

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Christmas 1
Sunday, January 1, 2023

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10111 W Jomax Road
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Sunday 9am Worship

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

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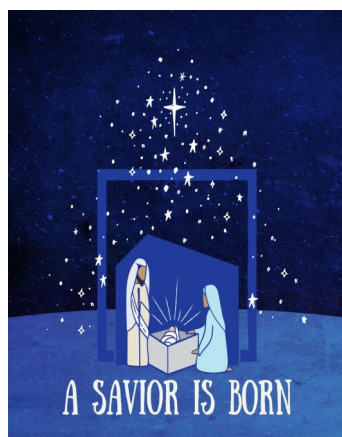
God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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



Christmas holidays mean family time. Extended family travel and visits. Meals are prepared, gifts given, memories are made. The memories might not all be good. Sometimes, Christmas dinners end in fights. Sometimes, hurt feelings keep family from coming together during the holidays. The painful reality is that we sinners fail our families, and our families fail us. God knows what that's like. He, too, wanted his children to be everything he hoped for them to be. But he was sorely disappointed. That's why he made a plan. God the Father sent Jesus to be the son that he always wanted—reciprocal in love, perfect in obedience, unwavering in devotion. Jesus came to be everything that God wanted from us. By coming to be the true Son of the Father, Jesus gives us rights to be redeemed sons and daughters—sons just like Jesus with the rights, the relationship, and the privileges of heirs.

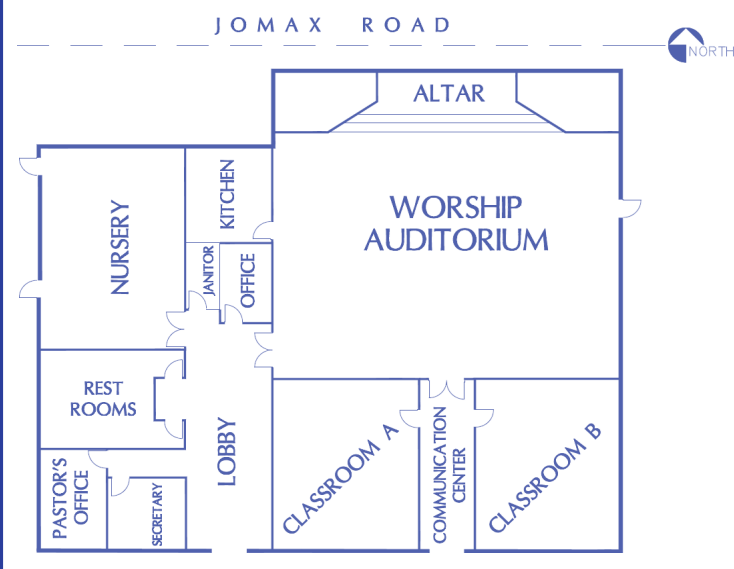
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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!

Service of the Word and Sacrament

Opening Hymn: Love Has Come

CWH 364



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 Love has come, a light in the dark - ness! Love shines forth in the
2 Love is born! Come share in the won - der. Love is God now a -
3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us! Love is life ev - er -



Beth - le - hem skies. See, all heav - en has come to pro - claim it;
sleep in the hay. See the glow in the eyes of his moth - er;
last - ing and free. Love is Je - sus with - in and a - mong us.



hear how their song of joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to
what is the name her heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the
Love is the peace our hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the



you, a Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high!
name she whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Im - man - u - el.
gift of Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

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Invocation

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: And also with you.



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

Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment



“If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. “

(1 John 1:9)

Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.



The title of this prayer is "Kyrie" in Greek meaning "O Lord". It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength.



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

both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: 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.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister, Sung by Congregation)

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Congregation Sings:

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life

with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;

you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your

on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. *Refrain* O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of

God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;

you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in

your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

Refrain O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

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Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, the martyred innocents of Bethlehem showed forth your praise not by speaking but by dying. Put to death in us all that is in conflict with your will that our lives may bear witness to the faith we profess with our lips; 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.



Since we have been redeemed by God's true Son, we are now able to call God "Father."

