

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Reformation Day**  
***Sunday, October 30, 2022***

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1011 W Jomax Road  
Peoria, AZ 85383

***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



We value freedom and strive to protect freedoms. But do we truly understand freedom? Freedom for many means doing what you want without control or coercion. Jesus helps us to understand true freedom: "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free". Jesus says that you will never be free by living however you want. Take that attitude towards life and you'll be a slave. You'll only be free—spiritually, emotionally, eternally—"If you hold to my teaching" and therefore "know the truth." A key principle Martin Luther established through the Reformation is sola scriptura, **Scripture alone**.

Luther thought it was the answer to all of life's fundamental questions. On what basis is a belief or practice justified or rejected? **Scripture alone**. Who or what is the final arbiter of truth? **Scripture alone**. Heirs of the Reformation still bind themselves to Scripture. Does restricting ourselves in this manner curtail freedom? Just the opposite is true. God's divinely inspired truth brings freedom. It frees us from slavery to sinful delusions, the burden of guilt, and any earthly power. This week we see that when we willingly bind ourselves to truth, Jesus keeps his promise. The truth sets us free.

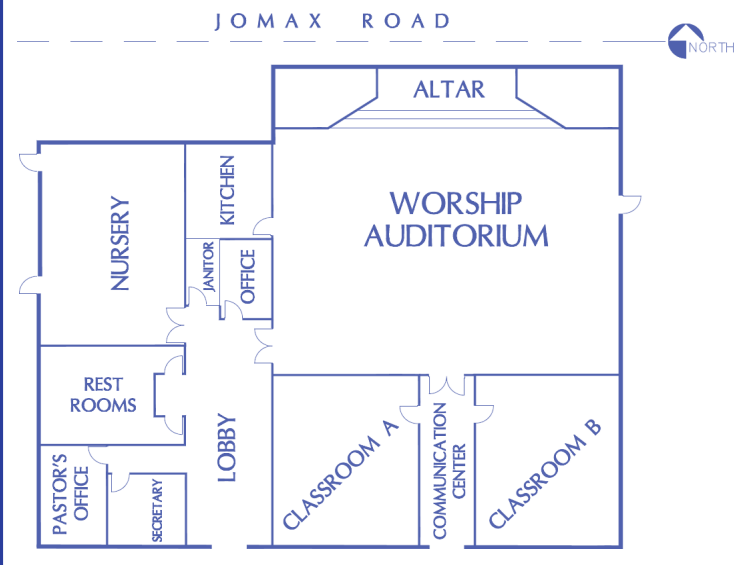
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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!

# Reformation Festival Service

## Opening Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CWH 864



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)



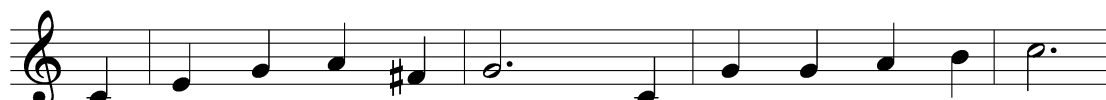
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y  
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our  
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger  
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry  
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant  
to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no  
thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.  
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.  
ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.  
plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;  
You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,  
The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,  
And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in  
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the  
his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is  
though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.  
same, he holds the field for - ev - er.  
done; one lit - tle word can fell him.  
won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



The greeting used by  
St. Paul perfectly sum-  
marizes 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)

## Invocation

(Spoken Responsively)

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

**C:** And also with you.

## Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (*Matthew 4:17*), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**C:** **Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against you - you only - have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquity. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (*Psalms 51*)**

## Hymn of Confession: Lord, Have Mercy

CWH 652

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3

*For what we have done and left undone  
we fall on your countless mercies.  
For sins that are known and those unknown  
we call on your name so holy.  
For envy and pride, for closing our eyes;  
for scorning our very neighbor.  
In thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King;  
how deeply we need a Savior.*

*Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.  
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy on us.*

*For what you have done, your life of love  
you perfectly lived, we praise you.  
Though tempted and tried, you fixed your eyes;  
you finished the work God gave you.  
And there on the tree, a King among thieves,  
you bled for a world's betrayal.  
You loved to the end, our merciful friend;  
how pure and forever faithful. (Refrain)*

## Congregation Joins:



(3 For) hearts that are cold, for seiz - ing con - trol; for  
scorn - ing our ver - y mak - er. In  
thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how  
deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain II*  
*Refrain II*  
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,  
Lord, have mer - cy on us. on us.

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## The Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: "Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins.

C: "The other is that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven."

M: Hear, then, the word of the Lord: "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool" (Isaiah 1:18). 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.

*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.

M: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy," (Psalm 126:3).  
Let us worship him.

