

## THE CROSS CHRONICLES



**Readings for the week of October 9, 2022**

**First Reading Ruth 1: 1-19a**

**Epistle –2 Tim. 2: 1-13**

**Holy Gospel –Luke 17: 11-19**

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Cross website:**

[SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG](http://SHADOWOFTHECROSSLC.ORG)

**Worship service livestream:**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCM0cM0gle1sMO4AbuYc5I7Q>

**Worship Service:** Sunday 9:45 am **Holy Communion** every Sunday.

**Prayer Journey:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays 11:15 am via Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86407907544?pwd=Sl4Y2U1ZDgyUncydWNXQ21lYnU1dz09>

Meeting ID: 864 0790 7544 Passcode: 206708

**Fellowship hour** with refreshments will follow service.

**Pastor Dupre's** Sunday Bible study begin at 11:00 am.

Aaron Clark has created a SOTC YouTube channel and will be streaming the service. Please direct all questions to the church office 248 474-0675, Mon – Friday, 9:45 am – 2:00 pm. Thank you. Tuesday Bible Study is at 11:30 am. You can also join us via Zoom, contact the office for the information.

“Law AND Gospel; not OR”

*“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*

1 John 1:8-9 ESV

You have heard it said that confession is good for the soul. Whoever coined that phrase spoke prophetically and may not have understood how much of an understatement it is. The truth is, the only thing better for the soul than sincere confession is faith in Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior, and Redeemer. But there are those who believe that confession is unnecessary. They teach, believe and profess that the Law has been made void because of the salvific work of Jesus Christ. They will tell you that the Old Testament is no longer relevant. They will tell you that the Law has no bearing on our lives anymore. They will tell you that ONLY the Gospel matters. In short, they have deceived themselves into believing they are no longer sinners. This type of belief system in so many ways is hard to know where to begin refuting it. But here it goes; first, who are we to say that any part God's Word is no longer relevant? Scripture certainly does not say that. However it does say this: *“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”* – Matthew 5:17-19

Here is where abolishing the relevance of the Law leads to: If we have no need for the Law, we are saying we do not need to be shown our sin because we have no sin. If we have no sin, we are equal to Jesus, and do not need to be forgiven. If we have become equal to Jesus, then we have no need for a Savior. If we have no need for a Savior, then we ultimately deny the significance of Jesus' death and resurrection and ascension. If we don't believe we need to be forgiven, we won't be forgiven but will be accountable for our arrogance on the Last Day. This path is inescapable for those that believe the Law has no relevance. Be careful and tread lightly! Revelation 22:18-19

On the other hand, there are those who deny the Gospel. They uphold the Law, but deny that Jesus is the Son of God. Some in this group, believe the Gospel, but think it is an exaggeration of God's love and grace; that Christ could not have risen from the dead. They understand that the Law is good to live by; but the Gospel is nothing more than a pretty story for the weak in spirit or those who have lost hope. What they don't understand is that without the grace of God that comes to us through the Gospel, there is no hope at all. Without the Gospel we cannot be saved, because we can not know who our savior is. Therefore, faith, the key to salvation, becomes irrelevant.

This is the beauty of the Lutheran doctrine; we understand that you cannot separate Law and Gospel. Both must be preached, taught, confessed and inwardly digested to enable us to have a proper relationship with our God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It is not Law OR Gospel. It is Law AND Gospel. We must be shown our sin through the Law so that we see that we have offended God, and feel the weight of guilt, so that we can approach Him with contrition to confess our sins and be forgiven. We must be shown our Savior through the Gospel so that we know that He loves us, forgives us, and died for us so that we might live. It is through the Gospel that the Holy Spirit calls us

and enlightens us in the one true faith. Without the Gospel, there can be no faith in Jesus. Without faith, there is no salvation or life everlasting. Be careful and tread lightly! Let Revelation 22:18-19 be your warning! God bless you all! -Pastor Dupre

The peace of the Lord be with you -Rev. Brian Dupre, Pastor, SOTC

### **SOTC Zoom Account**

Any chairperson needing to use the Zoom account for their ministry, please contact the Church office. There is a sign-up sheet in the office to reserve your date and time.



Sunday school is back and we are meeting in person on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Our adult Sunday school will continue on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom and we hope to see you there. If you have any questions regarding our Sunday school please feel free to call any of the Sunday school staff, Dawn Kivimaki, Lori Smith, Laina Burk, Shirley Bowden, Myita Davis, Roderick McClure, Barbara Profit or the church office 248-474-0675. The Zoom link will remain the same until further notice.

