

“GET UP *and go on your way;*
your **FAITH** *has made*
you **WELL.”**

Luke 17:19



October 12, 2025
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost
10:15 am Family Contemporary Worship



Come & See

WELCOME

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you've chosen to worship here! Cross & Crown is a community of Christ-followers from all walks of life. We hope that you will feel a warm welcome from the congregation and will worship with us again!

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY INFORMATION

Sunday school classes are offered for adults located in the Multipurpose space. Our adult class, Books of Faith, meets in room 206.

Communion is offered each week. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table!

Our church has something for everyone, and not just on Sundays. During the week, we have activities such as Bible studies and small groups. On Wednesday evenings we share a fellowship dinner at 6 pm. We hope you'll come try it out! See the back of the bulletin for more details about how to sign up.

Now that you know a little about us, help us get to know you better by completing the Connection Card handed to you by one of our greeters when you entered. You can hand it to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate.

PARENTS

We love the sound of kids in our service! Here are some ideas to keep them engaged.

Relax! It's ok to let kids be kids!

Sit close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see and hear.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Sing hymns loudly, pray, respond, etc. Children learn by following your lead.

Activities: If you would like a bag of quiet activities for your little ones, ask an usher and they will provide one for you.

Wander: It's ok to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids move a bit.

Need to Leave? No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break. There are speakers in the narthex & lounge so you can hear. The narthex is a great place to get the wiggles out, and the lounge is nice if you need privacy.

Ask: Questions or just need help? Just ask one of our ushers.

Childcare: The nursery is down the hall in the Multipurpose Space for infants to age 4 and is available during both worship services. If you need assistance, an usher can help you. C&C Kids is offered to kids pre-K through 3rd grade. Kids depart the sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace and return to worship before communion.

WE GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God

Carter

Worship Song

The Blessing

Verse

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Chorus

Amen, Amen, Amen

Bridge 1

May His favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children

Bridge 2

May His presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you, He is with you

Bridge 3

In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you

Tag

He is for you, He is for you

Confession

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Merciful and loving God, we are your stiff-necked people. We have turned away from you and towards sin.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: We discriminate against people that look and act differently from us. We trample on the needy.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: We grumble about your grace to others. We turn away from the poor.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Have mercy on us and forgive our sins. Rejoice over us as ones who were lost and have been found.

C: **Amen.**

P: Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful. Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners. You who were lost have been found. In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!

C: **Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

(Refrain)

Lord I need You oh I need You. Ev'ry hour I need You.

My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.

My one defense my righteousness. Oh God how I need You.

(Refrain)

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for all of creation.

Gracious God, you lead your people to a deeper connection with you. Unite us as your church so that you are reflected in our response to your grace and in our work. By your Spirit, teach the church to share your Word for the sake of the world.

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to fight for justice for others and the well-being of those in need. Shepherd leaders to work together in harmony to lead with compassion and benevolence.

Almighty God, author and giver of peace, listen to the cry of our human family torn by violent conflict. Grant peace in our time, a peace the world cannot give. Inspire reconciliation by filling hearts with respect and dignity, so that violence may be replaced by love and nations may become brothers and sisters.

And we sing...

(Refrain)

Life-giving God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering. Comfort those in need of your healing. We pray for those with cancer, undergoing treatments, those suffering from mental illness, and those whose bodies are failing them. We lift up to you all on our congregational prayer list and all we name aloud at this time...

(Pause for congregation)

God of Love, we thank you for bringing us together today as Your church. We pray for unity within our congregation, that we may be of one mind and purpose, supporting one another in love. Please give us boldness to share the good news with our community and beyond, reflecting Your glory in all that we do.

We lift to you our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. We sing our AMEN.

(Refrain)

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*



This Week's Story: Elijah and the Widow
Icebreaker Question: What super power do you wish you had?

