

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 15
Sunday, September 18, 2022

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10111 W Jomax Road

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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.

HARD TRUTHS



Today's Worship Focus

There are more than 2300 Bible passages that speak about money. Why? Money is a master Satan frequently tempts us to serve. And that evil foe knows how successful his efforts with money can be. Money provides us with a false comfort and a sense of security. It serves as a source of pride. It serves as a wonderful tool for a favorite pastime: justifying ourselves in our own eyes and the eyes of others. Jesus knows that serving money makes it impossible to serve God. The human heart is not big enough for both. As a result, Jesus does all he can to expose the futility of serving money. He also helps us see that the only one truly worth serving is our gracious, loving God. When we serve God, money is put in its proper place. Instead of money being a lord to serve, it becomes a resource for serving the Lord. This is the hard truth. There is no way for us to serve both God and money. But we can serve God with our money.

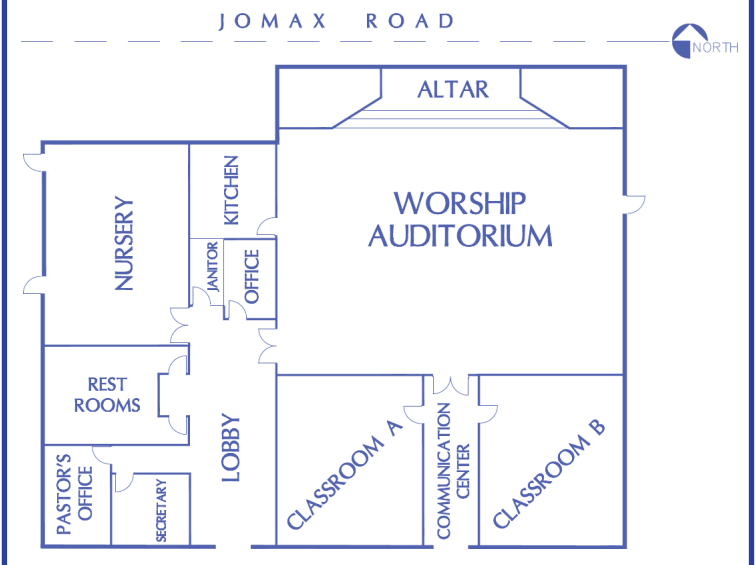
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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!

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Opening Hymn: Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

CWH 708



Hymn of praise, prayer, or reflection on the season of the church year.

We follow the advice of the Apostle Paul to "teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

(Colossians 3:16)



1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to
2 Hith - er - to thy love has blessed me, thou hast drawn me
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con -



sing thy grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
to this place; and I know thy hand will lead me
strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a fet - ter,



call for songs of loud - est praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
safe - ly home by thy good grace. Je - sus sought me when a
bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I



son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise his
stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of God; he, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my



name, I'm fixed up - on it, name of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, bought me with his pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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Invocation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the triune God, remembering our Baptism in His name.



"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)

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.



The title of this prayer is "Kyrie" in Greek meaning "O Lord". It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength.



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant 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.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister, Sung by Congregation)

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Congregation Sings:



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life

with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;

you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your

on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of

God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;

you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in

your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

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



King Solomon knew from experience that if you serve money, you will end up disappointed.

Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 5:10–20

¹⁰Whoever loves money never has enough;
whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income.
This too is meaningless.

¹¹As goods increase,
so do those who consume them.
And what benefit are they to the owners
except to feast their eyes on them?

¹²The sleep of a laborer is sweet,
whether they eat little or much,
but as for the rich, their abundance
permits them no sleep.

¹³I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:
wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,
¹⁴or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.
¹⁵Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb,
and as everyone comes, so they depart.
They take nothing from their toil
that they can carry in their hands.

¹⁶This too is a grievous evil:
As everyone comes, so they depart,
and what do they gain,
since they toil for the wind?
¹⁷All their days they eat in darkness,
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

¹⁸This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. ¹⁹Moreover, when God gives someone

wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. ²⁰They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 128
(Spoken Responsively)

M: Blessed are all who fear the Lord,

C: who walk in obedience to him.

