



**By your
endurance
you will
gain your
lives.**

Luke 21:19

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2019 @ 10:00 am

Church of The Cross

475 West Higgins Road Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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WELCOME ALL

PRELUDE "Lord, I Need You" by Mark Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

CHORAL INTROIT "O Jesus, Blest Redeemer" Cleland B. McAfee

*CALL TO WORSHIP¹ Rev. Julie Peterson

This day! This day we will give thanks to God,
who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

**This day! This day we will trust in the One
who has saved us, who strengthens us.**

This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life,
drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

**This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling
everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.**

This day! This day we sing God's praises;
testifying to all creation of our God.

**This day! This day our songs are filled with joy,
for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!**

*HYMN No. 645 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

CALL TO CONFESSION Pat Groenewold

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**We confess our lives are weak, Strengthening God. We do not
exercise our faith as we should; we fatigue easily. We see houses as
investment property instead of homes built on love, hope, and dreams.
We whimper petty complaints about friends and families, rather than
shouting our hosannas to heaven for the gift of their lives.**

**You are our hope, Tender God. Forgive us. Create in us new
hearts. Fill us with renew energy to serve our neighbors. Guide us
to bring them to the deep wells of salvation where they can fill their
parched souls, even as we have been led to those deep wells of
salvation by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

OUR SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Julie Peterson

*HYMN No. 582 “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

*PASSING THE PEACE ~ *Greet one another with the peace of Christ.*

SHARE GOD’S LOVE

*HYMN No. 188, vs1 “Jesus Loves Me” *Children are invited to come forward*

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

*HYMN No. 188, vs2 “Jesus Loves Me” *Children return to their seat*

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Pat Groenewold

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:5-19

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“By Your Endurance”

Rev. Julie Peterson

OFFER HOPE ...IN JESUS’ NAME

*HYMN No. 71

“Surely it is God who Saves me”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH²

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.54-55

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God’s triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESENTING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS TO GOD

*CHORAL OFFERTORY "What Feast Will You Bring?" Charles McCartha

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Pat Groenewold

*CLOSING HYMN NO. 840 "When Peace like a River"

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "Peace, God's Wonderful Peace" William M. Runyan

*POSTLUDE "Be Thou My Vision" by Mark Hayes

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Welcome All
Share God's Love
Offer Hope
... all in Jesus' name



*Hearing Assistance Devices, large print copies of the bulletin
and hymns are available from an usher.*

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR...

Linda A (sister of Judy M)
Mary Lou A (friend of Larry & Dawn A)
Connie & Ed (Friends of Karen)
Mildred B
Mary Ann B
Mary Joe (Jim B's co-worker)
Virgil B (friend of Karen F)
Andree C
Patrick C (Stu & Marie's son-in-law)
Renee C (Laura D's sister-in-law)
Linda D (Jim & Sue's relative)
Betty F (Chris L's mother)
Shawn F (Karen F's son)
Jack and Donna F (uncle/aunt of Sue L)
Karen F
Adelaide G
Bruce & Linda G (friends of the Rutter's)
Nick G (Rutter's grandson)
Ricky G (Liataud's nephew)
Jeff H (former COTC member)
Rita H (Jim & Ann's relative)
Terry H
Jessica (Charlie / Nancy's niece)
Charlie K

Bob L (Judie T's friend)
Jim L (Groenewold's son-in-law)
Linda L (Judie T's friend)
Mary Jo (Jim B's co-worker)
Glenna M
Judy M
Kofi M (Grant-Acquah family friend)
Lisa M (Karen's daughter)
Steve M
Noah (nephew of Adelaide's son-in-law)
Jerry N (friend of Judie T)
Jann & Mickey P (Jeff P's parents)
Barbara O (friend of Glenna M)
Susan Q (Ann S's boss)
Joan & George R
Ann S
Larry V (Jim V's father)
April V (Chris V's cousin)
Caregivers
Communities impacted by natural disasters
Those devastated by terrorism
Families of suicide loss
Those who grieve

ARE YOU A VISITOR OR DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

**If you are a visitor today, please fill out one of our visitor cards.
If you have a prayer request, please fill out the prayer request card.**

Please drop your card in the offering plate.



TODAY'S TABLE FLOWERS :

In Celebration of Pastor Julie's Birthday!

Coffee Hour

We all enjoy coffee hour after the service. Please volunteer to host for one. The sign-up sheet is in the lounge and online.



Café Hours



Join Pastor Julie for *Café Hours* on Thursday mornings from 9:00-11:00 am at, **Tous Les Jours**

20 E Golf Rd, Schaumburg, IL 60173 (*corner of Golf & Roselle Roads, same strip mall as Office Depot*)

Stop in to say hi, enjoy a cup of coffee, and share a prayer if you like.

BOOK CLUB

December 11 @ 7:30 pm – The Magic Hour
by Kristin Hannah



COTC 60th Anniversary in 2020

It may not seem that long, but Church of the Cross has been bringing hope in the name of Jesus Christ for 60 years! Sue Letterer has agreed to chair an anniversary committee to plan our celebration... and Sue needs help. If you are a history buff, or simply interested in being a part of planning our celebration for our 60th anniversary, please let Sue know right away.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

➔ Food Pantry

The Schaumburg Food Pantry provides assistance to those in need within Schaumburg Township. The pantry items needed now are:



Canned potatoes	Caned Yams	Cranberry Sauce
Instant Potatoes	Canned Sweet Potatoes	Tomato Sauce

CALENDAR

For the week of November 17th

Sunday, November 17

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee/Fellowship

Tuesday, November 19

7:00 pm Session Meeting

Wednesday, November 20

12 noon Lunch with Pastor

Thursday, November 21

9 – 11 am Café Hours with Pastor Julie
7:00 pm Choir practice

Sunday, November 24

9:00 am Sunday School for All
10:00 am Worship
11:00 am Coffee/Fellowship

November-December

26 Tuesday	27 Wednesday	28 Thursday	29 Friday	30 Saturday	1 Sunday
7:00 pm - 60 th Anniversary Planning Meeting	12 noon Lunch w/pastor	9am - Café Hours 7 pm - Choir Practice			9:00 am - Sunday School for All 10:00 am - 1 st Sunday of Advent Worship <i>Hanging of the Greens</i> 11:00 am - Coffee Hour & Fellowship

WORSHIP RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Date	November 17	November 24	December 1	December 8
		Christ the King/ Reign of Christ	First Sunday of Advent Hanging of the Greens	Second Sunday of Advent
Worship Leader	P Groenewold	George Rogers	Jim Letterer	
Disciple on Duty	C Keppel	Dave Lesch		
Usher/Greeter	De La Cruz	C. Lorentz	Bob Lovell	J. Liautaud
Counter	B Groenewold	Jane Lesch		
Communion Set Up				
Communion Servers			Pastor Julie	
			Jim Letterer	
Advent Candle Lighters				
Coffee Hour	Sue & Chris (free will)			Cathy W.