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## **Chocolate Sheet Cake**

### **Ingredients**

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 large eggs  
2 sticks butter  
4 heaping tablespoons cocoa powder

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### **Icing:**

1 3/4 sticks butter  
4 heaping tablespoons cocoa powder  
6 tablespoons milk  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1-pound powdered sugar

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1/2 cup finely chopped pecans, optional

### **Directions**

1. For the cake: Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F.
2. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, and salt. Stir together and set aside.
3. In another bowl, mix the buttermilk, baking soda, vanilla, and eggs. Mix with a fork and set aside.
4. In a medium saucepan, melt the butter and add the cocoa. Whisk together to combine. Meanwhile, bring 1 cup water to a boil. When the butter is melted, pour the boiling water in the pan. Allow to bubble for a moment, then turn off the heat. Pour the chocolate mixture into the flour mixture. Stir together for a moment to cool the chocolate, then pour in the egg mixture. Stir together until smooth, then pour into an ungreased jelly roll pan (or rimmed baking sheet) and bake for 20 minutes.
5. While the cake is baking, make the icing: Melt the butter in a saucepan over medium-low heat. Add the cocoa powder and stir until smooth. Add the milk, vanilla, and powdered sugar. Stir together. Dump in the pecans and stir until well combined.
6. Immediately after removing the cake from the oven, pour the warm icing over the top. You'll want to avoid doing much spreading, so try to distribute it evenly as you pour.

• Level: Easy Total: 45 min Prep: 20 min Cook: 25 min Yield: 24 servings

## Religious Jokes

**Q.** How long did Cain hate his brother?

**A.** As long as he was Abel.

**Q.** Who was the biggest financial wizard in the Bible?

**A.** Noah. He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

**Q.** How does Moses make his coffee?

**A.** Hebrews it.

**Q.** When is medicine first mentioned in the Bible?

**A.** When God gave Moses two tablets.

At Sunday School the children were learning how according to the Bible God created everything, including human beings. Johnny paid particular attention when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later that week, Johnny's mother found him lying on his bed as though he were ill, and asked him, "Johnny, what's the matter?" Johnny replied, "I've got a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

## Bible Trivia Questions

**Question:** How did God make people spread out across the earth?

**Answer:** Confused their languages.

**Question:** As Isaac was dying and blind, who suggested that Jacob should steal Esau's birthright?

**Answer:** Rebekah.

**Question:** After they took over the Promised Land and Joshua died, who ruled Israel?

**Answer:** Judges.

**Question:** Who was the woman judge who led Israel to victory?

**Answer:** Deborah.

**Question:** How many times did David spare Saul's life?

**Answer:** Twice.

## CRITIQUE/CRITICISM

Can we critique the religious service that is held in most congregations each week? And the question we have to ask ourselves. Is it possible to review the circumstances that would change the service? Without going through the various areas of religiosity that exist in most religious services; can we look at some areas that exist in all services. Each stage of the service's follows a sequence where the congregations went through various stages of the service to reach mutual feelings of 'peace of mind'.

From the opening sound of music through hymn or a musical prelude; the pastor, priest, guru, or spiritual leader states the absolution and forgiveness of sins. From there we go through the reading of the Old Testament, New Testament and Gospel lessons to arrive at another junction in the service. More hymns and then the sermon. Now if you were seated from the beginning of the service and actually went through each phase of the service you would have what is considered a full religious service. And this is not counting announcements, benediction and closing hymn.

Now we know all religious services differ from denomination to denomination. It is basically the same in all services. Therefore, if you were seated when the service began, you were with most of the congregation who came on time to worship. You enjoyed the service, which includes the prayers, readings, and the hymns. That is all the way to the triple amen at the end of the service. Ideally, this as a Christian service the way church services should and could go on a weekly basis.

On the other side is the unspoken criticism that occurs when one comes in late to the service. The question is, will the pew space be there for the late arrivals? Or, will everyone have to give up his/her favorite seat for the late arrivals. Or do we actually think our Lord and Savior would hand out late slips as on our jobs would. This is a noticeable action for those close to and behind the late arrivals. Also, are we aware of what this does to the rest of the congregation any time the trend of thought is changed to notice and see who came in late. Okay, it's off on a tangent and it is not clear as to what I am trying to say.

While arriving late at work we think it only effects our own work. But, we in the work life are hinged together just like the congregation. Late arrivals think it is only their business. And no one would dare deny them their right to arrive late. But it will break-up the concentration of the worship service for others. We do not know just what anyone is personally going through at any worship service. To break up their consecration by arriving late can become quite frustrating. Only it takes all of us to pray, sing and worship together.

If anything stated here has been offensive to any one, please forgive me. Please look upon these words as an exercise in learning to critique our service and what is going on in our services and not as a criticism of any individual. It is ill mannered to attack anyone's feelings. Again, please do not take any of these words written here personally.