M: You will eat the fruit of your labor;

C: blessings and prosperity will be yours.

M: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

C: your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

M: Yes, this will be the blessing

C: for the man who fears the LORD.

M: May the LORD bless you from Zion;

C: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

M: May you live to see your children's children—

C: peace be on Israel.

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 Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:6–10, 17–19

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.



Saint Paul teaches in straightforward language that serving money will lead to spiritual destruction. But serving God with our money leads to a fulfilling life.



A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Alleluia. (Matthew 6:33)

(Sung by Congregation)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le' lu - ia!



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

Hymn of the Day: All Depends on Our Possessing

CWH 807



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant
 2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y
 3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles
 5 Well he knows what best to grant me; all the long - ing

grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.
 joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.
 and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.
 hopes that haunt me, joy and sor - row, have their day.

They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are
 He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly
 I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me
 I shall doubt his wis - dom nev - er; as God wills, so



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.
 guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.
 last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.
 be it ev - er; I com - mit to him my way.

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Sermon

HARD TRUTHS:

Luke 16:1–13

Serve God with Money; You Can't Serve God and Money

¹Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³“The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶“ ‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“ ‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?

¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”



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.

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.**



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.

Song of the Season: Jesus, Ever-Abiding Friend

CWH 536

1 Je - sus, ev - er - a - bid - ing friend, my soul's rest and
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior with crown of thorns, my soul's peace for -

jour - ney's end, blame - less one who e - rased my sin
ev - er - more, con - stant, car - ing, re - deem - ing Lord,

for e - ter - ni - ty; com - fort through my
life a - bun - dant - ly; rock of heav - en,

deep - est pain, love that sees be - yond my shame,
strength and shield, per - fect ho - li - ness re - vealed,

Christ, the sweet - est, dear - est name that my
Christ, by whom my wounds were healed— name a -

heart has ev - er known.
bove all oth - er names.

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

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)

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)

Prayer of the Church

(Prayed by Minister)

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

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

**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.**

The Sacrament of the Altar

Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

*The pastor and people
get ready to celebrate
the Holy Meal by greet-
ing each other and with
an exhortation as how
to celebrate the meal.*

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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.



Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The *Sanctus* contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Sung by Congregation)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va -

tion. Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



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.

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)



Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God". John the Baptist spoke these words as he pointed to Jesus coming toward him (John 1:29). As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us,



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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 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.



This is a hymn sung by
the congregation dur-
ing the distribution of
the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CWH 663



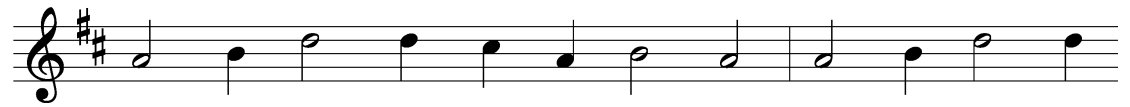
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther
4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



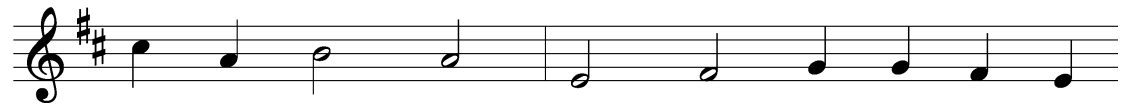
hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's
lov - ing rev - 'rence greet him, for with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of
joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der
mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous
O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the
by such mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, depths that no one



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and
there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.
riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.
bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

**Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless**

since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven
for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing
as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure,
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten,
I may be your guest in heaven.

