

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 20**  
**Sunday, October 23, 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.

Last week we heard Jesus ask, "When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18:8). As we consider Jesus' question, it might be easy to assume that any decrease in faith we observe in the world corresponds with an increase in secularism and disdain for God's Word. That type of unbelief certainly can be observed in our world. However, today we see there is another type of unbelief, a type that looks upright and moral. The absence of the faith Jesus seeks isn't always complete and total rejection of God or the Bible or even Jesus. It is possible for someone to have respect for Scripture and Christ, yet ultimately trust in his own goodness when it comes to his relationship with God. It is natural for us to want to believe that our relationship with God revolves around our obedience to

his commands. We desperately desire to believe that, if we just apply the right spiritual advice and effort, we can earn God's approval and eternal inheritance. This, too, is unbelief, just as much as paganism or secularism. This week Jesus uses God's law for its chief purpose: to expose sin and crush our natural pride. In Christ's hands God's law is a powerful tool used to shape in us the faith he seeks—one totally dependent on God to do what only he can do.

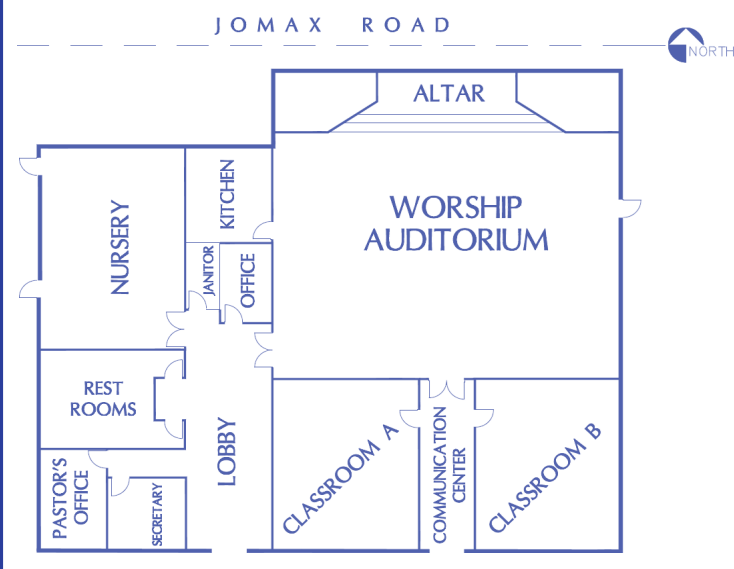
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 it to the usher after the offering.
- Emailing us at church. [secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:secretary@crossofglory.org)

## CHURCH 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!

## Opening Hymn: In Christ Alone

CWH 510



*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 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my  
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the  
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -  
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal

ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are  
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of  
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er

stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in  
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was  
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is  
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me

all; here in the love of Christ I stand.  
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.  
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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The greeting used by St. Paul perfectly summarizes Christianity.



"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.

## Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

## Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

## Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister; Sung response by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take  
 ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
 stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
 tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
 Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

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Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949

## Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Lord, keep your household, the church, in continual godliness, and set us free from all adversities that, under your protection, we may serve you with true devotion and holy deeds; 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

Deuteronomy 10:12–22

<sup>12</sup>And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>13</sup>and to observe the LORD's commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

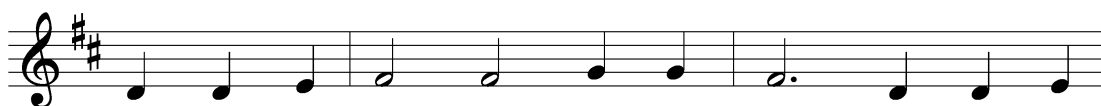
<sup>14</sup>To the LORD your God belong the heavens, even the highest heavens, the earth and everything in it. <sup>15</sup>Yet the LORD set his affection on your ancestors and loved them, and he chose you, their descendants, above all the nations—as it is today. <sup>16</sup>Circumcise your hearts, therefore, and do not be stiff-necked any longer. <sup>17</sup>For the LORD your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who shows no partiality and accepts no bribes. <sup>18</sup>He defends the cause of the fatherless and the widow, and loves the foreigner residing among you, giving them food and clothing. <sup>19</sup>And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt. <sup>20</sup>Fear the LORD your God and serve him. Hold fast to him and take your oaths in his name. <sup>21</sup>He is the one you praise; he is your God, who performed for you those great and awesome wonders you saw with your own eyes. <sup>22</sup>Your ancestors who went down into Egypt were seventy in all, and now the LORD your God has made you as numerous as the stars in the sky.



