

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 13**  
***Sunday, September 4, 2022***

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***Sunday 9am Worship***

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor  
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

# 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.*

Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

## ABOUT US

*The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*

Today's Worship Focus

## HARD TRUTHS



It is an unavoidable hard truth. Our relationship with Jesus will put us in situations where we must decide where love for him ranks compared to love for other people and things. And Jesus is not content to be one of many important things in our life; he wants to be first. He wants us to follow his Word unwaveringly, even when he asks us to do difficult things. As a result, following Jesus will force us to let go of things we love and embrace things we would naturally loath. Jesus is loving and honest. He doesn't hide this hard truth! Instead, he tells us up front that we must count the cost of following him. That means calculating what we might have to give up as his followers. He wants us to do that now, ahead of time, rather than waiting until we are in the heat of the moment and emotions are running high. However, our calculations should not only consider what we might give up for Jesus. They also entail calculating what we get through him! When we perceive the infinite blessings we find in Christ, the decisions we must make, while difficult, will be clear. Whatever is lost as we follow Jesus pales in comparison to what we gain.

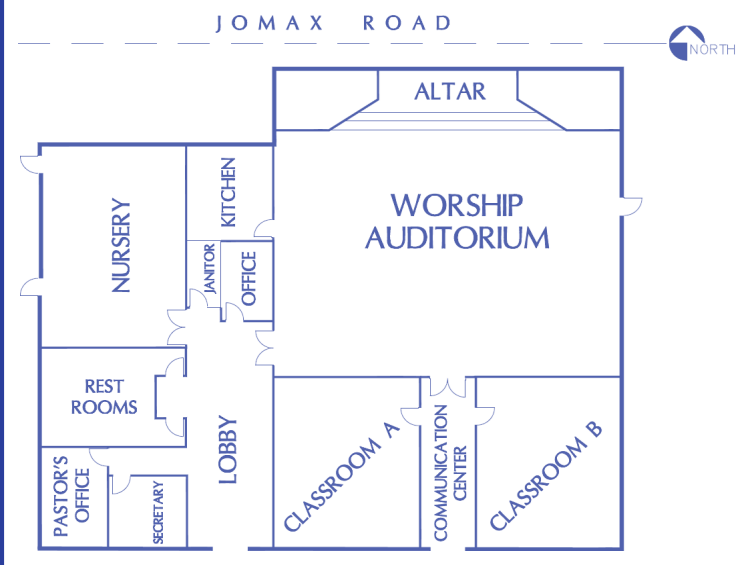
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**New to Cross of Glory?** We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time followed by Bible study.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Filling out a **Connection Card** in the chair pocket in front of you and handing to the usher after the offering.
- Emailing us at church. [secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:secretary@crossofglory.org)

## CAMPUS MAP



## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult directly across the lobby.
- **Children in Church Program:** Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

## Scripture and Song with The Lord's Supper

### Gathering Rite on the Word of God

(CWH633 Sung Responses)



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

C: **Amen.**

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: **sweeter than honey for my mouth.**

### Sung by Congregation:

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of  
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.

God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on the Word of God and its power to bring us to faith.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

(1 Thessalonians 2:13)



*"If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our  
sins and purify us from  
all unrighteousness. "  
(1 John 1:9)*

**M:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

**C:** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**M:** Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*Sung by Congregation:*

2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic  
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

*Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.*

**M:** God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name". The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called serv-

ant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

***Sung by Congregation:***



3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights  
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the  
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.  
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your  
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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## Prayer of the Day

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: O merciful Lord, you did not spare your only Son but delivered him up for us all.  
Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow him, who lives  
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

<sup>15</sup>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.

*The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.*



*Through Moses, the LORD sets two paths before Israel: one leading to life, the other to death. Life was found in listening to God's voice.*

The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek and means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument."



The case of the escaped slave, Onesimus, returning to his owner, Philemon, is a perfect example of the cost involved in following Jesus. Paul encourages Philemon to free Onesimus and embrace him as a brother.