THE WORD

Luke 17:11-19

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?" ¹⁸Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Pastor Melody Simpkins

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

In Remembrance

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In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of me, drink this wine. In remembrance of me pray for the time when God's own will is done. In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of me, feed the poor. In remembrance of me, open the door and let your brother in, let him in. Take, eat, and be comforted. Drink, and remember, too, that this is my body and precious blood, shed for you, shed for you. In remembrance of me, search for truth. In remembrance of me, always love. In remembrance of me, don't look above, but in your heart, in your heart, in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of me. Do this in remembrance of me. In remembrance of me.

(Please stand)

Offertory Response

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



Statement of Belief

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.

Come to the Table-- Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Communion

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,
forever and ever. Amen.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

Lamb of God



Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Reckless Love

Verse 1

Before I spoke a word You were singing over me
You have been so so good to me
Before I took a breath You breathed Your life in me
You have been so so kind to me

Chorus

(And) O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God
O it chases me down fights 'til I'm found
Leaves the ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it I don't deserve it
Still You give Yourself away

O the overwhelming never-ending reckless
Love of God yeah

Verse 2

When I was Your foe still Your love fought for me
You have been so so good to me
When I felt no worth You paid it all for me
You have been so so kind to me

Bridge

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: **Amen.**

Benediction

P: The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Sending Song

Blessed Be Your Name

Verse 1

Blessed be Your name

In the land that is plentiful

Where Your streams of abundance flow

Blessed be Your name

Verse 2

Blessed be Your name

When I'm found in the desert place

Though I walk through the wilderness

Blessed be Your name

Pre-Chorus

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll

Turn back to praise

When the darkness closes in Lord

Still I will say

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Verse 3

Blessed be Your name

When the sun's shining down on me

When the world's all as it should be

Blessed be Your name

Verse 4

Blessed be Your name

On the road marked with suffering

Though there's pain in the offering

Blessed be Your name

Bridge

You give and take away

You give and take away

My heart will choose to say

Lord blessed be Your name

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

Sending

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Kids are invited to join Mr. Larry in the choir room for music time!

**Weekly
Announcements**
AT CROSS & CROWN

**C&C YOUTH
CORN
MAZE**
FRIDAY, OCT. 24

**FAMILY MEET-UP:
HALL FAMILY FARM**

Sunday, Oct. 12 @ 2 pm

We are planning to
gather together for
pumpkin picking and
enjoying the activities
on the farm.

Join us!

We will meet on the farm located at:
445 W. Rebound Rd., Lancaster, SC 28720

Men's Group Gathering

Fire up the grill and join us at Pastor Matt's house **TODAY** from 4-7 pm for a great night of food and fellowship! Bring a side dish to share and your own meat to throw on the grill. It's the perfect time to relax, connect, and enjoy some good company. We will talk about the upcoming Men's Retreat November 21-23.

OCTOBER 29

COME FOR DINNER... STAY FOR "TREATS"!

**TRUNK,
or TREAT**

We'll be having hot dogs, chili & slaw for dinner beginning at 6 pm, so sign up for dinner and stay for Trunk or Treat! It's a perfect opportunity to enjoy a meal together, meet new friends, and connect with your church community.

Don't have little ones at home? That's ok! Help be part of the fun! Dress up your trunk, hand out candy, and help us make Trunk or Treat a night to remember!

PROPERTY WORKDAY: OCTOBER 25TH



Grab your gloves, your favorite pair of work shoes, and a little elbow grease—it's property workday time! We've got a to-do list ready: paint the lower parking lot stair railing, spread dirt around the MPW, trimming bushes, cutting up two dead trees by the shed, and clearing low-hanging limbs along the driveway and front property.

Don't worry—we'll wrap things up before college football kickoff so you can cheer on your team in the afternoon.

Many hands make light work—come lend a hand!

See you on October 25th @ 9 am!

Help Us Make Chrismons @ the Upcoming Property Workday!