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

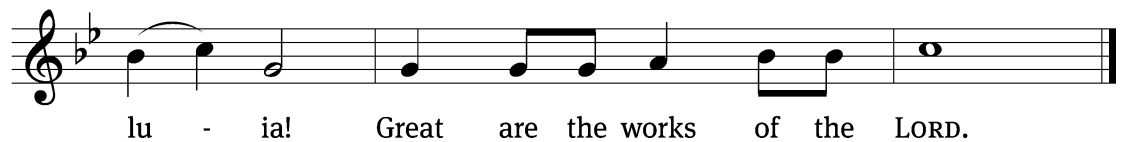
Galatians 4:4-7

⁴But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." ⁷So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 2D

Refrain



Tone



Why do the nations / conspire

and the peoples / plot in vain?

The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together a- / gainst the LORD

and against his A- / noointed. *Refrain*

The One enthroned in / heaven laughs;

the Lord / scoffs at them.

He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, / saying,

"I have installed my King on Zion, my holy / mountain." *Refrain*

I will proclaim the / LORD's decree:

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your / Father."

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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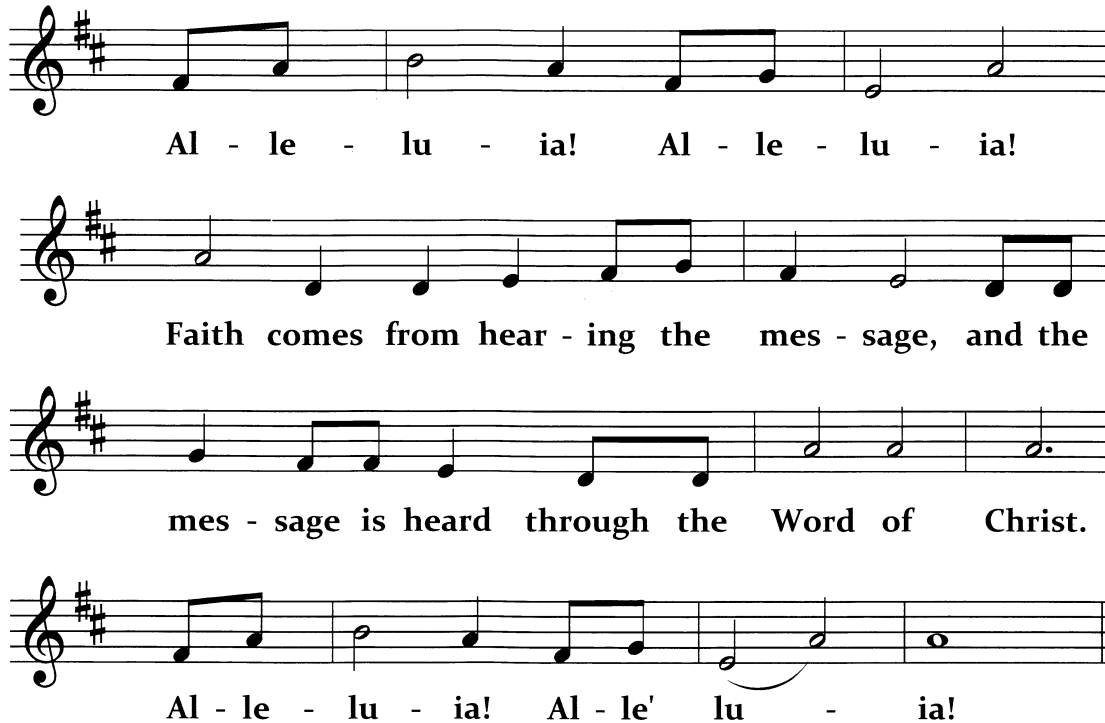
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Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Sing to the Lord a new song; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. Alleluia.

(Sung by Congregation)



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

Gospel

Matthew 2:13-23

¹³When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him."

¹⁴So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, ¹⁵where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

¹⁶When Herod realized that he had been outwitted by the Magi, he was furious, and he gave orders to kill all the boys in Bethlehem and its vicinity who were two years old and under, in accordance with the time he had learned from the Magi. ¹⁷Then what was said through the prophet Jeremiah was fulfilled:

¹⁸"A voice is heard in Ramah,
weeping and great mourning,
Rachel weeping for her children



God's plan was to save the world by having his true Son serve as our substitute, dying on the cross. And so God saves his true Son from an early death.

and refusing to be comforted,
because they are no more.”

