

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 23**  
***Sunday, November 13, 2022***

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***Sunday 9am Worship***

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# WELCOME to our worship center

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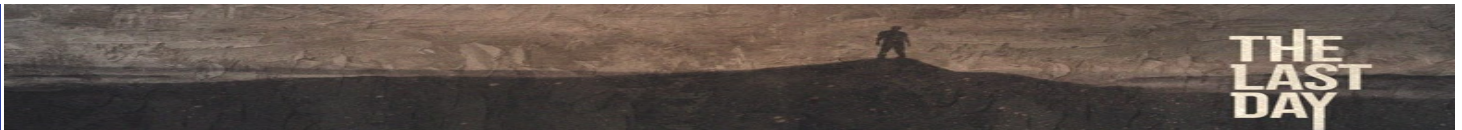
*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

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



Our world is full of victims of abuse, violence, and oppression. In many cases, this evil goes unnoticed or unpunished. Injustice can drive victims in two possible directions. They can be filled with despair over the unfairness of the situation. Or they can be filled with hatred and a desire for revenge. While Christians wait for Christ's return on the Last Day, they are by no means the only ones who suffer at the hands of others. They are, however, often included among them. Believers have always faced opposition from a world who rejects the one we believe in. When we suffer, what are our options? Do we throw up our hands in despair? Do we take matters into our own hands and seek vengeance? The certainty of that Last Day gives us a better option. We can leave justice up to the Judge. We can be confident that on the Last Day every wrong will be righted. We can look forward to the Last Day—also known as Judgment Day—because we are confident of where we stand with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

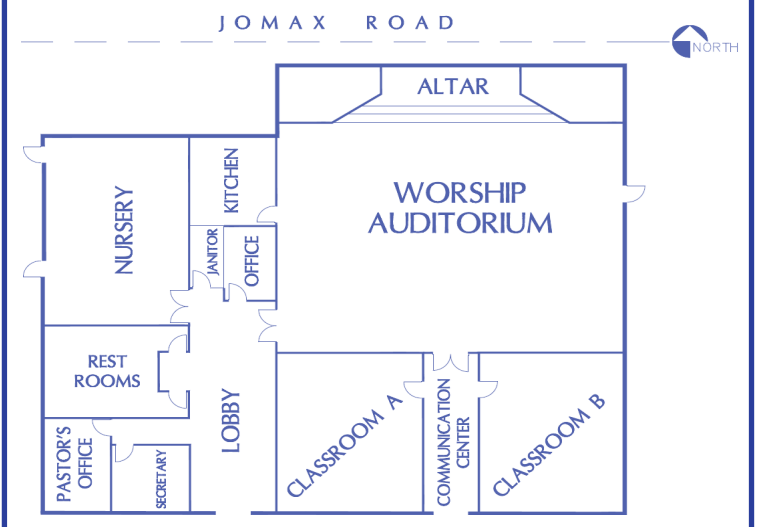
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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:

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at [church.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:church.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!

## The Service

### Opening Hymn: The King Shall Come

CWH 495



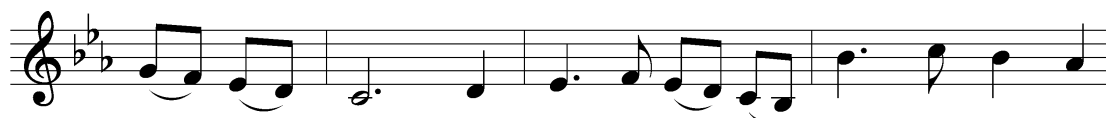
*Hymn of praise, prayer,  
or reflection on the  
season of the church  
year.*

*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 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and light tri -  
2 Oh, bright - er than the ris - ing morn when Christ, vic -  
3 The King shall come when morn - ing dawns and earth's dark



um - phant breaks, when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and  
to - rious, rose and left the lone - some place of death de -  
night is past; that morn - ing can - not rise too soon, that



life to joy a - wakes— not as of old a lit - tle  
spite the rage of foes shall dawn that glo - rious, wel - come  
day that e'er shall last. Then let the end - less bliss be -



child to bear and fight and die, but crowned with  
morn for all who know his grace— the day when  
gin, as heav'n with prais - es rings. Hail, Christ the



glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn - ing sky.  
Christ in splen - dor comes and we shall see his face.  
Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings!

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### Invocation

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

**C:** Amen.



*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 disci-  
ples, "If you forgive  
anyone his sins, they  
are forgiven". The pas-  
tor speaks for God and  
announces God's for-  
giveness 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.*

## 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: HOLY MANNA

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he  
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our

loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple  
sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed—

speak his grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your  
for your mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and

glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful  
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry

ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.  
of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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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: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before 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.



On the Last Day, those who opposed God will be laid low, but all God's people will be healed.

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."

## First Reading

Malachi 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>"Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evil-doer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire," says the LORD Almighty. <sup>2</sup>"Not a root or a branch will be left to them. <sup>3</sup>But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. <sup>4</sup>Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I act," says the LORD Almighty.

