

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Transfiguration Sunday
Sunday, February 19, 2023

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Sunday 9am Worship

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of



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



Throughout his ministry Jesus said astounding things and did astounding things. Yet, he looked like a normal man. The prophet said, "He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him" (Isaiah 53:2). This would all change one day atop a high mountain. There, Jesus gave his disciples—gave his Church—a glimpse of the glory he set aside to be our Savior. And the voice of the Father thundered from the heavens, just as it did at Jesus' baptism, announcing Jesus' true identity to the world—the glorious Son of God. And so the Transfiguration of our Lord serves as a one-week bridge between the season of Epiphany, where Jesus is revealed as the true Son of God, and the season of Lent, where we witness what the Son of God came to do. On the Mount of Glory, St. Peter declared, "It is good for us to be here." Indeed! For here we see the God of Majestic Glory, who became a man to suffer and die for us, just as Moses and the Prophets had foretold. Oh, how much this glorious God loves us!

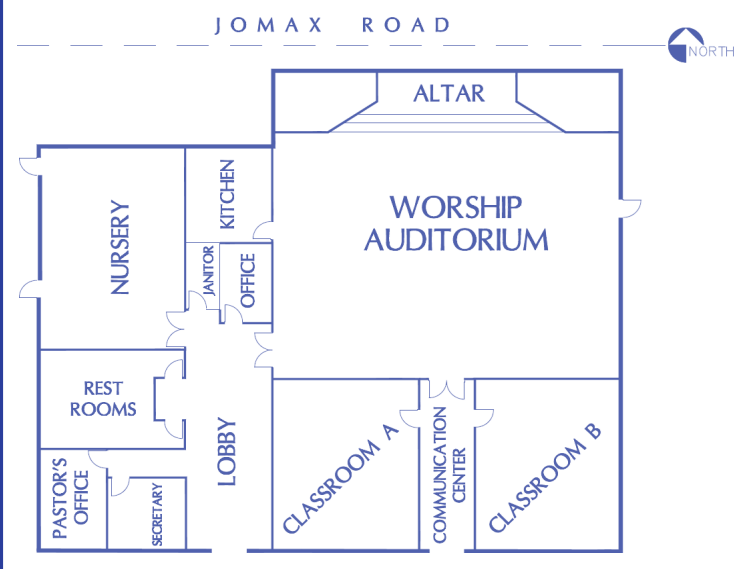
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

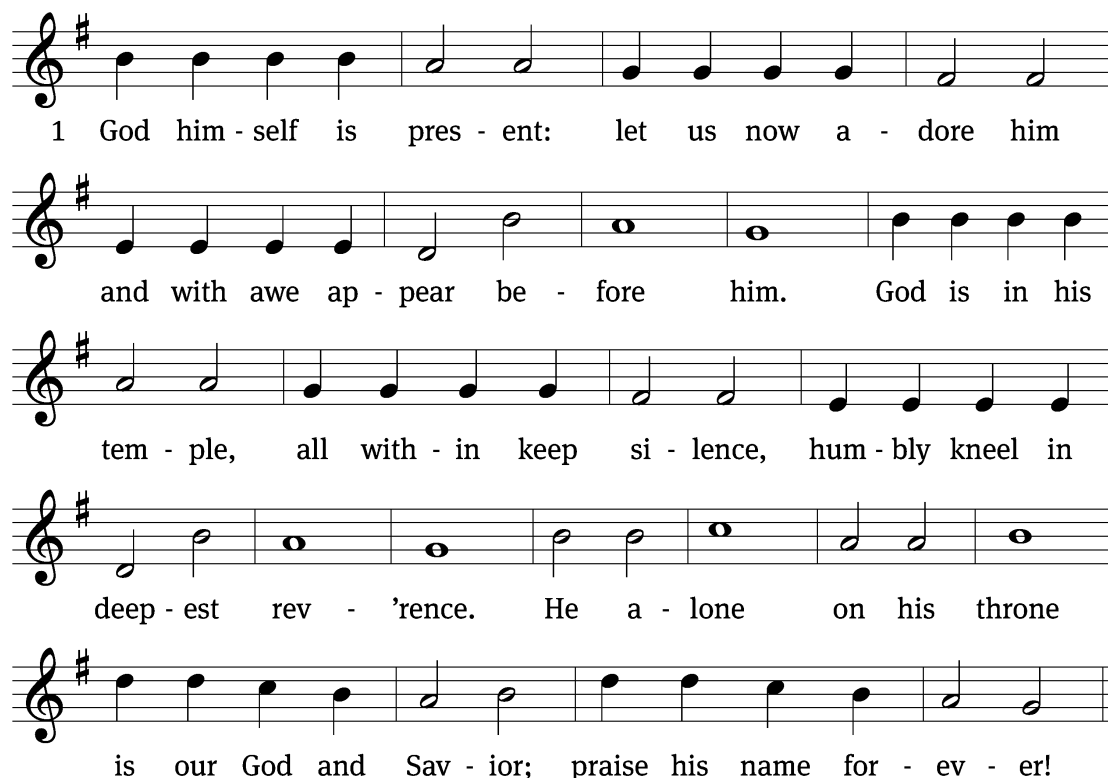
Call to Worship

(Spoken/Sung Responsively (CWH917))

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

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:



1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!

