

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Epiphany 5
Sunday, February 5, 2023

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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



Imagine a beautiful guitar, carefully crafted out of the finest mahogany and steel strings. Now imagine that fine instrument is never played. It is placed atop a bookshelf and never touched. It just collects dust. Tragic, right? What a thing is finds fulfillment when that thing does what it was made to do. Of what use is a guitar that makes no music? What would be the point of turning on a lamp and then throwing a heavy blanket over it. It might still be a lamp, but it provides no light. (It only serves as a fire hazard!) Form and function are intimately connected. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus teaches that the same is true of discipleship. He wants us to see that being a disciple and acting as a disciple are intimately connected. When God called us to faith, he declared that we were something new: light, salt, his children. Jesus now encourages us to be what God says we are, so that God might bless the world through us. As Jesus speaks to us, he means to mold our will to his own.

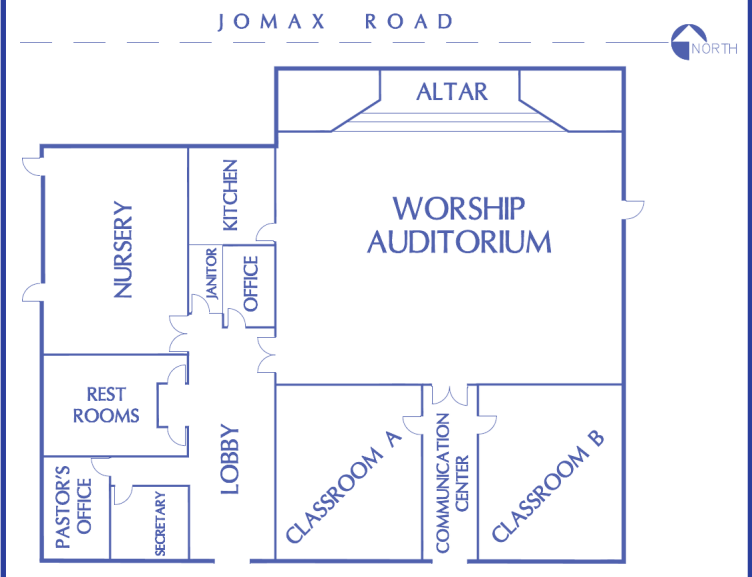
VISITOR INFORMATION

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**

CAMPUS MAP



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult directly across the lobby.
- **Children in Church Program:** Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Scripture and Song with The Lord's Supper

Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism

(CWH679 Sung Responses)

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

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
(*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

Congregation Sings:



2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service reminds us of the continual blessings of Baptism.

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

(*Romans 6:3,4*)