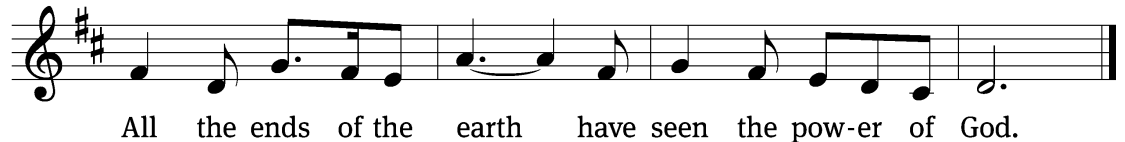
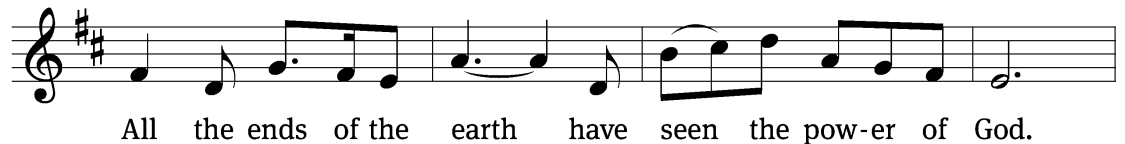
<sup>5</sup>"Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel.

<sup>6</sup>"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. <sup>7</sup>He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 98A  
Sung in Unison

### Refrain



### Tone



**Sing to the LORD a / new song,  
for he has done / marv'ulous things;  
his right hand and his / holy arm  
have worked salvation / for him.  
The LORD has made his sal- / vation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the / nations. Refrain**

Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth,  
 burst into jubilant song with / music.  
 Let the rivers / clap their hands,  
 let the mountains sing together / for joy;  
 let them sing be- / fore the LORD,  
 for he comes to / judge the earth.  
 He will judge the world in / righteousness  
 and the peoples with / equity.  
 Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
 and to the Holy / Spirit,  
 as it was in the be- / ginning,  
 is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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## The Children's Sermon

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

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia! Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Alleluia! (*Revelation 2:10*)



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!



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



Jesus tells us what the world will be like for believers before the Last Day.

## Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

<sup>5</sup>Some of his disciples were remarking about how the temple was adorned with beautiful stones and with gifts dedicated to God. But Jesus said, <sup>6</sup>“As for what you see here, the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down.”

<sup>7</sup>“Teacher,” they asked, “when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are about to take place?”

<sup>8</sup>He replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. <sup>9</sup>When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.”

<sup>10</sup>Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. <sup>11</sup>There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.

<sup>12</sup>“But before all this, they will seize you and persecute you. They will hand you over to synagogues and put you in prison, and you will be brought before kings and governors, and all on account of my name. <sup>13</sup>And so you will bear testimony to me. <sup>14</sup>But make up your mind not to worry beforehand how you will defend yourselves. <sup>15</sup>For I will give you words and wisdom that none of your adversaries will be able to resist or contradict. <sup>16</sup>You will be betrayed even by parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and friends, and they will put some of you to death. <sup>17</sup>Everyone will hate you because of me. <sup>18</sup>But not a hair of your head will perish. <sup>19</sup>Stand firm, and you will win life.



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

## Hymn of the Day: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near

CWH 488



1 The day is sure - ly draw - ing near when Je - sus, God's a -  
3 A book is o - pened then to all, a rec - ord tru - ly  
4 Then woe to those who scorned the Lord and sought but car - nal  
5 My Sav - ior paid the debt I owe and for my sin was



noint - ed, shall with great maj - es - ty ap - pear as judge of  
tell - ing what each has done, both great and small, when they on  
plea - sures, who here de - spised his pre - cious Word and loved their  
smit - ten; with - in the Book of Life I know my name has



all ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease when  
earth were dwell - ing, and ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly seen, and  
earth - ly trea - sures! With shame and trem - bling they will stand and  
now been writ - ten. I will not doubt, for I am free, and





flames on flames will still in-crease, as Scrip-ture tru-ly teach-es.  
 all be known as they have been in thoughts and words and ac-tions.  
 at the judg-e's stern com-mand to Sa-tan be de-liv-ered.  
 Sa-tan can-not threat-en me; there is no con-dem-na-tion!

Text: tr. Philip A. Peter, 1832–1919, alt.; Bartholomäus Ringwaldt, 1532–1599, abr.  
 Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

## The Last Day:

2 Thessalonians 1:5–10

### A day of terror for all those who troubled God's people

<sup>5</sup>All 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. <sup>6</sup>God is just: He will pay back trouble to those who trouble you <sup>7</sup>and give relief to you who are troubled, and to us as well. This will happen when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven in blazing fire with his powerful angels. <sup>8</sup>He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. <sup>9</sup>They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might <sup>10</sup>on the day he comes to be glorified in his holy people and to be marveled at among all those who have believed. This includes you, because you believed our testimony to you.



*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.**

**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.**



*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.*



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.



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". (I Timothy 2:1)

## Song of the Season: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

CWH 626

1 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who bore my  
 2 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who walks be -  
 3 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who reigns a -

pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and  
 side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and  
 bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose

gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -  
 caus-es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -  
 ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on

ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of  
 nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with  
 earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my

right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
 arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
 life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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\* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

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## Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

## Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

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

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## 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 congre-  
gation as they are  
about to conclude their  
worship.*

## Closing Hymn: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CWH 924



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace  
2 A - bide, O dear Re - deem - er, a - mong us with your Word  
4 A - bide with rich - est bless - ings a - mong us, boun-teous Lord;  
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
and thus now and here - af - ter true peace and joy af - ford.  
let us in grace and wis - dom grow dai - ly through your Word.  
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

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- 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.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.