## Hymn of Praise



Glo - ry to God, in the high - est, 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.  
Glo - ry to God, in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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

## Prayer of the Day

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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 Word

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Through the Word of God we have been born again into a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (*1 Peter 1:3*).

**C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified, and kept me in the true faith.**



*The old covenant of law could tell people how to act. It could not create the desire to freely do so. The new covenant of grace transforms people's hearts, so they freely and joyfully follow God's will.*

<sup>31</sup>“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,  
“when I will make a new covenant  
with the people of Israel  
and with the people of Judah.

<sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant  
I made with their ancestors  
when I took them by the hand  
to lead them out of Egypt,  
because they broke my covenant,  
though I was a husband to them,”  
declares the LORD.

<sup>33</sup>“This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel  
after that time,” declares the LORD.

“I will put my law in their minds  
and write it on their hearts.  
I will be their God,  
and they will be my people.

<sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their neighbor,  
or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’  
because they will all know me,  
from the least of them to the greatest,”  
declares the LORD.

“For I will forgive their wickedness  
and will remember their sins no more.”

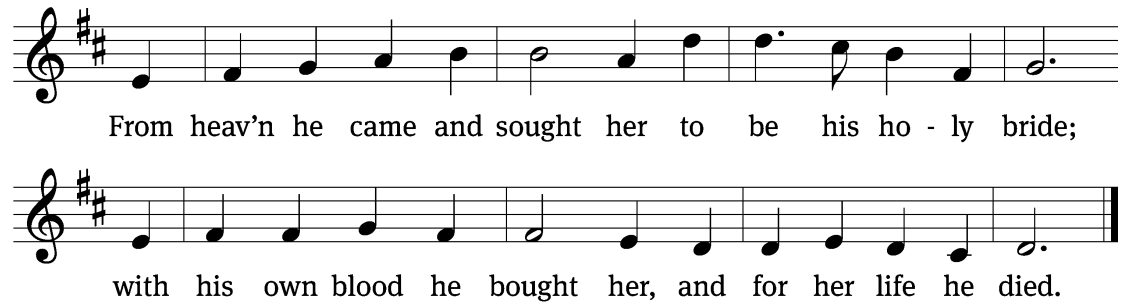
M: The word of the Lord.

**C: For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. (Hebrews 9:15)**

**Congregation Sings:**

1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.

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."



## Psalm

Psalm 46

M: God is our refuge and strength,

**C: An ever-present help in trouble.**

M: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way

**C: And the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

M: Though its waters roar and foam

**C: And the mountains quake with their surging.**

M: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

**C: The holy place where the Most High dwells.**

M: God is within her, she will not fall;

**C: God will help her at break of day.**

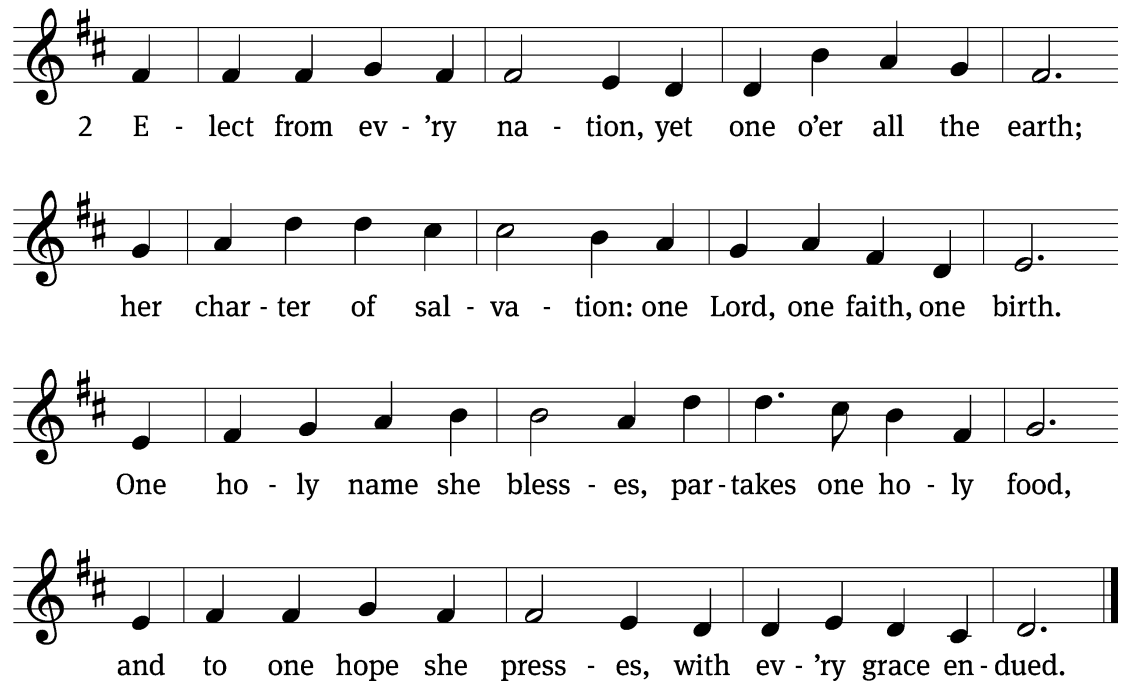
M: "Be still, and know that I am God;

