

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday 9am Worship

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

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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.

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



Lord,
increase
our faith.

Look up “duty” in the dictionary. It's defined as “something that one is expected or required to do.” Look up “duty” in a thesaurus. Some of its synonyms: chore, burden, obligation, work. “Duty” can carry some strong negative connotations. Now, consider this. In the world, as you rise through the ranks, you are able to leave many duties behind. For example, if you are high-up on the corporate ladder, you can delegate things you don't want to do to someone else. In Christ's kingdom it works just the opposite. An increase in faith does not lessen duties at all. It increases opportunities to serve God and others. Increased faith means increased obligations and work.

But here's the good news. The same faith that increases our duties leads us to delight in them. For through faith we know that we serve the one who first came to serve us. We consider it a privilege to imitate Christ in our service to others. Just as his service to us brought him great joy, so does our service to others.

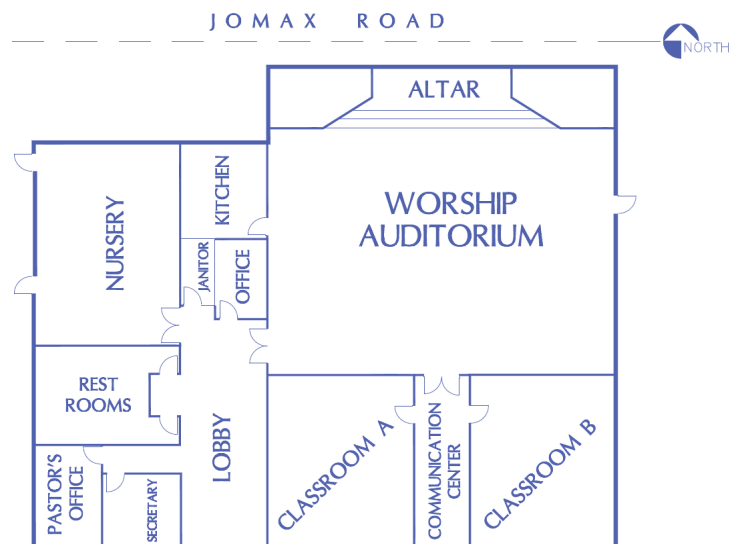
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

The Service and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: Before You I Kneel

CWH 735



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 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good-ness to cov - er the
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your



ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.
ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

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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.

Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;



for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.



Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,



we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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

The Word

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness, keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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



In faith, King David knew everything we have is given to us from the LORD. Therefore, David found it a duty and delight to plan the construction of the LORD's temple.

First Reading

1 Chronicles 29:1-2,10-18

¹Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. ²With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities.

¹⁰David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying,

“Praise be to you, LORD,
the God of our father Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

¹¹Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power
and the glory and the majesty and the splendor,
for everything in heaven and earth is yours.

Yours, LORD, is the kingdom;
you are exalted as head over all.

¹²Wealth and honor come from you;
you are the ruler of all things.
In your hands are strength and power
to exalt and give strength to all.

¹³Now, our God, we give you thanks,
and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. ¹⁵We are foreigners and strangers in your sight, as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. ¹⁶LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. ¹⁷I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. ¹⁸LORD, the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep these desires and thoughts in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 62
(Spoken Responsively)

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."

M: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: My salvation comes from him.

M: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

M: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: My hope comes from him.

M: Though your riches increase,

C: Do not set your heart on them.

M: My salvation and honor depend on God;

C: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

M: Trust in him at all times, O people;

C: Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

Second Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1–5, 11–12



Saint Paul thanks God that the growing faith of the Thessalonians enabled them not only to grow in love for one another, but also to face persecution.

¹Paul, Silas and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

²Grace and peace to you from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing. ⁴Therefore, among God's churches we boast about your perseverance and faith in all the persecutions and trials you are enduring.

⁵All this is evidence that God's judgment is right, and as a result you will be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are suffering.

¹¹With this in mind, we constantly pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling, and that by his power he may bring to fruition your every desire for goodness and your every deed prompted by faith. ¹²We pray this so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.



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. Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Alleluia. (1 Chronicles 29:14)



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: Oh, How Good It Is

CWH 731



1 Oh, how good it is when the fam - 'ly of God dwells to -
 2 Oh, how good it is on this jour - ney we share to re -
 3 Oh, how good it is to em - brace his com - mand to pre -

geth - er in spir - it, in faith and u - ni - ty. Where the
 joice with the hap - py and weep with those who mourn. For the
 fer one an - oth - er, for - give as he for - gives. When we

bonds of peace, of ac - cept - ance and love are the
 weak find strength, the af - flict - ed find grace when we
 live as one we all share in the love of the

fruits of his pres-ence here a - mong us.
of - fer the bless-ing of be - long - ing.
Son with the Fa - ther and the Spir - it.

Refrain
So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
and with one heart we'll live out his word,
till the whole earth sees the Re - deem - er has come,
for he dwells in the pres-ence of his peo - ple.

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Sermon

How Sensitive Is Your Faith?

Luke 17:1-10

- I. To the needs of others
- II. To its own needs

¹Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come. ²It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble. ³So watch yourselves.

“If your brother or sister sins against you, rebuke them; and if they repent, forgive them. ⁴Even if they sin against you seven times in a day and seven times come back to you saying ‘I repent,’ you must forgive them.”

⁵The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!”

⁶He replied, “If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it will obey you.