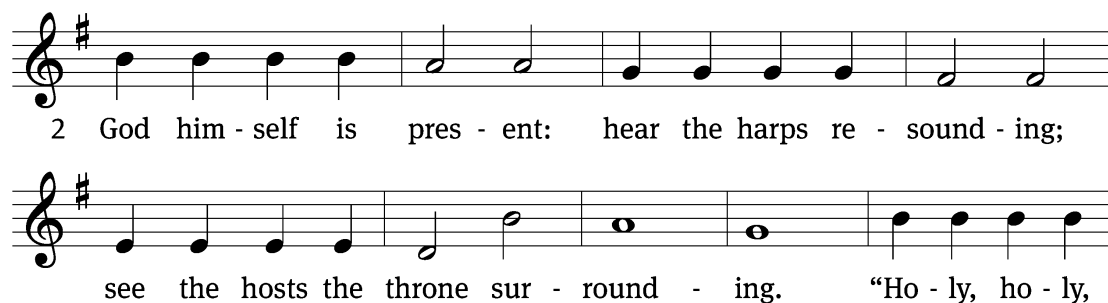
M: As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. (Luke 9:29)

C: Lord, it is good for us to be here! (Matthew 17:4)

M: This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.
(Matt.17:5)

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Sung by Congregation:



2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. On this day as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus, we are reminded of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God on that mount long ago, and in his presence in our worship service today.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.
(John 1:14)

ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.

M: And we have the word of the prophets made more certain—like a light shining in a dark place. (*II Peter 1:19*) On this day of celebrating the transfiguration of our Lord Jesus—as a testimony to his divine approval of all he said and did, and as a reminder of the glorious transfiguration of our own bodies on the Last Day when we trust in his redeeming work—we worship in the name of the Father, who spoke his approval and love of his Son on the Mount, the Son, whose radiance showed his heavenly glory, and the Holy Spirit, whose inspiration of Scripture verifies the divine testimony of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,
 trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly
 an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -
 ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise
 rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

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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.**



*"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)

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.

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

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.

Hymn of Praise: How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CWH 389



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king-dom come;
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.
we long to hold the vi-sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.



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

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The Word



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

Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



On Mount Sinai Moses saw the glory of the Lord as a terrifying fire. On the Mount of Transfiguration Moses saw the glory of the Lord as the Savior who takes our fear away.

First Reading

Exodus 24:9–18

⁹Moses and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and the seventy elders of Israel went up ¹⁰and saw the God of Israel. Under his feet was something like a pavement made of lapis lazuli, as bright blue as the sky. ¹¹But God did not raise his hand against these leaders of the Israelites; they saw God, and they ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone with the law and commandments I have written for their instruction.”

¹³Then Moses set out with Joshua his aide, and Moses went up on the mountain of God. ¹⁴He said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we come back to you. Aaron and Hur are with you, and anyone involved in a dispute can go to them.”

¹⁵When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, ¹⁶and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. ¹⁷To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. ¹⁸Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.



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.”

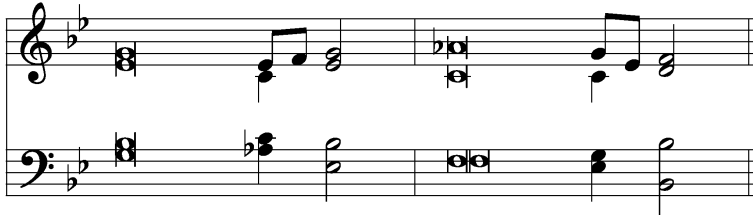
Psalm of the Day

Psalms 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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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. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia.



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.



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



The transfiguration of
our Lord.



Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. ³Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus.

⁴Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

⁵While he was still speaking, a bright cloud covered them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!”

⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” ⁸When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

Hymn of the Day: This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say

CWH 392



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



Sermon

The Glory of the Lord

2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised stories when we told you about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in power, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷He received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain.

¹⁹We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet’s own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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).

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

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

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: 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.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: 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



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.