<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

Psalm 118

1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the  
 2 But make the law of God their stud - y  
 3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters

sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels  
 and de - light a - mid the la - bors  
 near the root. Fresh as the leaf their

nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,  
 of the day and watch - es of the night.  
 name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt.  
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## The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

## Second Reading

Philemon 1,7-21

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,  
 To Philemon our dear friend and fellow worker—

<sup>7</sup>Your love has given me great joy and encouragement, because you, brother, have refreshed the hearts of the Lord's people.

<sup>8</sup>Therefore, although in Christ I could be bold and order you to do what you ought to do, <sup>9</sup>yet I prefer to appeal to you on the basis of love. It is as none other than Paul—an old man and now also a prisoner of Christ Jesus—<sup>10</sup>that I appeal to you for my son Onesimus, who became my son while I was in chains. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless

to you, but now he has become useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him—who is my very heart—back to you. <sup>13</sup>I would have liked to keep him with me so that he could take your place in helping me while I am in chains for the gospel. <sup>14</sup>But I did not want to do anything without your consent, so that any favor you do would not seem forced but would be voluntary. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps the reason he was separated from you for a little while was that you might have him back forever—<sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave, but better than a slave, as a dear brother. He is very dear to me but even dearer to you, both as a fellow man and as a brother in the Lord.

<sup>17</sup>So if you consider me a partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has done you any wrong or owes you anything, charge it to me. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand. I will pay it back—not to mention that you owe me your very self. <sup>20</sup>I do wish, brother, that I may have some benefit from you in the Lord; refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I ask.

## Hymn: Cling Tightly to the Word of God

CWH 707

*Soloist sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-6*



*This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.*

*Cling tightly to the Word of God and Christ's disciple be,  
for then, beloved, you will know the truth that sets you free,  
the truth that sets you free.*

*Recall in faith the precious gift of your baptismal day,  
when you were joined to Jesus' death that washed your sins away,  
that washed your sins away.*

### Congregation Joins:



3 For just as God raised up his Son from death by  
4 Be strong! Stand firm! Come, walk the path that saints be -  
5 Know that his bod - y and his blood will feed your  
6 Now fix your eyes on Je - sus Christ; "Come, fol - low



his great might, so too, in Christ, we now may live as  
fore you trod, with read - y feet to bring good news of  
hun - gry soul like man - na in life's wil - der - ness, un -  
me," says he. "De - ny your - self, take up your cross; come,



chil - dren of the light, as chil - dren of the light.  
 Christ, the peace of God, of Christ, the peace of God.  
 til you reach your goal, un - til you reach your goal.  
 lose your life for me, come, lose your life for me."

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In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 A.D. to address false ideas about the divinity of Jesus Christ. That explains why the second article of the Nicene Creed is longer than its counterpart in the Apostles' Creed.

## Sermon

## HARD TRUTHS:

Luke 14:25–35

### Put down what you love; Pick up what you loath

<sup>25</sup>Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: <sup>26</sup>"If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

<sup>28</sup>"Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? <sup>29</sup>For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, <sup>30</sup>saying, 'This person began to build and wasn't able to finish.'

<sup>31</sup>"Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

<sup>34</sup>"Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? <sup>35</sup>It is fit neither for the soil nor for the manure pile; it is thrown out.

"Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

## The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

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

**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 truly 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.

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, Ever-Abiding Friend

CWH 536

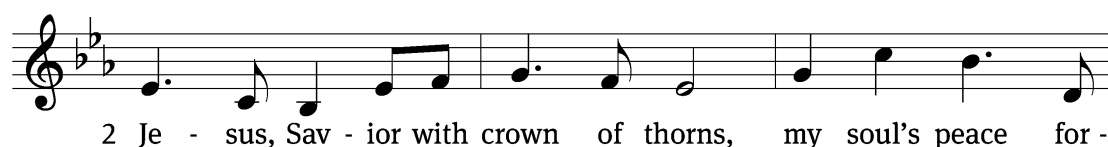
Soloist sings Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2



This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.

*Jesus, ever-abiding friend,  
my soul's rest and journey's end,  
blameless one who erased my sin  
for eternity;  
comfort through my deepest pain,  
love that sees beyond my shame,  
Christ, the sweetest, dearest name  
that my heart has ever known.*

**Congregation joins:**



ev - er - more, con - stant, car - ing, re - deem - ing Lord,  
 life a - bun - dant - ly; rock of heav - en,  
 strength and shield, per - fect ho - li - ness re - vealed,  
 Christ, by whom my wounds were healed— name a -  
 bove all oth - er names.