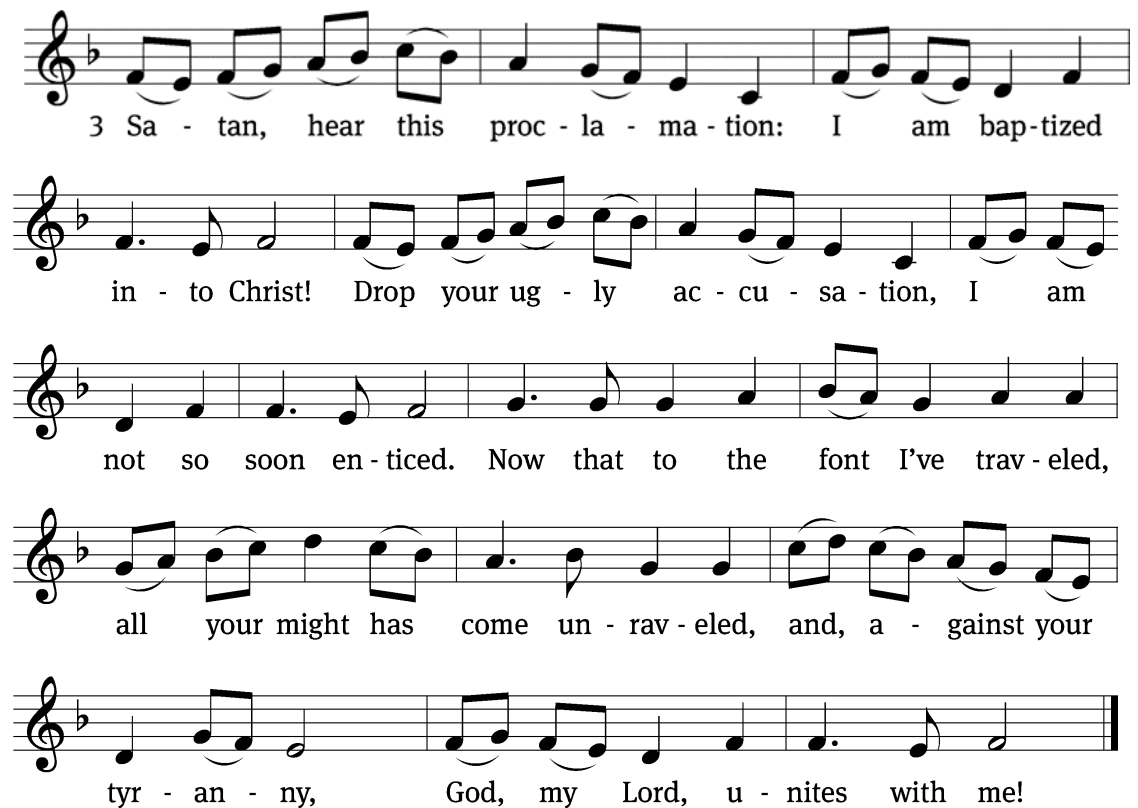


"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. "
(1 John 1:9)

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

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 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.

Congregation Sings:



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.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.

Congregation Sings:



4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long

in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven

her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,

faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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M: Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 19:1–8a

¹On the first day of the third month after the Israelites left Egypt—on that very day—they came to the Desert of Sinai. ²After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain.

³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, “This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell



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



God made Israel, a nation of slaves, his special people. He wanted Israel to be the kingdom of priests he had called them to be.



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."

the people of Israel: ⁴"You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites."

⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."

Psalm 18

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;

C: my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.

M: He reached down from on high and took hold of me;

C: he rescued me from my powerful enemy.

M: He brought me out into a spacious place;

C: he rescued me because he delighted in me.

M: You, O LORD, keep my lamp burning;

C: my God turns my darkness into light.

M: You save the humble,

C: but bring low those whose eyes are haughty.

M: You give me your shield of victory,

C: and your right hand sustains me.

The Children's Sermon

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

Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

¹³"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

¹⁴"You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

¹⁷"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in



Jesus declares that his disciples are blessings to this dark, decaying world. He calls us to be what he says we are.

the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.

Sermon Hymn: Shine, Jesus Shine

LAP270



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

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us;
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.**

Refrain:

**Shine on me, Shine on me! Shine Jesus shine!
Fill this land with the Father's glory, Blaze, Spirit, blaze!
Set our hearts on fire, Flow, river flow!
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.
Send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness. *(Refrain)***

**As we gaze on your kingly brightness,
So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory.
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story. *(Refrain)***

Sermon The Savior's Sermon: You are...so be

1 Peter 2:9-12

⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

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).



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.

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,
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.