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.

Song of the Season: Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

CWH 379

1 Christ, your foot - prints through the des - ert led to Jor - dan's
 2 Christ, you heard the stir - ring sum - mons as by Jor - dan's
 3 Son of God, the road from Jor - dan led at last to
 4 God, in Bap - tism you have made us one with Christ, our

flow - ing stream; there you heard the her - ald cry - ing
 bank you stood; bathed, though sin - less, with your peo - ple
 Cal - v'ry's hill. There up - on the cross for - sak - en,
 ris - en Lord, freed us, claimed us, cleansed, for - giv - en

Is - rael's old, pro - phet - ic dream: "He is com - ing! He is
 in the riv - er's cleans-ing flood. High a - bove, the heav - ens
 you ful - filled the Fa - ther's will. Lamb of God, we see you
 thro' the wa - ter and the Word. Help us hear your ur - gent

com - ing! He will cleanse the earth with flame! Sin - ners,
 o - pened; came the Spir - it as a dove; spoke a
 dy - ing, sin - less, yet for sin - ners slain. But where
 sum - mons, call - ing us to serve you now. Send us

plunge be - neath the wa - ters! Wash a - way your guilt and shame!"
 voice be - yond all hear - ing: "See my Son, the One I love!"
 death rose up to tri - umph, you be - gan your glo - rious reign!
 forth, your sons and daugh - ters, with the cross up - on our brow.

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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)

Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

The Sacrament

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



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.

Preface

(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: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: WEBB

1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
your ev - er-last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro-claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through

him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

**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.**



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

Words of Institution

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.

C: Amen.



*The pastor speaks the
words which Jesus
spoke when he institut-
ed 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.*



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)

Tune: *HAMBURG*

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
 2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled

cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
 sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
 nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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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 by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.



These are hymns sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn: Beautiful Savior

CWH 522


1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion, Son of
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands, robed in
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light, bright the
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions, Son of

God and Son of Man! Tru - ly I'd love thee,
 flow'rs of bloom - ing spring; Je - sus is fair - er,
 spark - ling stars on high; Je - sus shines bright - er,
 God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

tru - ly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, he makes our sor - r'wing spir - it sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels in the sky.
 praise, ad - o - ra - tion now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Distribution Hymn: Draw Us to Thee

CWH 700



1 Draw us to thee, for then shall we walk in thy
 2 Draw us to thee, Lord, lov - ing - ly; let us de -
 3 Draw us to thee; O grant that we may walk the
 4 Draw us to thee that al - so we thy heav'n - ly
 5 Draw us to thee un - ceas - ing - ly; in - to thy

steps for - ev - er and has - ten on where thou art
 part with glad - ness that we may be for - ev - er
 road to heav - en! Di - rect our way lest we should
 bliss in - her - it and ev - er dwell where sin and
 king - dom take us. Let us for - e'er thy glo - ry

gone to be with thee, dear Sav - ior.
 free from sor - row, grief, and sad - ness.
 stray and from thy paths be driv - en.
 hell no more can vex our spir - it.
 share; thy saints and joint heirs make us.

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Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

*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.*



*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.*



As we prepare our hearts for Jesus' death, we willingly quiet our joy. Lent is a season of repentance and sorrow over sin. Alleluias return on Easter morning when we celebrate Christ's victory over death and sin. Because Christianity brings us to a greater understanding of our own sin and mortality, it also provides us with a deep and profound joy in Christ.

Farewell to Alleluia

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response (CWH 977))

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

Sung by Congregation:



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
 2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
 3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
 4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly

can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
 pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
 here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
 Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,

ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in
 jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
 make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
 here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once

robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
 faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
 time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
 more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Latin, c. 11th cent.
 Tune: John Goss, 1800–1880 Text and tune: Public domain

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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 19th	February 26th	March 5th
Counters	Bill Brooks Harry Novack	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Cleaners	Koutia Piepenbrink	Gullerud	Plitzuweit Peterson Aguilar
Communion Setup	Andrea		Dawn
Ushers	Cody Hall Joel Ditter	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Michael Radue Guy Robertson	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson
Sunday Refreshments	Angela Hall Stacey Aguilar	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud
A/V	Kelly Simpson Aaron Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Shannon Gullerud Rene Koutia

Weekly QR Code



ACSTO Information

Even though ESA scholarships have passed legislation, some COG families still benefit from the state tax credit program. We encourage you to continue to make use of this program by designating your state tax to Cross of Glory Lutheran School. Some of our graduates will be headed to Arizona Lutheran Academy and will be using the tax credit program rather than ESA. So please continue, or begin, to support our member students and our school through Arizona Christian State Tuition Organization (ACSTO).

