glory, Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

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CCLC Vision Statement

SENDING SONG

“Hope of the Nations”

SENDING

P: Go in peace to touch lives with the love of God.

C: Thanks be to God.