¹⁹After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt ²⁰and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.”

²¹So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. ²²But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, ²³and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets, that he would be called a Nazarene.



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

Hymn of the Day: Let All Together Praise Our God

CWH 355



1 Let all to - geth - er praise our God be - fore his
2 He leaves his heav’n - ly Fa - ther’s throne, is born an
3 He veils in flesh his pow’r di - vine a ser - vant’s
4 He un - der - takes a great ex - change, puts on our



high - est throne; to - day he o - pens heav’n a - gain and
in - fant small, and in a man - ger, poor and lone, lies
form to take, in want and low - li - ness must pine who
hu - man frame, and in re - turn gives us his realm, his



gives us his own Son, and gives us his own Son.
in a hum - ble stall, lies in a hum - ble stall.
heav’n and earth did make, who heav’n and earth did make.
glo - ry, and his name, his glo - ry, and his name.

**For us he opens wide the door
of paradise today.**

**The angel guards the gate no more;
to God our thanks we pay, to God our thanks we pay.**

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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).

⁷I will tell of the kindnesses of the LORD,
the deeds for which he is to be praised,
according to all the LORD has done for us—
yes, the many good things
he has done for Israel,
according to his compassion and many kindnesses.
⁸He said, “Surely they are my people,
children who will be true to me”;
and so he became their Savior.
⁹In all their distress he too was distressed,
and the angel of his presence saved them.
In his love and mercy he redeemed them;
he lifted them up and carried them
all the days of old.

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,



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

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 A.D. to address false ideas about the divinity of Jesus Christ. That explains why the second article of the Nicene Creed is longer than its counterpart in the Apostles' Creed.

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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

As we prepare for another year of grace, we speak to God as our Father as Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)

Prayer for the New Year

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In these first hours of the new year we lift up our voices, reflecting on the praises and petitions our Lord Jesus gave us as an outline for praying:

C: Our Father in heaven,

M: Eternal God, our Creator, in your mercy you have restored us as your forgiven children. Trusting in Jesus' sacrifice and victory in our place, we come before you tonight.

C: hallowed be your name,

M: We revere your supreme majesty as designer of your universe and author of time. Help us to know you as Lord of our lives here and in eternity, as you have revealed in your holy Word.

C: your kingdom come,

M: Uphold your claim on our hearts; reign in our lives, and employ us for sowing the seed of your saving Word in more and more hearts in the year ahead.

C: your will be done on earth as in heaven.

M: Overcome the influence of Satan on us in this fallen world, and make us earnest to conform our desires and our actions to your plan for our future with you.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

M: Sustainer of life, you have provided for our bodily necessities in the year past.

Fill us with appreciation and trust. Year by year keep us alert for meeting the needs of others.

C: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

M: Continue to show us your pardon for Jesus' sake, and keep us ready to do good even to those who do wrong to us. While there still is time in this passing life, help us point them to your saving mercy.

C: Lead us not into temptation,

M: Defeat the enemy who wants to strangle our faith in disregard for your Word. Bring to naught the world's ruinous appeal to our self centered nature, and deliver us from the hold of unrepented sin.

C: but deliver us from evil.

M: Be with us through every trouble, so that when we depart this life we will still be trusting and walking with our living Savior.

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

M: We look to you as Lord of time, governor of your universe, head of your church, and we join with angels to adore you from whom all blessings flow.

C: We are relying on Jesus whose perfect obedience and atoning death have made us acceptable in your sight. His resurrection assures his promises, and we look into the future eagerly awaiting his return. Now then, as your children we pray with confidence: Amen.

The Sacrament of the Altar

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

Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)



Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The Sanctus contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va -

tion. Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution

(Spoken by Minister)



The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special meal.

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God". John the Baptist spoke these words as he pointed to Jesus coming toward him (John 1:29). As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.

O Christ, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

(Sung by Congregation)



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us,



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution of Sacrament

We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you for honoring our practice.



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



1 "From heav'n a - bove to earth I come to bear good
 2 "To you this night is born a child of Mar - y,
 3 "This is the Christ, our God most high, who hears your
 4 "He will on you the gifts be - stow pre - pared by



news to ev - 'ry home; glad ti - dings of great
 cho - sen vir - gin mild; this lit - tle child of
 sad and bit - ter cry; he will him - self your
 God for all be - low, that in his king - dom,



joy I bring, where - of I now will say and sing:
 low - ly birth shall be the joy of all the earth.
 Sav - ior be from all your sins to set you free.
 bright and fair, you may with us his glo - ry share.

