



*Epiphany 6*  
*Sunday, February 16, 2020*  
**Full Script**



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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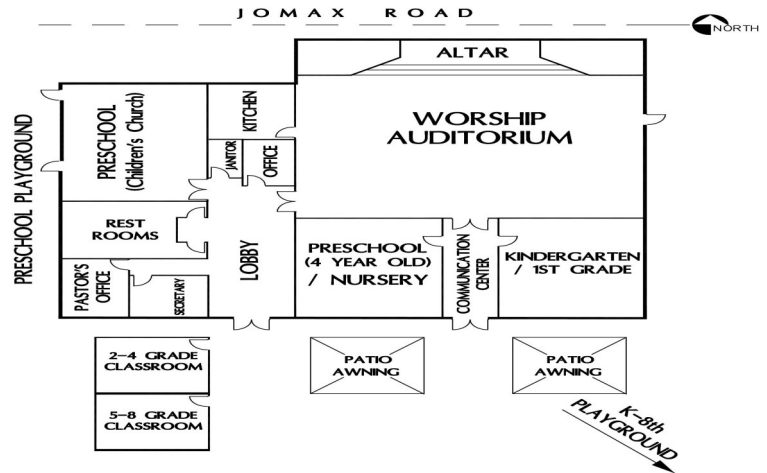
**Welcome to our Worship Center!** God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

**Families with children:**

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby .
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children’s message at the feet of the pastor. If parents wish, the children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find age-appropriate and spiritually focused activities to work on during the regular sermon. At the time of the offering, children return to sit with their parents. Let’s work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

**Special needs:**

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available



As a child we are often reminded it is not polite to boast. As Christians, on our own, we know how sinful we are by nature—and therefore, we realize we have no right to boast. However, in our sermon today, Paul points the Corinthians to themselves as an example of God’s strength made perfect in weakness by the work he does in us.

The majority of them did not come from the upper crust of society or the ranks of the learned. God, however, chose them. Paul’s list of God’s chosen ones fits well with Jesus’ description of the blessed ones in the Gospel. God chooses the losers of this world, not the winners; he chooses the weak, not the strong, so that there is no doubt as to the nature of his one-sided grace. The weaker we are, the more ready we are to trust in God’s strength and therefore we are encouraged to boast in the work he does in us.

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## *Divine Service II*

### **OPENING HYMN**

All Depends on Our Possessing (CW421) 4 Vs.

All depends on our possessing God's abundant grace and blessing,  
Though all earthly wealth depart. They who trust with faith unshaken  
In their God are not forsaken And e'er keep a dauntless heart.

He who to this day has fed me And to many joys has led me  
Is and ever shall be mine. He who ever gently schools me,  
He who daily guides and rules me, Will remain my help divine.

Many spend their lives in fretting Over trifles and in getting  
Things that have no solid ground. I shall strive to win a treasure  
That will bring me lasting pleasure And that now is seldom found.

Well he knows what best to grant me; All the longing hopes that haunt me,  
Joy and sorrow, have their day. I shall doubt his wisdom never--  
As God wills, so be it ever -- I to him commit my way.

### **INVOCATION**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

*(Sung to the tune of "On Jordan's Bank" (CW16) Vs. 1-4)*

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.  
Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.  
O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.  
You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. <sup>16</sup> For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup> But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, <sup>18</sup> I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup> This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you

life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup> and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

### PSALM 119a

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,

**C: Who walk according to the law of the LORD.**

M: Blessed are they who keep his statutes

**C: And seek him with all their heart.**

M: You have laid down precepts

**C: That are to be fully obeyed.**

M: Oh, that my ways were steadfast

**C: In obeying your decrees!**

M: Then I would not be put to shame

**C: When I consider all your commands.**

M: I will praise you with an upright heart

**C: As I learn your righteous laws.**

### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

*(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)*

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by the Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. *(John 6:68)*

*Sung by the Congregation:*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,**

**and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL LESSON

**Matthew 5:21-37**

<sup>21</sup> “You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ <sup>22</sup> But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. <sup>23</sup> “Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, <sup>24</sup> leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. <sup>25</sup> “Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. <sup>26</sup> Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. <sup>27</sup> “You have heard

that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.'<sup>28</sup> But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.<sup>29</sup> If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell.<sup>30</sup> And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell.<sup>31</sup> "It has been said, 'Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.'<sup>32</sup> But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.<sup>33</sup> "Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.'<sup>34</sup> But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne;<sup>35</sup> or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.<sup>36</sup> And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black.<sup>37</sup> All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.