Merlin Fields

# Do It Anyway

People are often unreasonable.  
Illogical and self-centered,  
Forgive them anyway,  
If you are kind,  
people may accuse you of selfish ulterior  
motives;  
Be kind anyway,  
If you are successful,  
You will win some false friends and true enemies.  
Succeed anyway.  
If you are honest and frank,  
people may cheat you:  
Be honest anyway,  
What you spend years building,  
Someone could destroy overnight;  
Build anyway  
If you find serenity and happiness,  
they may be jealous:  
Be happy anyway,  
The good you do today,  
People will often forget tomorrow.  
Do good anyway,  
Give the world the best you have,  
and it may never be enough.  
Give the world the best you've got anyway,  
You see, in the final analysis,  
It is between you and God;  
It was never between you and them anyway,  
By Mother Teresa

**Publisher's note:** If you have information, prayer request, something you would like to share with your church family, a poem, a song, a scripture, a picture of something that puts a smile on your face, please send it to Veronica's email [sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.officemanager@gmail.com) or Dawn's email [sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com](mailto:sotclutheran.secretary@gmail.com) Information for the Newsletter, please submit by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's publication. Thank you and Blessings!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### October Pastor Dupre Appreciation Month

**Financial Information as of** September 20, 2022

YTD Revenue \$64,507    Budgeted Revenue \$71,905    Under Budget (\$7,398)

Roof A/C    Funds Received \$37,633.6

### \*\*\*ONLINE GIVING & DONATIONS\*\*\*\*

Some of you may not be aware but SOTC has an easy and convenient way to make one time or recurring donations to the church on our website. You can use a credit card, checking or saving account to make donations just go to our home page @ [www.shadowofthecrosslc.org](http://www.shadowofthecrosslc.org) and click on donate in the upper right corner. Its super easy! If you have questions, contact the office.

**PRAISE CHOIR REORGANIZATION:** Meet 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, at 6pm! All are welcome!!!

**SOTC CHOIR:** Meet every Tuesday at 7:00 pm.

**Free English as a Second Language Class has been postponed until further notice**

**Announcing the SOTC Women's Weekly Bible Study, 9:00 am - 10:00 am, every Thursday.**

Bring a Bible, drink, and friend, Rich discussion/NO homework.

Presenter will be Margo Dupre

**The Food Pantry** is all most completely empty. Please help to fill it. Place food donations on stage in the gym. Soon we will have a box in the narthex for cash donations.

**Gifts for All God's Children** has begun its 2022 Holiday Campaign. Please see Barbara Hatcher or Lainia Burk if you know of a family in need with children up to age 16.

**CELEBRATION OF 80 YEARS!!! LWML** was acknowledging this Special Ministry on Sunday, October 2, with worship and praise! Women presented mite box offering of \$8 or more, with a goal of \$800! Serve the Lord with Gladness, SOTC women's League



**2022 Rosa J Young Memorial Celebration** It will be uploaded on Facebook & YouTube soon. Please view and share with all who may be interested. Here is the link to view the program: <https://vimeo.com/manage/videos/752702715>

**Fall Rummage Sale** Thursday October 13<sup>th</sup> 9-5pm Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> 9-5pm and Saturday October 15<sup>th</sup> 9am to Noon Fill A Bag \$5.00 Clean Up Noon-5pm

**Shadow of the Cross Fall Rummage Sale, formally Woman's League/Youth Group, open to all SOTC committees! Please sign up to volunteer and participate to earn profits for your committee of choice. Volunteers needed to make this a success!!!! Woman's League will host lunch & bake sale Thursday & Friday 9am -5pm & Saturday, October 15th 9am -1pm**

**Please drop off your items Monday thru Friday during office hours 10:00am and 1:00pm, or Sundays before or after church service – neatly on the stage. Your time is greatly appreciated, please sign your name and number to the volunteer list located on the red hutch, back of church.**

**Set Up Wednesday October 12<sup>th</sup> 10-7pm Setting up tables, sorting, pricing, folding, etc**

**Volunteer Thursday-Saturday 8:30-5:30 an hour or two, or all day  
Contact Heather Rooker or Mary Ellen Rooker with questions.**

# October 2022



## Saturday 1

8am ALS Walk @ Detroit Zoo

10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom

Noon properties cleanup.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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LWML 80yrs.&install Current officers 9:45 Worship w/communion & Sunday School 11:00amBibleStudyZ	6:00pm Trustees Meeting. 7:00pm Elders' Meeting.	11:30 Pastor's Bible Study w/Lunch 7pm SOTC Choir		9:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00-noon ESL		9:30 Womens League 10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom11:15am Prayer Journey,zoom .Noon properties
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom.	COLUMBUS DAY	11:30 Pastor's Bible Study w/Lunch 1:15 Unity meeting 6pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir 7:00pm.SchoolBd. Upper School Campus	10-7pm set up Rummage Sale 7:00pm. Finance Meeting.	9-5RummageSal 9:00 Women's Bible Study 10:00-noon ESL 2:00pm. Finance	9-5 RummageSale	9-Noon Bags \$5 Noon5pmCleanUp 10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultsZoom Noon properties
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
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9:45am Worship w/communion & Sunday School. 11:00am Bible Study Zoom. Pastor Appreciation Day	UNITED NATIONS DAY	11:30 Pastor's Bible Study w/Lunch 6pm Praise Choir 7pm SOTC Choir		9:00 Women's Bible Study 10;00-noon ESL 10:30 Visually Impaired BStudy 2:00pm.Finance	7am MeetYouAt The Pole.	10:00am Sunday SchoolAdultZoom. Noon properties cleanup. Trunk or Treat 4-6
<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
9:45am Worship w/communion &Sunday School.11:00am Bible Study ZOOM Youth Sunday	HALLOWEEN 					