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Song of Thanksgiving

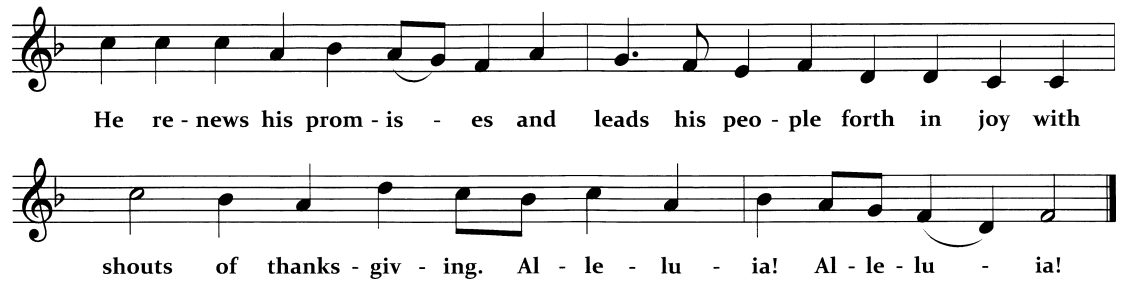
(Sung by Congregation)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - ry - one what he has done.

Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.

*We offer our thanks
and express our faith
in what God has
done for us and has
promised to do for
us in the future.*



Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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

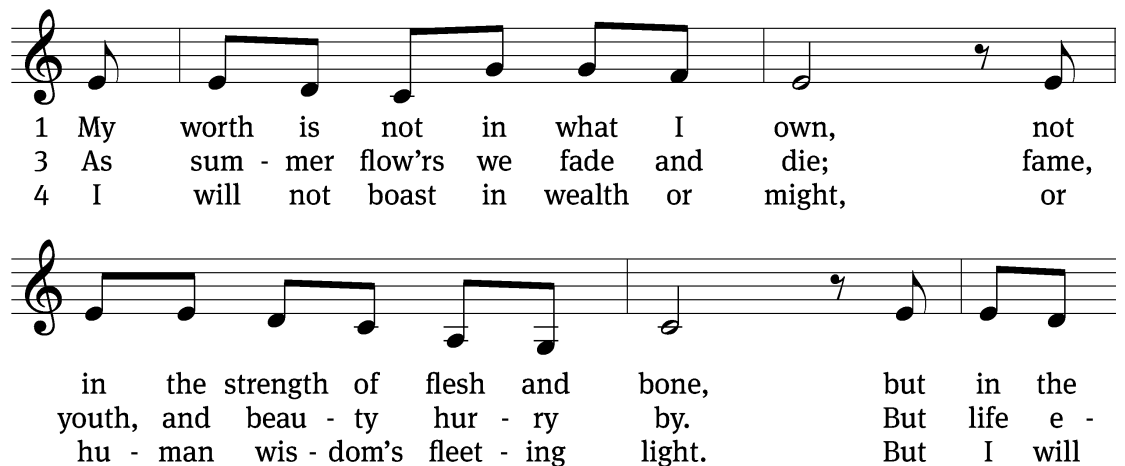
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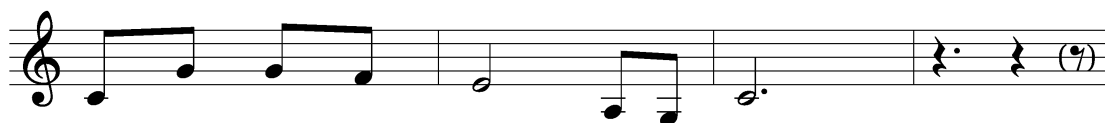
M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: My Worth Is Not in What I Own

CWH 753





cost - ly wounds of love at the cross.
ter - nal calls to us at the cross.
boast in know - ing Christ at the cross.

Next Vs.

Refrain

Refrain

Refrain



I re-joice in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

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Call News

Pastor Ehlers has Declined the divine call to Trinity Lutheran Church in Saline, Michigan. Please keep the Ehlers in your prayers.

Mommy & Me

Back by popular demand, Cross of Glory is attempting to roll out its “**Mommy & Me**” group for the 22/23 season. All littles who are no more than four years old are welcome--as long as they bring their mommy along. We have 5 sessions planned before Christmas and 10 of them after New Year's. Our program is in transition as the LORD has taken some of our leadership away. We are planning to have an organizational/sign-up meeting on Wednesday, October 5th. This meeting will hopefully allow us to run the program if we can fill the slots for our volunteer leaders. Our meeting will start at 9:00am.