ACSTO's Tax Advisor Resource Kits are now available! Not all tax preparers are familiar with the tax credit opportunities available to individual taxpayers in Arizona, so be sure to share this great resource with YOUR tax professional as you prepare your 2022 taxes. To request a Tax Advisor Resource Kit, email social@acsto.org or call ACSTO at 480.820.0403.

Call News

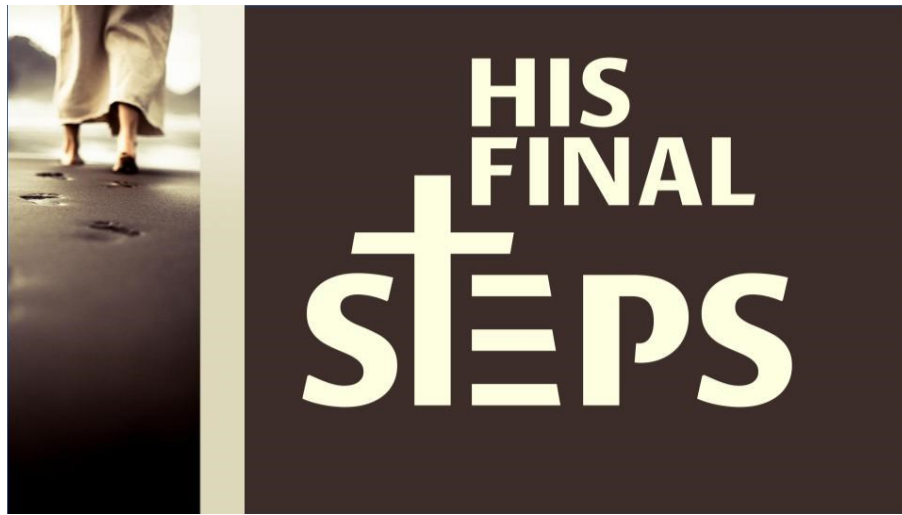
On Sunday, February 12th, the congregation met to issue a call for a third-and fourth grade teacher position. It was decided to call Elise Bernthal for a one year call. She is currently teaching in the Mesa Public School District as a Special Ed teacher. Please keep her in your prayers as she considers this call.

Contemporary Service

We are excited to be able to offer choices to our members when it comes to worship. Our new contemporary service begins today February 19 at 10:45 AM. We will be having a grand opening for the service on March 12th, but we will have two services in February—before the grand opening. So please attend the service of your preference and worship the Lord here at Cross Of Glory—to God be the glory! Amen.

WELS Youth Night

The WELS Youth Night provides a series of youth-focused events, three times a year, not only for the youth of our congregation but also the youth from area congregations. Experience an inspiring evening of games, music, God's Word, small group discussion, and fun with fellow high schoolers (9th-12th grade) from all over the area. The next WELS Youth Night Phoenix will be on Saturday, March 18, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Church (3257 E. University Drive Mesa, AZ 85213). Doors open at 5:15 p.m. We hope you can join us. Watch for more information to come!



The overall theme for the 2023 Lenten sermons is “His Final Steps.” The series ponders the significance of the people and places on Jesus’ resolute final steps to the cross and three days later, his first steps from the tomb. We will start our journey on February 22nd with the Ash Wednesday service. Please use the QR code for the Soup Supper sign up Genius’.



THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

Sunday	Worship Service w/ Communion at Jomax (Livestreamed)	9:00 am
	Worship Service w/ Communion at New River	9:30 am
	Contemporary Service (Communion to follow at 12:00pm)	10:45 am
	Bible Studies: The Gospel in Psalms (Dean Ellis)	10:45 am
	God’s Providence (Len Collayard)	
	Kids Klub: Jesus and Nicodemus	10:45am
Tuesday	Women’s Bible Study	9:30am
Wednesday	Ash Wednesday/Soup Supper	6:00pm
	Choir Practice	8:00pm

WELSSA Accreditation Team Visit February 21-23



The next **BIG school event** is upon us! Family, Fun, and Fundraising!

Let's join together as a family in the "Backyard" of COG. Play games with your kids and other families. Eat some backyard BBQ. And help raise funds for a new PRESCHOOL PLAYGROUND.

We need your HELP.

1. Use the link in the weekly newsletter for a letter to ask local businesses, places that you shop, to donate services or items for the silent auction.

Make a basket or donation yourself - involve the kids. Use the idea sheet in the weekly newsletter. It will provide you some guidance.

1. Support your child's classroom basket. The class that makes the most money gets a reward chosen by the teacher (pajama/stuffy day, taco lunch, etc.)

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.