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*The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.*

*The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people".  
 (1 Timothy 2:1)*

*We speak to God as our Father as Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)*

## The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

## Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

**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.

## Holy Communion

The responsive reading from I Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.

### The Preparation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

**C: so that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)**

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

**C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?**

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

**C: for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)**

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

**C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)**



As we approach the Lord's table, we are reminded that we are invited only because of the price Jesus paid on the cross.

### Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CWH 814

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to  
thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special meal.

This hymn of response perfectly describes the blessings of this Sacrament - forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

## Words of Institution

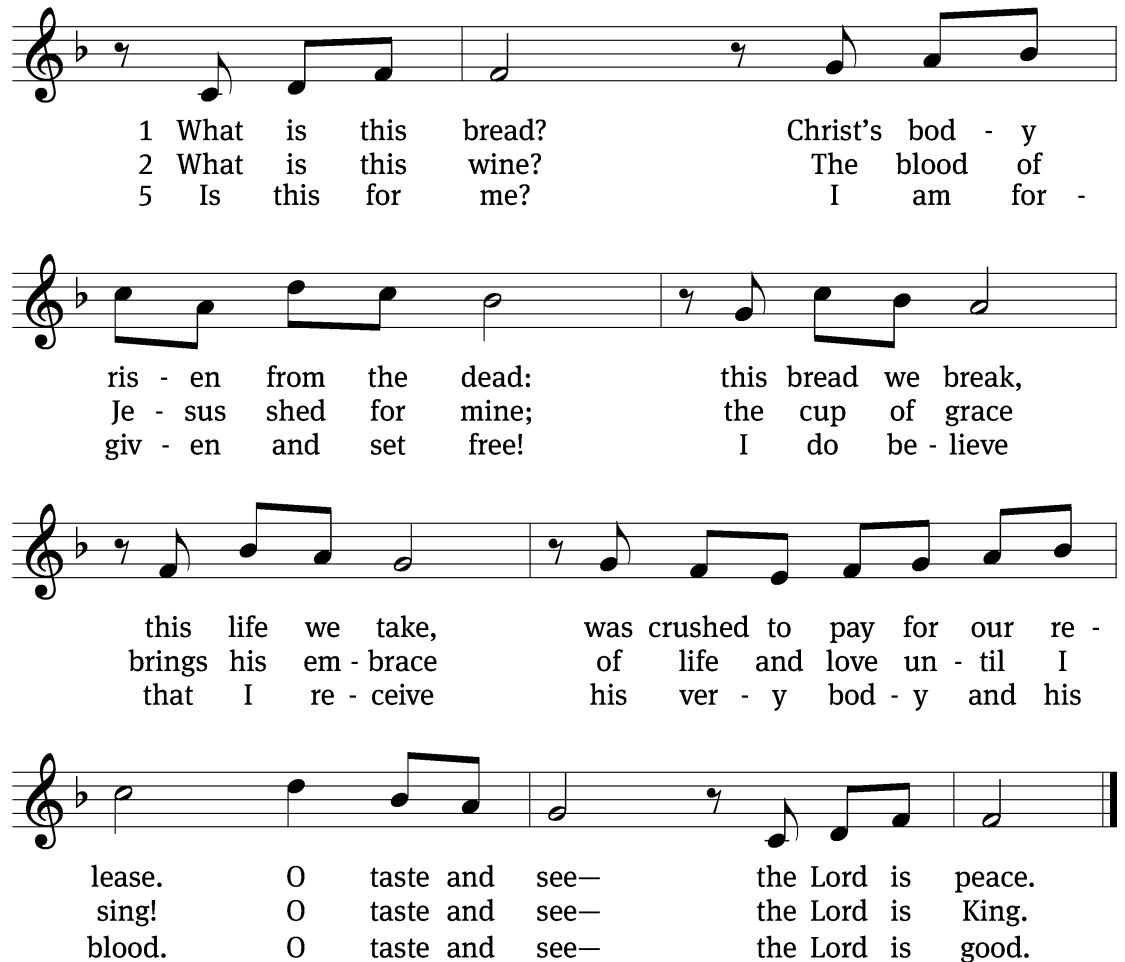
(Spoken by Minister)

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.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

## Sung Response: What Is This Bread

CWH 665



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
 2 What is this wine? The blood of  
 5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,  
 Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace  
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -  
 brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I  
 that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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## Distribution of Sacrament

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 estab-

lished that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.

## Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

CWH 668



*This is a hymn sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.*



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my  
2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and  
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his  
gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the  
ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter  
On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

**Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
whose own feast of love I savor,  
bidden by his gracious call.**

**Wedding garments he provides me,  
with a robe of white he hides me,  
fits me for the royal hall.**

**Now have I found consolation,  
comfort in my tribulation,  
balm to heal the troubled soul.  
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
cleanses me from sin and error,  
makes my wounded spirit whole.**



The Nunc Dimittis ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christ-child in his arms as God had promised, we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

## Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

(Sung by Congregation)

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your  
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your  
 word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple  
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

## Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through Him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



The **Aaronic Blessing** is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23-27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.

## Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

CWH 617

The musical score is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, using half and quarter notes. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea-tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host;

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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## Call News

Pastor Ehlers has received a divine call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline, Michigan. Please keep him in your prayers.

## LWMS GRAND CANYON CIRCUITS WEEKEND RETREAT Camp Shadow Pines, Heber, Arizona October 7-9, 2022

### SPREAD THE WORD

“Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world” (Psalm 19:4). Guest Speakers: Ms. Emily Kom, LWMS past president, will address the topics of “Revitalizing Reporters” and “Missionary Journeys.”

Ms. Kay Retberg, a missionary wife, will share her experiences about returning home from a world mission field.

Saturday Evening:

Mr. Steven Bautista, a Christian entertainer and musician

Sunday Morning:

Worship service with Communion

**The Board recommendation for the Mission Fund (75%)** is #WM-2022-05: New World Mission Fields. Your gifts will allow for thorough follow-up research as well as multiple exploratory trips to each new location (Bangladesh, London, Senegal, Latin America and Thailand).

**The Board recommendation for the Freewill Offering** is #WM-2022-03: Repatriation Conferences. This will help to support our missionaries and their families as they transition back to life in the USA.

**NOTE:** There is road construction on Hwy 260. The camp is at mile marker 300.  
For camp information, Google the following: Camp Shadow Pines, Heber, Arizona.

Please register with the mail-in form or online by September 17.

[www.gcwlwms.org](http://www.gcwlwms.org)

## Singles Retreat

WELS/ELS Singles Retreat Nov 11-13, 2022 at Camp Phillip

Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? We invite you to join us at the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat on November 11-13 at Camp Phillip, Wisconsin for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register check out our webpage: [2022 Singles Retreat](#)

## Positions Available

Church secretary - 10 hours per week

Two part-time to Full-time Preschool Aids

Please contact Liz at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org) for the application



## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

September 8, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
September 11, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
September 11, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
September 11, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
September 11, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study x2

## LOOKING AHEAD

September 12, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
September 12, 6:30 p.m.	BIC Class
September 14, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group w/ Tim Grams
September 15, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
September 15, 7:00 p.m.	Bibles and Brews for Women
September 18, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
September 18, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
September 18, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
September 18, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study x2

## Volunteers Needed

We need more counters in to rotation to count offerings on Sunday mornings right after church. Please contact John Kull at (858) 395-5666 or [financialsecretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:financialsecretary@crossofglory.org)

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>September 4th</b>	<b>September 11th</b>	<b>September 18th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholi Stacey Cornell
<b>Communion Setup</b>	Dawn Ellis	-	Shannon Gullerud
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Rene Koutia	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud
<b>A/V</b>	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Kelly Simpson/ Gus Koutia	Stacey Cornell Aaron Gullerud

## Discipleship Sunday

Please make sure sign-up in the lobby by the office or online to join growth groups, to serve, and to help with events.