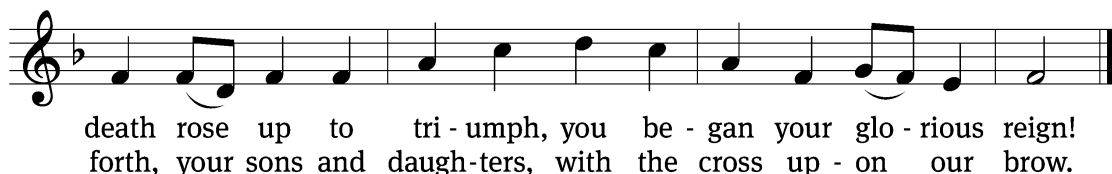
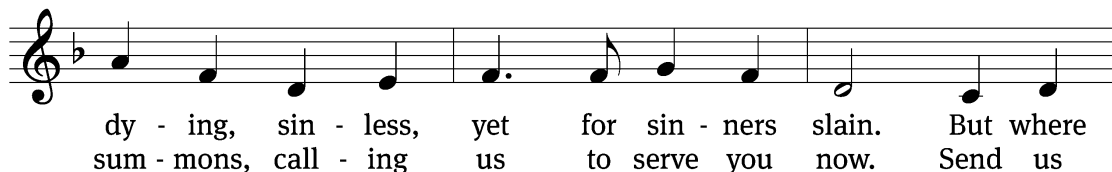
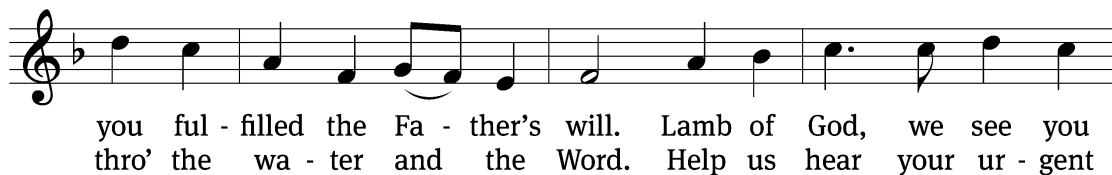
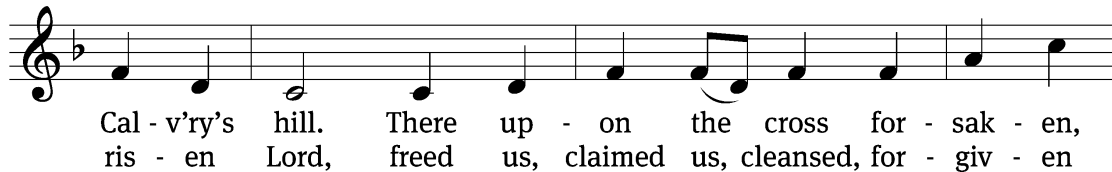
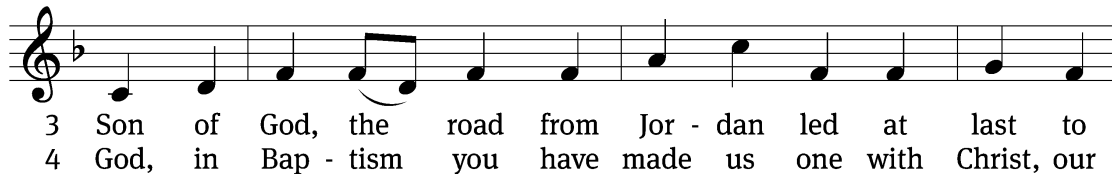
**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



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.

*Christ, your footprints through the desert
led to Jordan's flowing stream;
there you heard the herald crying
Israel's old, prophetic dream:
"He is coming! He is coming!
He will cleanse the earth with flame!
Sinners, plunge beneath the waters!
Wash away your guilt and shame!"*

*Christ, you heard the stirring summons
as by Jordan's bank you stood;
bathed, though sinless, with your people
in the river's cleansing flood.
High above, the heavens opened;
came the Spirit as a dove;
spoke a voice beyond all hearing:
"See my Son, the One I love!"*



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)*

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

The responsive reading from 1 Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

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,
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.**