⁷“Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, ‘Come along now and sit down to eat’?

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.



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.

⁸Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? ⁹Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.' "

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken 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 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.

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: By Grace Alone

Psalm 130C

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

Out of the depths I cry to you,

Lord, hear my voice of pleading;

bend down your gracious ear, I pray,

your humble servant heeding.

If you remember each misdeed,

and of each thought and word take heed,

who can remain before you?
Only by grace, by grace alone.

Your pardon is a gift of love,
your grace alone must save us;
our works will not remove our guilt,
the strictest life would fail us.
Let none in deeds or merits boast,
but let us own the Holy Ghost
for he alone can change us:
Only by grace, by grace alone.

Congregation Joins:

3 Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much
more a - bound - eth; his help - ing love no lim - it
knows, our ut - most need it sound - eth. Our kind and
faith - ful Shep - herd he, who will set all his peo - ple
free from all their sin and sor - row:
On - ly by grace, by grace a - lone.

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

Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken 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)

The Sacrament

Preface

(Spoken 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

The pastor and people prepare to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal.

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: WEBB



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er-last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro-claim.



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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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

Lord's Prayer

**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 pastor speaks the
words which Jesus
spoke when he institut-
ed 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

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.

C: Amen.

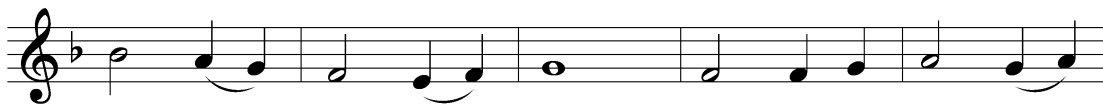
O Christ, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: HAMBURG



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled



cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer-cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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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.

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 sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

Distribution Hymn: Your Body, Given for Me, O Savior

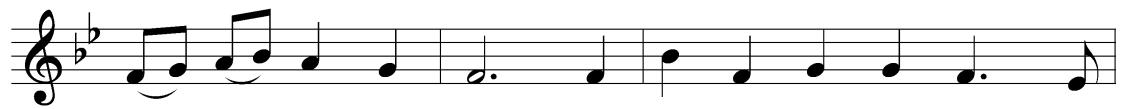
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1 Your bod - y, giv'n for me, O Sav - ior, your blood, which
2 With you, Lord, I am now u - nit - ed; I live in
3 Who can con-demn me now? For sure - ly the Lord is
4 Tho' death may threat - en with dis - as - ter, it can - not
5 Thus ev - 'ry pain is dis - ap - pear - ing; one taste my



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



you for me have shed— these are my life and strength for -
you and you in me. In you my soul will be de -
near, who jus - ti - fies. No hell I fear, and thus se -
rob me of my cheer, for he who is of death the
heart has come to know— of Je - sus and his love en -



ev - er; by them my hun - gry soul is fed.
light - ed, as joys in - crease and sor - rows flee.
cure - ly with Je - sus I to heav - en rise.
mas - ter with help and strength is al - ways near.
dear - ing, the taste that sweet - ens ev - 'ry woe.



O Je - sus, may your bod - y and your blood



be for my soul the high - est good.

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*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.*

Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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.



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.

Closing Hymn: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

CWH 749

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,
cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn
to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful
songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

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Mommy & Me

Back by popular demand, Cross of Glory is attempting to roll out its “Mornings with Mommy” group for the 22/23 season. All littles who are no more than four years old are welcome--as long as they bring their mommies along. We have five sessions planned before Christmas, and ten of them after New Year's. Our program is in transition since some of our past leaders have moved out of the area. We are planning to have an organizational/sign-up meeting on Wednesday, October 5. This meeting will hopefully allow us to run the program if we can fill the slots with volunteer leaders. The meeting will start at 9:00 a.m.

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



Welcome to Fall!!

We are looking for families to assist in making the Trunk or Treat event a success again this year. We need both families that are willing to decorate a trunk and those that can assist at a couple booths that we'll be setting up. If you are planning to decorate a trunk, please avoid scary or demonic themes, as we are on church grounds. To make this event more exciting for the children, it would be nice to have a planned game or activity near each trunk. Some ideas are ring toss, bowling, or even a simple craft. If you need ideas for a trunk or an activity, please reach out to Brenda Grams, Ashley Scott, or Liz Simkauskas. The two booths we are doing are a temporary tattoo booth and a coloring contest booth.

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

October 3, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
October 4, 4:30 p.m.	Bibles and Brews for Men
October 5, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group w/ Tim Grams
October 5, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 6, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
October 8, 9:00 a.m.	Bibles and Brews for Women
October 9, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
October 9, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
October 9, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
October 9, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study x2

LOOKING AHEAD

October 10, 6:30 p.m.	BIC Class
October 11, 4:30 p.m.	Bibles and Brews for Men
October 12, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group w/ Tim Grams
October 12, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 13, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
October 16, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
October 16, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
October 16, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
October 16, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study x2

Worship Volunteers	October 2nd	October 9th	October 16th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Stacey Cornell	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Kelly/ Grams	Ehlers/ Martins
Communion Setup	Sharon Kull	-	Andrea Semmann
Ushers	Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit Mike Radue	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Koline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink	Angela Hall Rachel Plitzuweit	Leslie Contreras Linda Stern
A/V	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras	Titus Patterson Gus Koutia	Shannon Gullerud Pedro Contreras

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.

Kids Klub

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.