 **SERMON HYMN**

**If God Himself Be for Me** (CW419) 4 V's.

**If God himself be for me, I may a host defy;  
For when I pray, before me My foes, confounded, fly.  
If Christ, my head and master, Befriend me from above,  
What foe or what disaster Can drive me from his love?  
This I believe, yea rather, Of this I make my boast,  
That God is my dear Father, My friend who loves me most,  
And that, whate'er betide me, My Savior is at hand  
Through stormy seas to guide me And bring me safe to land.  
I build on this foundation: That Jesus and his blood  
Alone are my salvation, My true, eternal good.  
Without him all that pleases Is valueless on earth;  
The gifts I have from Jesus Alone have priceless worth.  
He canceled my offenses, Delivered me from death;  
He is the Lord who cleanses My soul from sin through faith.  
In him I can be cheerful, Courageous on my way;  
In him I am not fearful Of God's great Judgment Day.**

**SERMON**                      **God's Glory, Your Story: Go ahead and boast!**                      *1 Corinthians 1:26-31*

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that

are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

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## THE NICENE CREED

*(Read Responsively)*

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## SONG OF THE SEASON

Jesus will Reign Wher'er the Sun 4 V.s.

Jesus shall reign Wherever the sun does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Blessings abound wherever He reigns The prisoner leaps to lose His chains;  
The weary find eternal rest and all the sons of want are blest.

*Refrain:*

To our King be highest praise rising through eternal days.

Just and faithful he shall reign; Jesus shall reign

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name. *[Refrain]*

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring Blessing and honor to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again and earth repeats the loud amen. *[Refrain]*

**THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**THE SACRAMENT**

**PREFACE**

*(Read Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

**HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*(Sung to the tune of "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (CW 372) 2 V.s.)*

**O holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven, In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.  
Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage-Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.



**C: Amen.**

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Spoken by All)*

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.**

**C: Amen.**

**LAMB OF GOD**

*(Sung by Congregation)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT**

*(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)*

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

 **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**I Come, O Savior, to Your Table (CW310)**

**I come, O Savior, to your table, For weak and weary is my soul;**

**O Jesus, you alone are able To satisfy and make me whole:**

***Refrain:***

**Lord, may your body and your blood Be for my soul the highest good!**

**Oh, grant that I in manner worthy May now trust solely in your Word,**

**And, conscious of the sins before me, Look only unto you, O Lord. *Refrain***

**Unworthy though I am, O Savior, Because I have a sinful heart,**

**Yet you your lamb will banish never nor will your faithfulness depart. *Refrain***

Oh, let me loathe all sin forever As death and poison to my soul  
 That I through willful sinning never May see your judgment take its toll! *Refrain*  
 Your heart is filled with fervent yearning That sinners may salvation see  
 Who, Lord, to you in faith are turning; So let me, too, come trustingly. *Refrain*  
 Weary am I and heavy laden; With sin my soul is sore oppressed.  
 Receive me graciously and gladden My heart, for I am now your guest. *Refrain*  
 You here will find a heart most lowly That feels unworthy in your sight,  
 That duly weeps o'er sin, yet solely, Your merit pleads, as it is right. *Refrain*  
  
 By faith I call your holy table The testament of your deep love,  
 For by your gift I now am able To know the heart of God above. *Refrain*  
 What higher gift can we inherit? It is faith's bond and solid base;  
 It is the strength of heart and spirit, The covenant of hope and grace. *Refrain*  
 This feast is manna, wealth abounding Unto the poor, to weak ones pow'r,  
 To angels joy, to hell confounding, And life for me in death's dark hour. *Refrain*  
 Your body, given for me, O Savior, Your blood which you for me have shed,  
 These are my life and strength forever, By them my hungry soul is fed. *Refrain*  
 With you, Lord, I am now united; I live in you and you in me.  
 No sorrow fills my soul, delighted It finds its peace on Calvary. *Refrain*  
 Who can condemn me now? For surely The Lord is near, who justifies.  
 No hell I fear, and thus securely, With Jesus I to heaven rise. *Refrain*  
 Though death may threaten with disaster, It cannot rob me of my cheer;  
 For He who is of death the Master help and strength is always near. *Refrain*  
 My heart has now become your dwelling, O blessed Holy Trinity.  
 With angels I, your praises telling, Shall live in joy eternally. *Refrain*

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*(Sung to the tune of "O Savior, Precious Savior" (CW 368) 2 Vs)*

O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:  
 For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word  
 A light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;  
 The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!  
  
 All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
 All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;  
 For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
 God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

## CLOSING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## BLESSING

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN

**Blest Are They** (CWS758) 4 Vs.

**Blest are they, the poor in spirit: Theirs is the kingdom of God.**

**Blest are they, full of sorrow; They shall be consoled.**

*Refrain:*

**Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you; holy are you.**

**Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.**

**Blest are they, the lowly ones; They shall inherit the earth.**

**Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; They shall have their fill. [Refrain]**

**Blest are they who show mercy; Mercy shall be theirs.**

**Blest are they, the pure of heart; They shall see God! [Refrain]**

**Blest are they who seek peace; They are the children of God.**

**Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. Refrain]**

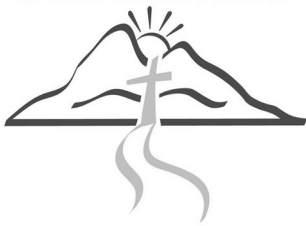
## PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

### *Before Communing*

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

### *After Communing*

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.



**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.

***Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)***  
***Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 10:30am (Vistancia)***  
***Family Bible Study 9:30am (Vistancia) Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)***