**C: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

M: The LORD Almighty is with us;

**C: The God of Jacob is our fortress.**

## Congregation Sings:





## Second Reading

Galatians 5:1-6

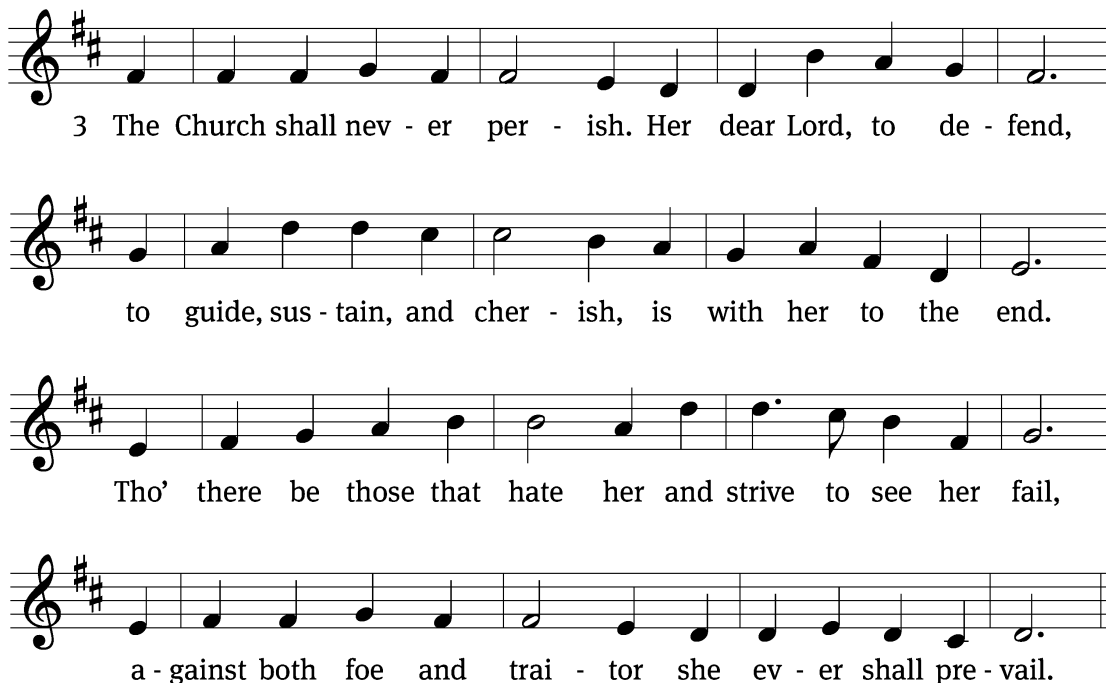
<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>2</sup>Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. <sup>3</sup>Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law. <sup>4</sup>You who are trying to be justified by the law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. <sup>5</sup>For through the Spirit we eagerly await by faith the righteousness for which we hope. <sup>6</sup>For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

M: The word of the Lord.

**C: Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)**

## Congregation Sings:



3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,  
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.  
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,  
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.

## Gospel

John 8:31-36

<sup>31</sup>To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. <sup>32</sup>Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

<sup>33</sup>They answered him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can you say that we shall be set free?"



St. Paul encourages us to stand firm in the freedom that we have in Christ.