Holy Communion

The Preparation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

C: so that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

C: for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

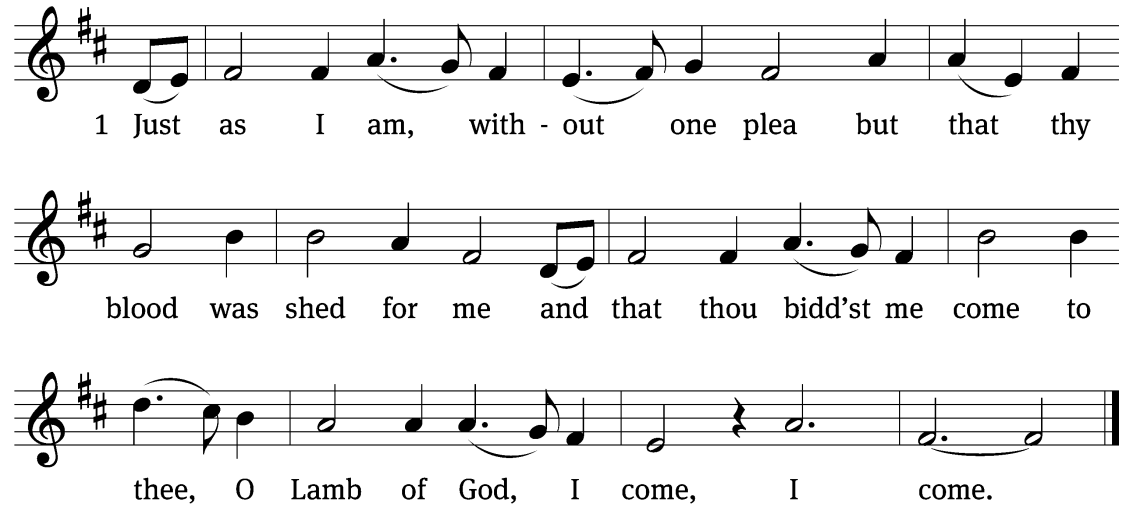


As we approach the Lord's table, we are reminded that we are invited only because of the price Jesus paid on the cross.

C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)

Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CWH 814



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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.

Words of Institution

(Spoken by Minister)

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.

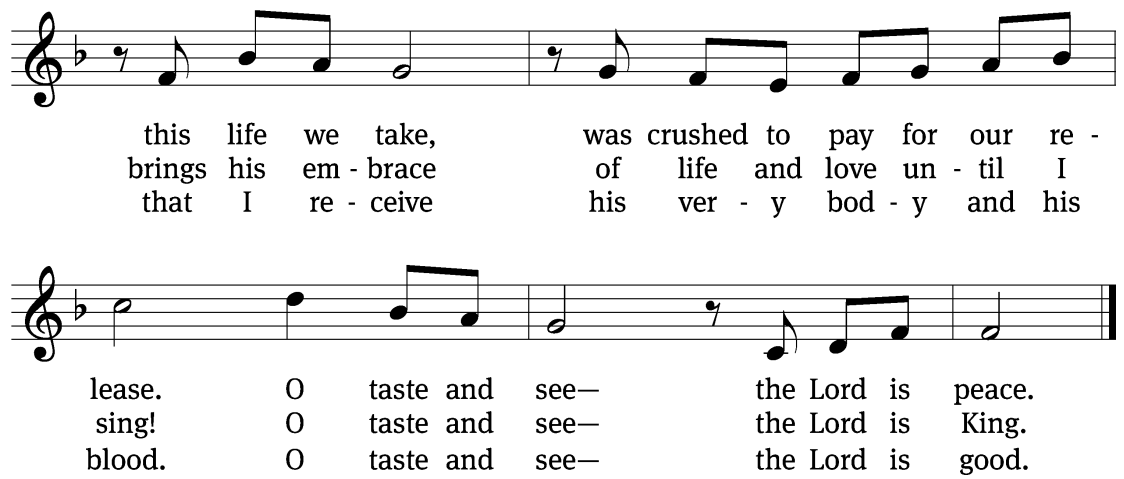
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Sung Response: What is this Bread

CWH 665



This hymn of response perfectly describes the blessings of this Sacrament - forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.



this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -
 brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I
 that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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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 sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*



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

Distribution Hymn: Take and Eat

CWH 676

Ensemble sings the Vs. and Congregation joins for refrains



Refrain
 Take and eat, take and eat, this is my bod - y
 giv - en up for you. Take and drink, take and drink,
 this is my blood giv - en up for you.

*I am the Word that spoke and light was made;
 I am the seed that died to be reborn;
 I am the bread that comes from heav'n above;
 I am the vine that fills your cup with joy. (Refrain)*

*I am the way that leads the exile home;
 I am the truth that sets the captive free;
 I am the life that raises up the dead;
 I am your peace, true peace my gift to you. (Refrain)*

*I am the Lamb that takes away your sin;
 I am the gate that guards you night and day;
 you are my flock: you know the shepherd's voice;
 you are my own: your ransom is my blood. (Refrain)*