**"These are the signs which you shall mark:
 the swaddling clothes and manger dark.
 There you will find the infant laid
 by whom the heav'ns and earth were made."**

**How glad we'll be to find it so!
 Then with the shepherds let us go
 to see what God for us has done
 in sending us his own dear Son.**

**Come here, my friends, lift up your eyes,
 and see what in the manger lies.
 Who is this child, so young and fair?
 It is the Christ Child lying there.**

**Welcome to earth, O noble Guest,
 through whom the sinful world is blest!
 You came to share my misery,
 that you might share your joy with me.**

**Ah, Lord, though you created all,
 how weak you are, so poor and small,
 that you should choose to lay your head
 where lowly cattle lately fed!**

Were earth a thousand times as fair
and set with gold and jewels rare,
it would be far too poor and small
a cradle for the Lord of all.

Instead of soft and silken stuff
you have but hay and straw so rough
on which as king, so rich and great,
to be enthroned in royal state.

And so it pleases you to see
this simple truth revealed to me:
that worldly honor, wealth, and might
are weak and worthless in your sight.

Ah, dearest Jesus, holy Child,
prepare a bed, soft, undefiled
within my heart, made clean and new,
a quiet chamber kept for you.

My heart for very joy must leap;
my lips no more can silence keep.
I too must sing with joyful tongue
that sweetest ancient cradle song:

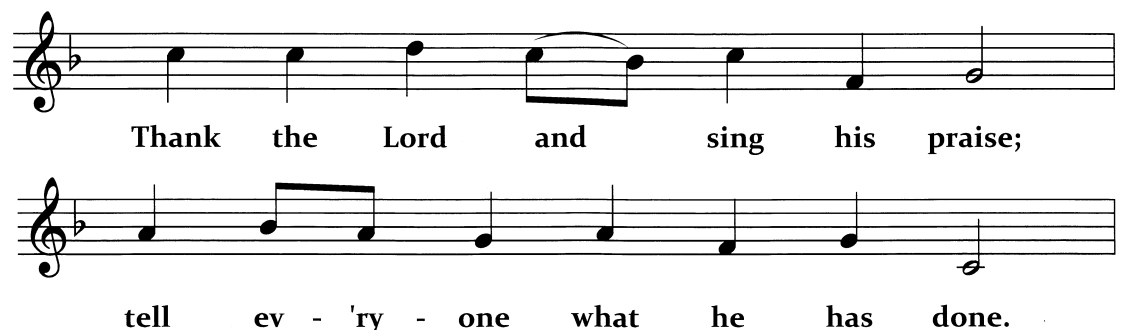
Glory to God in highest heav'n,
who unto us his Son has giv'n,
while angels sing with pious mirth
a glad new year to all the earth!