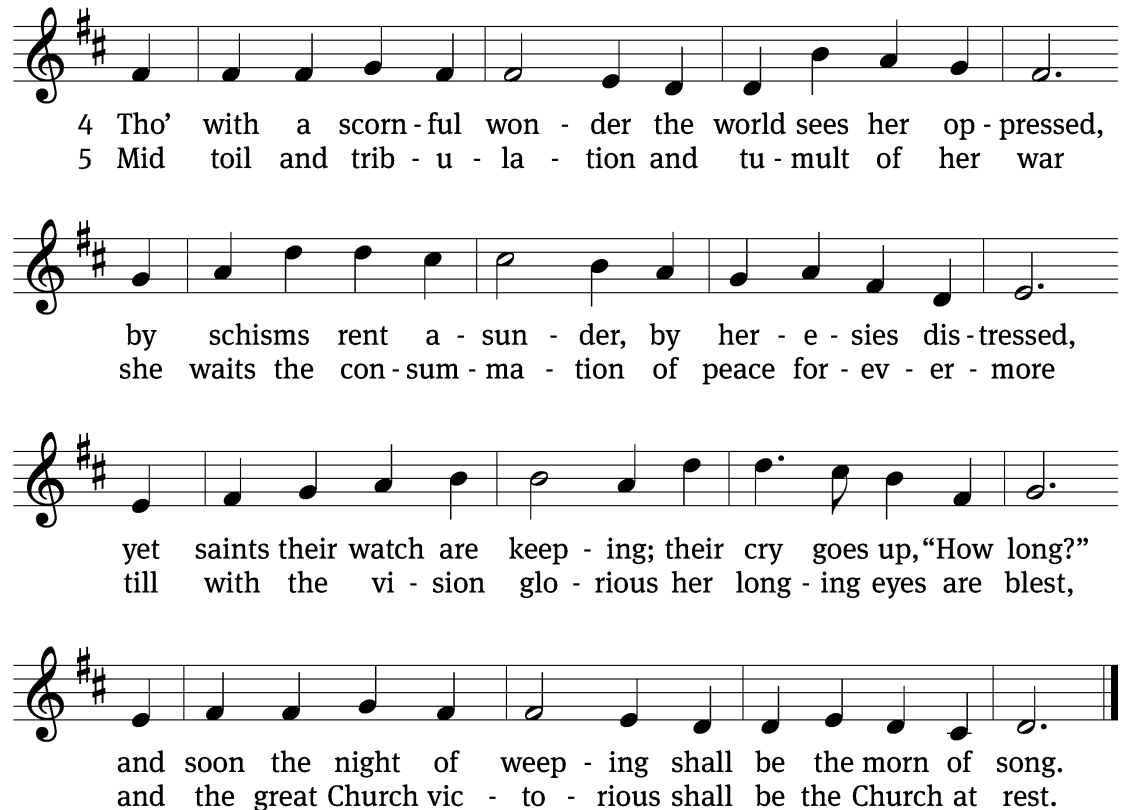
The truth of the gospel sets us free.

<sup>34</sup>Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup>Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. <sup>36</sup>So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

**C: If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free. (John 8:31,32)**

**Congregation Sings:**



4 Tho' with a scorn-ful won - der the world sees her op - pressed,  
5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war  
by schisms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis-tressed,  
she waits the con-sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more  
yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up, "How long?"  
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,  
and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.  
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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

**Choir**

**The Truth Will Make You Free**

**Sermon**

**THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE**

*John 8:31-36*

## Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)



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 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.**

## Hymn: Reformation Song

CWH 877

*Your Word alone is solid ground,  
the mighty rock on which we build.*

*In ev'ry line the truth is found,  
and ev'ry page with glory filled.*

*Thro' faith alone we come to you;  
we have no merit we can claim.*

*Sure that your promises are true,  
we place our hope in Jesus' name. (Refrain)*

*Refrain:*

*Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.  
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.*

*In Christ alone we're justified;  
his righteousness is all our plea.*

*Your law's demands are satisfied;  
his perfect work has set us free. (Refrain)*

By grace alone we have been saved;  
 all that we are has come from you.  
 Hearts that were once by sin enslaved  
 now by your pow'r have been made new. (Refrain)

**Congregation sings:**

5 And on this Ref - or - ma - tion Day

we join with saints of old to sing;

we lift our hearts as one in praise:

glo - ry to Christ our gra - cious King.

*Refrain*

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, glo - ry to God a - lone.

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

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

## The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

**C:** Lord, to you alone be glory.

**M:** God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

**C:** For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

**C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

**C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.**

M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

**C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

M: Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

**C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.**

M: As we celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

**C: For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

M: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.

**C: For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*~Silent prayer~*

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

**C: Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,

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

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

## Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: 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.

## Ensemble

God is our Refuge

For all other announcements please scan the QR code



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## Thanksgiving Potluck

Please join us on November 20th for the Thanksgiving Potluck.

The potluck will be at 11:00am following the service. Please scan the QR code to sign up.



## Tree Decorating & White Elephant Exchange (Potluck)

We will be decorating the church for Christmas on November 26th at 4:00 pm. It goes pretty quickly when we have a number of people helping out. If you plan to come, please also bring a dish to pass, as we have a light meal following the decorating. We also finish off the night with a white elephant gift exchange. Bring a silly, inexpensive gift for each person from your family that would like to take part in the exchange.

Let's decorate, eat and be happy! Plates, Silverware, Cups & Napkins will be provided!



## 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 30th	November 6th	November 13th
Counters	Nick Nicholai Norm Voigt	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Cleaners	Stern Pappenfuss	Patterson	Koutia Piepenbrink
Communion Setup		Dawn	
Ushers	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger Bill Brooks	Aaron Gullerud Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer	Cody Hall Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Clara Naber	Rene Koutia
A/V	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Issac 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.