## Meditations

The newest copy of *Meditations* is available, and we have extras located in the church entry. Also, it is time to renew our *Meditations* subscription. If you are interested in renewing or would like to begin receiving the quarterly, please let Liz know, and give her a check made out to Cross of Glory for \$20.

**Please note: You may drop off your used *Meditations* at Cross of Glory. They will be sent to WELS Prison Ministry, which in turn ships them to prisons around the country for inmates to read. A marked box is provided on the counter below the mailboxes in the church entry.**

## Worship at New River

We are continuing worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. **Pastor Freeman will be leading worship every third Sunday and offering Holy Communion at 9:15.**

We will be asking the mission board to discuss making New River a mission start-up. If you are interested in joining us, the address is 48606 N. 17th Ave., New River, AZ. When using navigation, Google maps is the best choice; Apple may get you lost. The service time is 9:30 a.m.

## Kids Klub

September 11: The Creation (Brenda G. / Susan E.)

September 18: The Fall and the Promise (Cassie A.)

September 25: God Calls Abram (Cassie A.)

October 2: God Answers Abraham's Prayer (Angela H. / Family)

October 9: The Test of Abraham's Faith (Elizabeth C.)

October 16: Isaac and Rebekkah (Andrea S.)

Kids Klub is a free Sunday morning club for kids ages 3 to 11 and offers a fun hour of activity. See above for the first six-week schedule. Parents are welcome to stay with their children for the hour or leave and come back at 11:30 to pick up their children. Each Sunday, a new Bible story will be taught and/or incorporated into the day's activity.

10111 W Jomax Road  
10:30-11:30 A.M

# Growth Groups

## **Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Kugler**

10:30-11:30 a.m. (starting September 11)

Topic: Jesus' "I am" Statements and Ten Lies about God

## **Sunday Morning Bible Study with Pastor Ehlers**

10:30-11:30 a.m. (starting September 11)

Topic: The Early Church in Galatia

## **Kids Klub**

Sundays 10:30-11:30 a.m. (starting September 11)

## **Bible Information Class (BIC) with Pastor Ehlers**

2nd & 4th Mondays

6:30 p.m. at church

## **Women's Bible Study**

Tuesdays 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (starting October 18)

Topic: Book of Isaiah

Karen Jurado's House

## **Vistancia Life Coaching Group**

1st & 3rd Mondays

6:30- 8:00 p.m. at Mountain Vista Club (Vistancia)

Course description: There are an enormous number of challenges that can occur in life from seemingly tiny to soul-crushingly overwhelming. The CORNERSTONE resilience system is designed to provide a specific set of steps to follow to put into perspective those things that seem unmanageable. Through six one-hour sessions, participants will learn and practice skills and benefit from the ideas of others in their quest to be more resilient and "bounce back" in difficulty.

## **Growth Group with Tim Grams**

Wednesdays (starting September 14)

6:00 p.m. dinner & 6:30 study

Topic: Chosen Season 2

Gram's House

## **Bibles and Brews for Men**

Tuesdays 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Topic: Fighting to be Men of God

Gavin Jones' House

## **Bibles and Brews for Women**

Thursday night or Saturday morning (starting September 15)

Topic: Enough for Now - Unpacking God's Sufficiency by Sharla Fritz

Thursday night - Lake Pleasant Brewery

Saturday morning - TBA

## **New River Growth Group**

1st & 3rd Thursdays 6:30 p.m. (starting September 1)

Topic: New Life in Christ

Kiwanis Park

48606 N 17th Ave, New River

## **Golden Agers**

The group continues to meet on the second Thursday of each month at 9:30. Please email Judy Sasse (sasseja43@aol.com) several days in advance if you plan to attend the next event.

Brothers Family Restaurant

8466 W Peoria Ave, Ste 1, Peoria

# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.*

**Velta Larson**, as she regains her strength after recovering from an infection.

**Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments. The cancer is spreading, and he began intense treatments on May 10 for three months.

**Pat Powell**, as she recovers from back issues.

**For the family of Gus Koutia in Lebanon**, as they face a food shortage due to the interruption of imports from Ukraine.

## MILITARY

**E4 Specialist Alice Henderson**, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**Major JD Larson**, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

**Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen**, son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.



## 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. 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.