It's hard to believe, but Christmas will be here before we know it! Each year, during our Hanging of the Green service, we gather to decorate the sanctuary Christmas tree. One of the most meaningful traditions is placing Chrismons—special handmade ornaments created with Christian symbols like the cross, dove, fish, and star. These white and gold decorations remind us that Christmas is truly about Christ.

This year, we need to make more Chrismons to adorn our new tree. If you would like to help, we'll provide all the supplies and guidance you need. Join us on the upcoming Property Workday, Saturday, October 25th, and be part of this beautiful tradition!



Oktoberfest

*Grab your lederhosen and your little ones
—it's time for Oktoberfest at C&C!*

We'll have all the classics you love— brats, sauerkraut, beer, etc. For the kids? Bounce house & games that will keep them smiling all afternoon long.

So bring your appetite, a dessert to share,
your friends, and your festive spirit!

NOVEMBER 1, 4-7 PM





ROOTED SUNDAYS

HELP US WITH SUPPLIES... IT'S SIMPLE!

The next Rooted Sunday, November 2, will have a technology theme—and we need your help! If you're a Thrivent client or associate member, you can provide supplies at no cost by ordering a Thrivent Cause Kit (Water Filter Build or Solar Light Build). Kits are free, one per year, and make a big impact for communities worldwide.

- **WATER FILTER BUILD — BUILD 3 FILTERS TO GIVE CLEAN WATER TO 12 PEOPLE EACH, FOR 10 YEARS!**
- **SOLAR LIGHT BUILD — BUILD 3 SOLAR LIGHTS, GIVING KIDS 7,300 EXTRA STUDY HOURS OVER 3 YEARS!**

Order your kit online by October 17 to ensure delivery before November 2, then drop it off at the church office. Our youth will assemble the kits that Sunday and send them back to Thrivent. Need help setting up your Thrivent account? Call 800-847-4836.

WINTER WARM UP COLLECTION FOR A ROOF ABOVE



As the cold months approach, we are collecting new winter hats, gloves, scarves and **NEW** socks to help keep our neighbors at A Roof Above Homeless Shelter warm and cared for this season. You may donate good quality used hats, scarves & gloves as well. The Community Care Team will go through all donations to ensure that they are acceptable.

If shopping isn't convenient, you can also give a monetary donation, and we will be glad to purchase items on your behalf. Every gift, big or small, helps bring comfort and warmth to someone in need. Thank you for sharing the love of Christ in such a practical way! Drop off your donations in the collection barrel in the Narthex! Last Sunday for donations is November 2nd.

Blessing Our College Students & Military Personnel with Care Packages

Each year, the Miriam Circle prepares care packages for Cross & Crown's college students & military personnel, and we'd love to send one to your loved one! Because this ministry is focused on supporting our own congregation's young adults, the care packages are just for college students & military personnel who are members of Cross & Crown, or whose parents are members (not grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or extended family).

We do our best to customize each package to your student or soldier's likes and dislikes, so when you email LeAnne in the church office with their information, please include their favorite snacks and any food allergies. Scan the QR code so you can fill out the form.

Deadline for submissions is November 30th!



Caregivers Support Group

Cross & Crown is a home away from home and a community that is here to support its members through the good times and the rough times. We would like to start a monthly Caregivers' Support Group facilitated by Jill Scott. Please let us know what days and times work best for you by scanning the QR code or by contacting Jill Scott.



Week at a Glance

Monday, October 13th

7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, October 14th

9:30 am- Squares of Love Quilting

12 pm- Staff Meeting

6:30 pm- Table Talk

Wednesday, October 8th

6 pm- Wednesday Night Happenings Dinner

6:30 pm- Men's Group Gather @ the Fire Pit

6:45 pm- Handbells

7:30 pm- Choir

Friday, October 17th

4:30 pm- Walking Club

Miriam Circle Retreat Weekend

Sunday, October 18th

8:15 am Worship

9 am Coffee Hour

9:15 am- Adult Sunday School Book of Psalm

10:15 am- Worship

Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister:

Acolyte:

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Usher:

Communion Set-up:

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