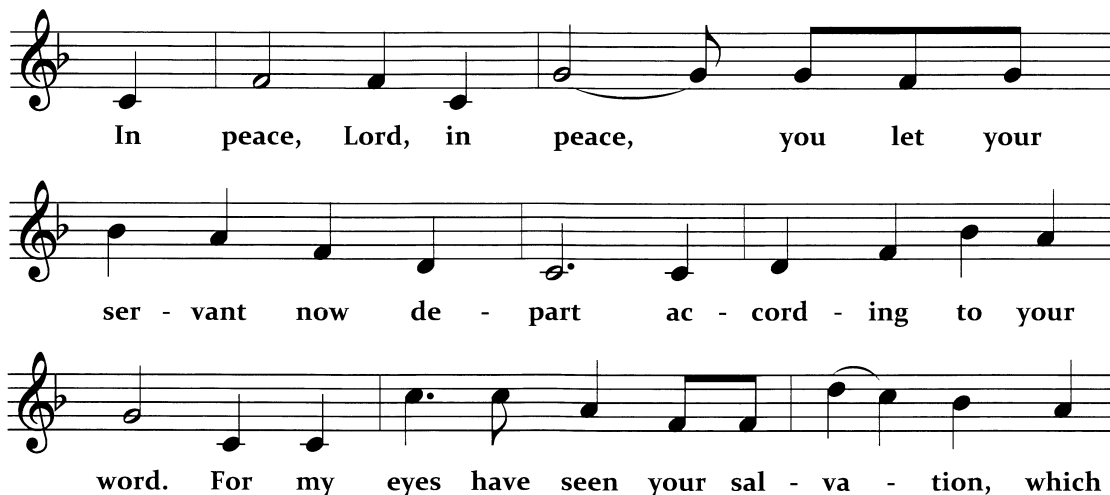
*I am the cornerstone that God has laid;
 a chosen stone and precious in his eyes;
 you are God's dwelling-place, on me you rest;
 like living stones, a temple for God's praise. (Refrain)*

*I am the light that came into the world;
 I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
 I am the Morning Star that never sets;
 lift up your face, in you my light will shine. (Refrain)*

*I am the first and last, the Living One;
 I am the Lord who died that you might live;
 I am the bridegroom, this my wedding song;
 you are my bride, come to the marriage feast. (Refrain)*

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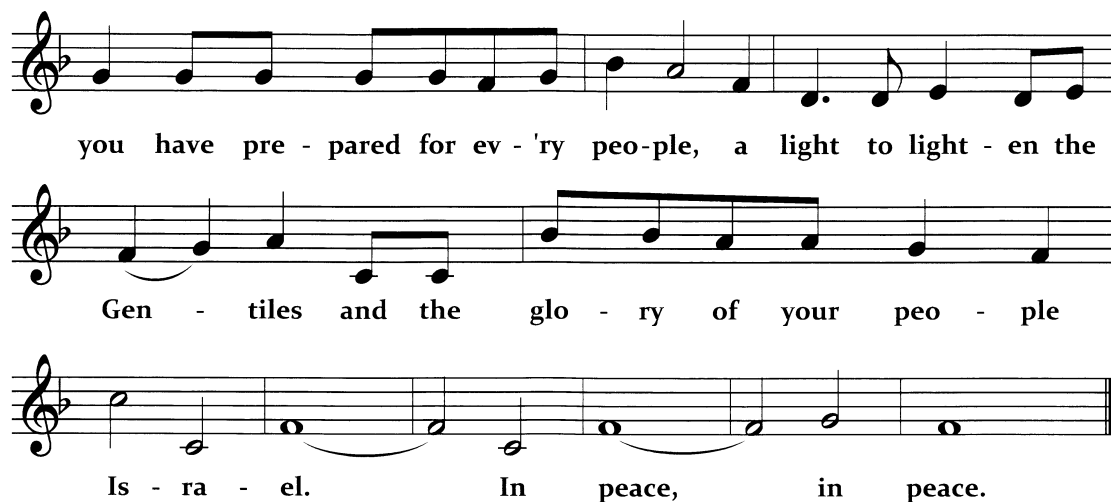
Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis



In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your
 word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which



The Nunc Dimittis ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christ-child in his arms as God had promised, we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.



Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

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.

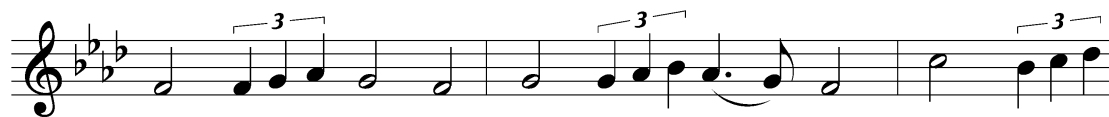
C: Amen.