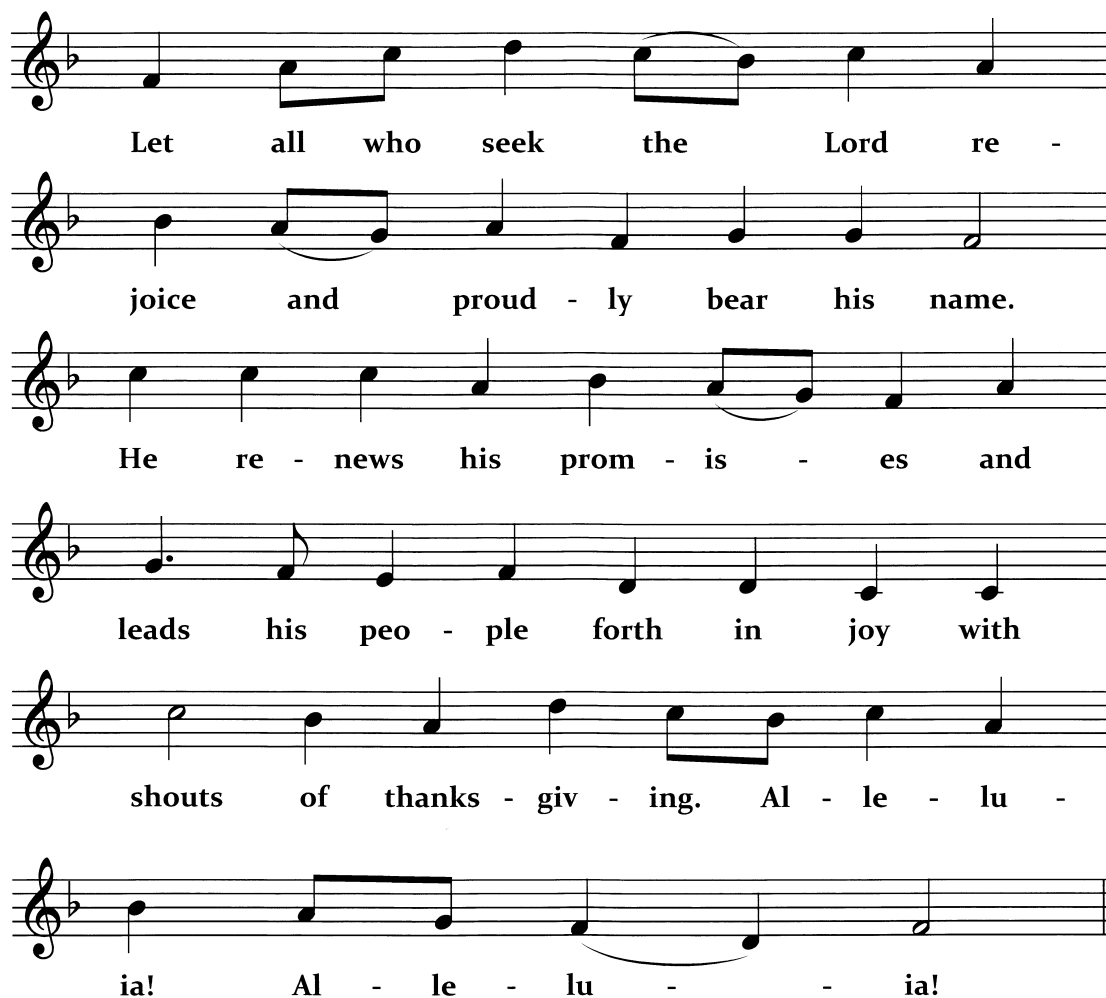
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*We offer our thanks
and express our faith
in what God has
done for us and has
promised to do for
us in the future.*

Song of Thanksgiving

(Sung by Congregation)





Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.



1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year with
 3 This Je - sus came to end sin's war; this
 5 With him as Lord to lead our way in
 6 "All glo - ry be to God on high, and



joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - jice! Re-joyce! With
 name of names for us he bore. Re - jice! Re-joyce! With
 want and in pros - per - i - ty, what need we fear in
 peace on earth!" the an - gels cry. Re - jice! Re-joyce! With



thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.
 thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.
 earth or space in this new year of grace?
 thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.

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Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.



Thank You!

The pastor, teachers, and all the staff at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church and School thank you for your cards, your gifts, your words of encouragement, your prayers and all the love you show in so many ways throughout last year. We are blessed to serve you in our Savior's name!

| Worship Volunteers | January 1st | January 8th | January 15th |
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| Counters | Judy Sasse Susie Cornell | Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa | Nick Nicholai Norm Voigt |
| Cleaners | Koutia Piepenbrink | Gullerud | Plitzuweit/Peterson Aguilar |
| Communion Setup | Dawn | | Shannon |
| Ushers | Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern | Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit Michael Radue | Len Collyard Nick Nicholai Steve Seamann Sharon Wilson |
| Sunday Refreshments | Rachel Plitzuweit LuAnn Blanshan | Tracy Ditter Nicole Brown | Leslie Contreras Linda Stern |
| A/V | Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson | Rene Koutia Gus Koutia | Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud |

2023 offering envelopes-on hold

The offering envelopes for 2023 have been delayed. We expect to get delivery in early January. They will be placed in mailboxes as soon as they come in. You can always give securely using the QR code.

Member Announcements

If you'd like to post an announcement or upcoming event in the newsletter, please email it to our church secretary at church.secretary@crossofglory.org.

Weekly QR Code

Please use this QR Code for all other announcements



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 in May.

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.

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.