Bring your children along and we will have some activities for them. Note: this will not be a full-length session as we are just trying to get organized!

Campus Ministry

Hello,

This is Pastor Pflughoeft. I am one of the pastors who are part of the Light in the Valley Campus Ministry leadership team.

We kicked off the new school year with a welcome-back party at Social Hall and have begun our weekly Bible studies. They will be held at Chick-fil-A at University and Mill. Here is the address: 25 W University Dr, Tempe, AZ 85281. The Bible studies will be every Thursday, usually at 6:30 p.m.

[Attached to this is a catalog of the Bible studies that will be offered this academic year.](#)

Please reach out to me if you have any questions, comments, or concerns.

In Christ,
Pastor Chris Pflughoeft
480-291-2928

Please contact Pastor Ehlers if interested in coordinating a carpool (602-904-3501).

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.

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.

Bibles & Brews for Women

Ladies! Please join us for **Bibles & Brews Women's Bible Study**. Our next meeting will be **Thursday, September 29, at 7 p.m. at Lake Pleasant Brewing Company at 1950 W Rose Garden Ln, Unit 130, Phoenix, AZ, 85027**. This Bible study is for women of any age (21 and older) who want to study God's Word and experience fun fellowship with one another. We plan to meet twice a month, either Thursday evenings at the brewery (brews) or Saturday mornings at a coffee shop (also brews). **Please see church calendar for the dates and locations.**

The first Bible study will be *Enough for Now – Unpacking God's Sufficiency* by Sharla Fritz. <https://www.amazon.com/Enough-Now-Unpacking-Gods-Sufficiency/dp/0758660863>

Please have a copy of the book for the Bible study. If you have questions, please contact Andrea Semmann: alsemann@gmail.com or 262-933-7685.
See you there!

Golden Agers Breakfast

The next Golden Agers breakfast will be held on Thursday, October 13, at 9:30. The location is Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W. Peoria Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345. Please email Judy Sasse if you plan to attend. sasseja43aol.com.

Cross of Glory Sports

The Cross of Glory Cougars are in need of football and volleyball referees for this season. They are also looking for a soccer coach for the upcoming three-week season. Please contact Mike Radue if you are interested in helping at 262-226-9756

WELS Youth Night

Hello All,

Have you heard about WELS Youth Night? WELS Youth Night is a new synodical initiative to connect WELS teens at city events. The goal is to offer teens an opportunity to meet and connect with like-minded Christian teens living near them. Not all congregations have enough teens to offer a teen group, so this is an opportunity to connect those teens with those who may attend another WELS church in their area. The plan is to host three of these events per year.

WELS Youth Night Phoenix will be on Saturday, November 12, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa.

In Christ,

Pastor Chris Pflughoeft
Youth and Family Pastor
Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Tempe, AZ
480-291-2928

Please contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in carpooling to these events (602-904-3501).

Kids Klub

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

September 25: God Calls Abram (Kassie 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

Positions Available

Two part-time to Full-time Preschool Aids

Please contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org for the application

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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| September 19, 6:30 p.m. | Vistancia Life Coaching |
| September 21, 6:00 p.m. | Growth Group w/ Tim Grams |
| September 25, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| September 25, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax) |
| September 25, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (New River) |
| September 25, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study x2 |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| September 29, 7:00 p.m. | Bibles and Brews for Women |
| September 28, 6:00 p.m. | Growth Group w/ Tim Grams |
| October 1, 9:00 a.m. | WinGS (Women's Service Group) |
| October 2, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax) |
| October 2, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax) |
| October 2, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (New River) |
| October 2, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study x2 |

| Worship Volunteers | September 18th | September 25th | October 2nd |
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| Counters | Nick Nicholai Stacey Cornell | Judy Sasse Susie Cornell | Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa |
| Cleaners | - | - | Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar |
| Communion Setup | Shannon Gullerud | - | Sharon Kull |
| Ushers | Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud | Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern | Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit Mike Radue |
| Sunday Refreshments | Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud | Stacey Aguilar Karen Goelzer | Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink |
| A/V | Stacey Cornell Aaron Gullerud | Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson | Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras |

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.