

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 18**  
***Sunday, October 9, 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



Lord,  
increase  
our faith.

Gratitude is the thankfulness we feel when someone does something kind to us or for us. There are two key factors that influence the intensity of gratitude. First, there is the deservedness factor. Say you do a favor for your neighbor, picking up his mail when he is out of town. A month later he does a favor for you, giving you a ride to the airport. You are grateful for his help, but not overwhelmingly so. You feel by doing a favor for him, you deserved his help to some degree. Second, there is the generosity factor. Say you do that favor for your neighbor, picking up his mail when he is out of town.

When he gets back, he gives you a hundred-dollar bill. You're stunned. "I can't accept. This is too generous." Apply this to God. Consider the deservedness factor. What does God owe us? How deserving are we of his blessing? Consider the generosity factor. What has he done for us? What blessings has he given us now? What blessings has he promised us in eternity? As Jesus increases our faith, so that we accurately answer all those questions, we become more than grateful. We overflow with gratitude.

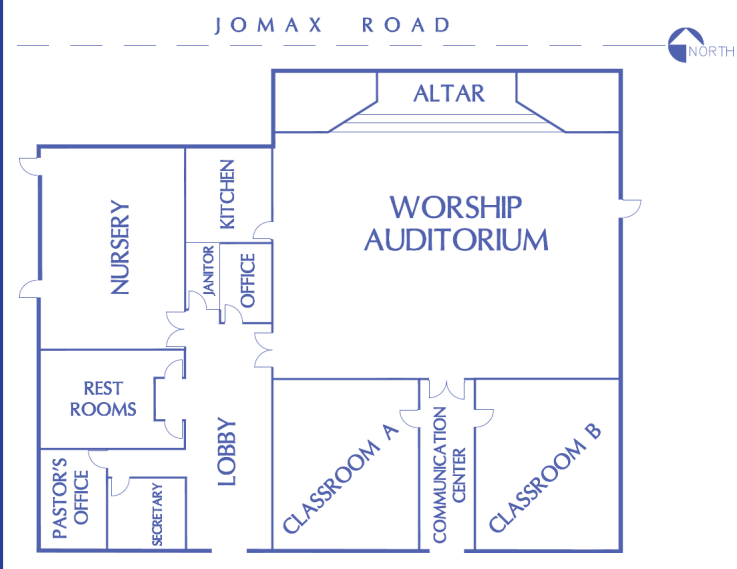
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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!

## Service Setting 3

### Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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*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 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,  
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is your  
reign - ing and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -  
made you, health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly  
dore him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear now to his  
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen how all that's  
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief ev - er has  
prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



tem - ple draw near, join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
need - ful has been sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
failed of re - lief? Wings of his mer - cy did shade you.  
peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

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### Invocation

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

**C:** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**M:** Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C:** Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

**M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those



*We call upon God to be  
present with us. We  
worship the triune God,  
remembering our Bap-  
tism 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.



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

**things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

**M:** God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## Glory to God in the Highest

*Choir will sing and Congregation will repeat*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
Most High, Je - sus Christ. with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the  
high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on  
earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

# The Word

## Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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.

## First Reading

Genesis 8:15–22

<sup>15</sup>Then God said to Noah, <sup>16</sup>“Come out of the ark, you and your wife and your sons and their wives. <sup>17</sup>Bring out every kind of living creature that is with you—the birds, the animals, and all the creatures that move along the ground—so they can multiply on the earth and be fruitful and increase in number on it.”

<sup>18</sup>So Noah came out, together with his sons and his wife and his sons’ wives. <sup>19</sup>All the animals and all the creatures that move along the ground and all the birds—everything that moves on land—came out of the ark, one kind after another.

<sup>20</sup>Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. <sup>21</sup>The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

<sup>22</sup>“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”



In faith, Noah expressed his gratitude for God’s undeserved generosity in preserving the lives of him and his family.

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 111

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Great are the works of the LORD;

C: **they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

M: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

C: **and his righteousness endures forever.**

M: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

C: **the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

M: The works of his hands are faithful and just;

C: **all his precepts are trustworthy.**

M: He provided redemption for his people;

C: **he ordained his covenant forever.**

M: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;

C: **all who follow his precepts have good understanding.**

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.”



Our gratitude for God's generosity to us will naturally include a willingness to be generous with others.