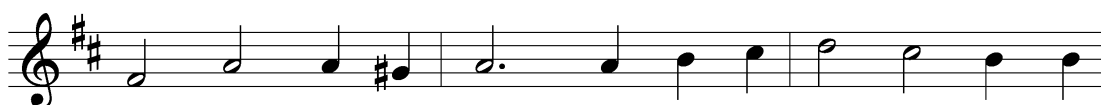
In his farewell address, Moses reminds the Israelites that they always have been and forever will be totally dependent on God's grace.

## Psalm

Psalm 90C



1 We live, O Lord, with - in your grace, for you have  
2 A thou - sand years with - in your sight pass like a  
3 You say to chil - dren of the earth: "Re - turn to  
5 So teach us, Lord, to count our days; make wise our  
8 O Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, be our dwell - ing



been our dwell - ing place; be - fore the moun - tains came to  
watch with - in the night, like yes - ter - day when it is  
dust, which gave you birth! We grow like grass be - neath the  
hearts to seek your ways. How long, O LORD, till you re -  
place e - ter - nal - ly, and when the moun - tains are no

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."



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## The Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

1 John 2:15-17

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. <sup>17</sup>The world and its desires pass away, but whoever does the will of God lives forever.



St. John encourages us to love and depend on our heavenly Father, not the world.



A verse from the holy scriptures is usually spoken in preparation for the reading of the Gospel which is read as the second reading or as part of the sermon.

The sung response is taken from John 20:31.

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37)





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

1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure  
 2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,  
 3 The world is like a cloud and like a va - por fleet - ing,  
 4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,

when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!  
 yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.  
 a shad - ow that de - clines, swift to its end re - treat - ing.  
 my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,

You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;  
 I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;  
 My Je - sus shall re - main, though all things fade and flee,  
 my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.

you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!  
 my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!  
 my ev - er - last - ing rock. What is the world to me!  
 Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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## Sermon

## Lord, Increase Our Faith

Luke 18:18–30

### *Faith demonstrated through total dependence*

<sup>18</sup>A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>19</sup>“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

<sup>20</sup>You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

<sup>21</sup>“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

<sup>22</sup>When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

<sup>23</sup>When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. <sup>24</sup>Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

<sup>25</sup>Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

<sup>26</sup>Those who heard this asked, “Who then can be saved?”



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).



<sup>27</sup>Jesus replied, "What is impossible with man is possible with God."

<sup>28</sup>Peter said to him, "We have left all we had to follow you!"

<sup>29</sup>"Truly I tell you," Jesus said to them, "no one who has left home or wife or brothers or sisters or parents or children for the sake of the kingdom of God <sup>30</sup>will fail to receive many times as much in this age, and in the age to come eternal life."



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.



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

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

(1 Timothy 2:1)

## **Apostles' Creed**

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**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.**

**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**

**If We're Honest**

## **The Offering and Offering Prayer**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## **Prayer of the Church**

*(Spoken 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.

## Closing Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



*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

All My Hope

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## Trunk or Treat

Welcome to Fall!!

We are looking for families to assist in making the Trunk or Treat event a success again this year. We need 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.

Location Cross of Glory Lutheran Church

October 29, 2022 3:30-5:30pm

## Mystic Halloween Outreach Event

We are looking for 8 volunteers for an outreach opportunity in Vistancia. The event will be held 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 scan the QR code to view the sign up.



## Mommy & Me

We will be having our first meeting on November 2. 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!

Worship Volunteers	October 23rd	October 30th	November 6th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Stacy Cornell	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell
Cleaners	Stern/ Pappenfuss	Coates Simkauskas	Patterson
Communion Setup	-		Dawn
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger Bill Brooks	Aaron Gullerud Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Clara Naber	Paula Considine
A/V	Stacy Cornell Isaac Patterson	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud



October is Pastor Appreciation month! Please take a moment to thank Pastor Ehlers for all the ways he leads and guides Cross of Glory.

For all other announcements please scan the QR code



# 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.