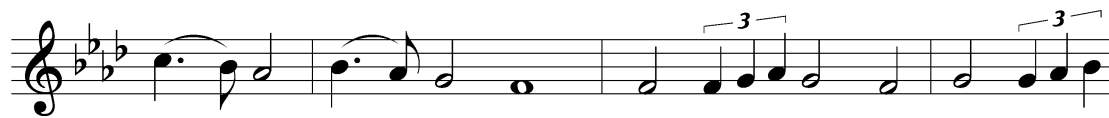
The Aaronic Blessing is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23–27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.

Closing Hymn: Thy Strong Word

CWH 630



1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy
2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as
5 Give us lips to sing thy glo - ry, tongues thy



speak - ing it was done. For cre - at - ed light we
night and deep as death, broke the light of thy sal -
mer - cy to pro - claim, throats to shout the hope that



thank thee while thine or - dered sea - sons run.
va - tion, breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath.
fills us, mouths to speak thy ho - ly name.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise to
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! May the



thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
light which thou dost send fill our songs with



al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ias, al - le - lu - ias with - out end!

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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.

Worship Volunteers	February 5th	February 12th	February 19th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Norm Voigt	Bill Brooks Harry Novack
Cleaners	Coates Simkauskas	Patterson	Koutia Piepenbrink
Communion Setup	Sharon		Andrea
Ushers	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger Bill Brooks	Aaron Gullerud Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan	Cody Hall Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Clara Naber	Rene Koutia	Angela Hall Stacey Aguilar
A/V	Kelly Simpson Rene Koutia	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Kelly Simpson Aaron Gullerud

25th Anniversary Celebration RSVP information

25th Anniversary Celebration
March 5, 2023
Anniversary service at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner follows the service

Please RSVP for the dinner by **February 6**. You may sign up online through the Sign-up Genius link (also in the weekly news) or on the sheet provided in the entrance to the church.

Call Meeting

As part of our incremental growth plan that was approved by the voters on January 29th, 2023, we will be having a call meeting to extend a call for a new teacher. This meeting will take place on February 12th, 2023 at 10:20 a.m.

Directory Updates

If you get a call from 602-448-7301, that is Velta Larson calling to update our church directory. Please answer her call so we can have the latest and most updated information for our members.

Choir Update

Request: We have a couple festival pieces planned for the 25th anniversary service and for both we really need more voices – if you or someone you know is not able to commit to the full choir schedule, but would be able to sing for this service, we would be grateful for their voice. We will practice these 2 songs **through Mar. 1**. We can place these 2 songs at the beginning or ending of the practice depending on what works for these singers. Just let me know who is interested in doing this so I have enough music.

-Rene Koutia (koutia@cox.net)

WinGS Events

Hi everyone!

The consensus is that Saturday, February 25, from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. works best for volunteering at St. Mary's food bank. Please use the QR code to sign up for that shift. You will have to set up an account with St. Mary's, but it's pretty straightforward. I'd recommend signing up ASAP if you are interested, just because spots do fill up quickly. Let me know if you have any questions with signing up, and I'd be happy to help. As the date gets closer, we can discuss carpooling there if anyone is interested.

Karin
712-660-0386



What does this Church-School teach [2]?

If you had to take the same exam that the confirmands do at their examination, could you pass with at least a 75% mark? Maybe its time for a refresher course. u

As a follow up to the “Bible Overview” class we are offering in January, Cross of Glory is also hosting a “**CoG 101** (Christ our Life)” class scheduled to start on Monday, February 13th at 6:30pm and run for **6 weeks**. In this class you will dig deeper into God’s Word and learn what we believe about God (the Apostle’s Creed), and about the **Sacraments** (Baptism and Holy Communion), This class can also be used as a review or refresher of what we teach.

Please use or share the attached QR code to sign up for these classes.



Offering Envelopes

The new offering envelopes have arrived. They are in your mailboxes.

WELS School Accreditation Visit

This team consists of four educational professionals who will visit COG for three days and verify our various policies, procedures, quality of curriculum and instruction, safety, and more. **They would like to hear from you also.**

We will host a **continental breakfast on the morning of February 22 from 7:45-8:30**. You will get a chance to mingle with the visiting team and tell them what you love most about COG. Then, stay for chapel to worship with the COG school family. We hope you can make it.

Weekly QR Code





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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.

Susan Cornell, for healing from the side effects of shingles.

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.