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:10–15

<sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup>This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup>Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup>And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

## Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)



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

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Choir;  
Repeated by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name; make known among the nations what he has done. Alleluia. (*Psalms 105:1*)



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

## Hymn of the Day: Now Thank We All Our God

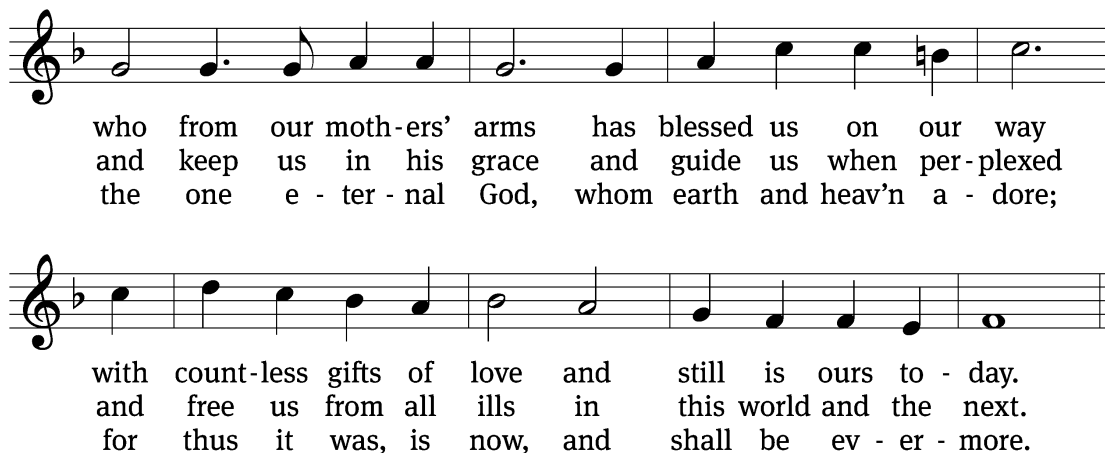
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1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voic - es,  
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en,



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## Sermon

### Lord, Increase Our Faith *Faith that overflows with gratitude*

Luke 17:11–19

<sup>11</sup>Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

<sup>17</sup>Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?” <sup>18</sup>Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”



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).

## Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**



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

The Apostles' Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.



**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **Contemporary Band**

## **Lead Me to the Cross**

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

## **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**

*(Prayed 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.**



## 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.

## Contemporary Band

## Our God

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# Save the Date!

## TRUNK OR TREAT

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

OCTOBER 29, 2022

3:30-5:30 PM



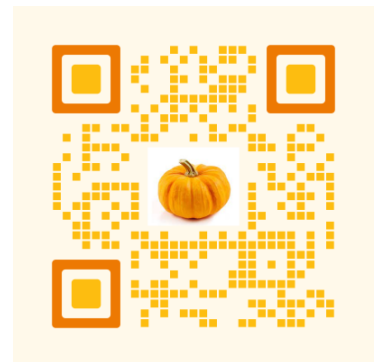
Welcome to Fall!!

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.

## Mystic Halloween Outreach Event

We need 8 volunteers for an amazing outreach opportunity in Mystic. The event is on Friday October 28th from 6pm-8pm at the Mystic Club House. For more information please contact Kenzie at [church.marketing@crossofglory.org](mailto:church.marketing@crossofglory.org).

Please use the QR code to sign up.



## Mommy & Me

We regret to announce that our volunteer ministry team was unable to get ready for the first scheduled meeting for Mommy & Me. So, the October 5 meeting will be postponed until Wednesday, October 19. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. Ally Kelley will lead the first meeting. We still need volunteers in order to host this ministry at Cross of Glory. So please save the date!

## Joint Reformation Service

The Westside Joint Reformation Festival will be held at Grace Lutheran Church, Glendale, on October 30 at 4:00 p.m. The theme is "We Are His Church." The guest preacher will be Rev. Gary Pufahl of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Tempe.

This service will also include the Lord's Supper, celebrating our unity as his Church. Offerings will go to Martin Luther College students from our respective circuits. There will be a joint choir and instrumentalists.

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>October 9th</b>	<b>October 16th</b>	<b>October 23rd</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Nick Nicholai Stacey Cornell	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
<b>Cleaners</b>	Kelly/ Grams	Ehlers/ Martins	Stern/ Pappenfuss
<b>Communion Setup</b>	-	Andrea Semmann	-
<b>Ushers</b>	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Rachel Plitzuweit Diana Piepenbrink	Leslie Contreras Linda Stern	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann
<b>A/V</b>	Titus Patterson Gus Koutia	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Isaac Patterson

# 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.