

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Lent 2
Sunday, March 5, 2023

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1011 W Jomax Road
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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



When assessing the seriousness of need, one factor is how widespread that need is. A homeless individual needs food. During a famine, an entire nation needs food. It is substantially easier to meet the needs of the former than the latter! The more widespread a need, the greater the need.

When Jesus said, "No one can enter the kingdom of God," he declared that the need for salvation is universal. He rightly condemned humanity as a whole. There is no one on the face of the earth who can make the case that they deserve God's blessing. Yet, ages ago, God declared that all nations would be blessed. God has declared his love for the world and promised he would save the world. God's gift of salvation is meant for all people. Some interpret this to mean that all people will be saved in the end. This is not true. The gift of salvation is meant for the world; however, it is received by faith. "Whoever believes in him..." the Gospel says. However, the good news is that faith is also God's gift, imparted through that gospel.

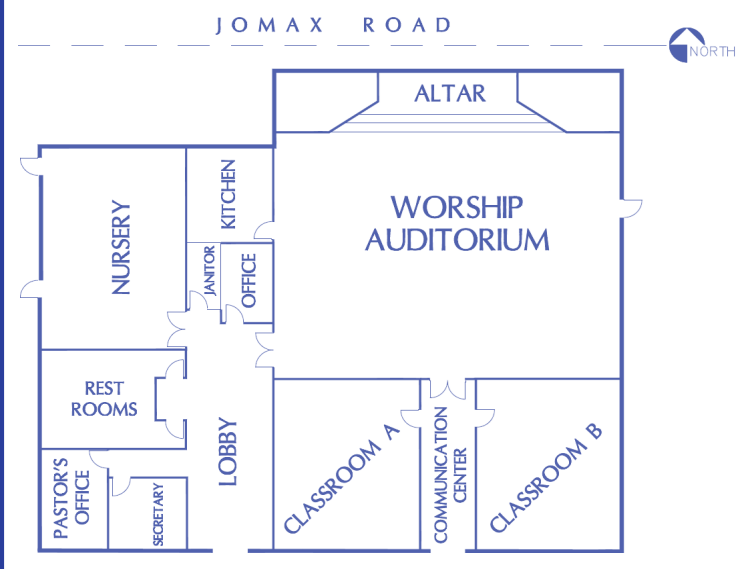
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

CWH 613



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

*We follow the advice of
the Apostle Paul to
"teach and admonish
one another with all
wisdom through
psalms, hymns, and
songs from the Spirit,
singing to God with
gratitude in your
hearts."*

(Colossians 3:16)



1 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com-mand
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace
4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n con - fessed,
I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,
He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God.
I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.
and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.
And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

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Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.



*The greeting used by
St. Paul perfectly sum-
marizes Christianity.*

Confession and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.



*"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.



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

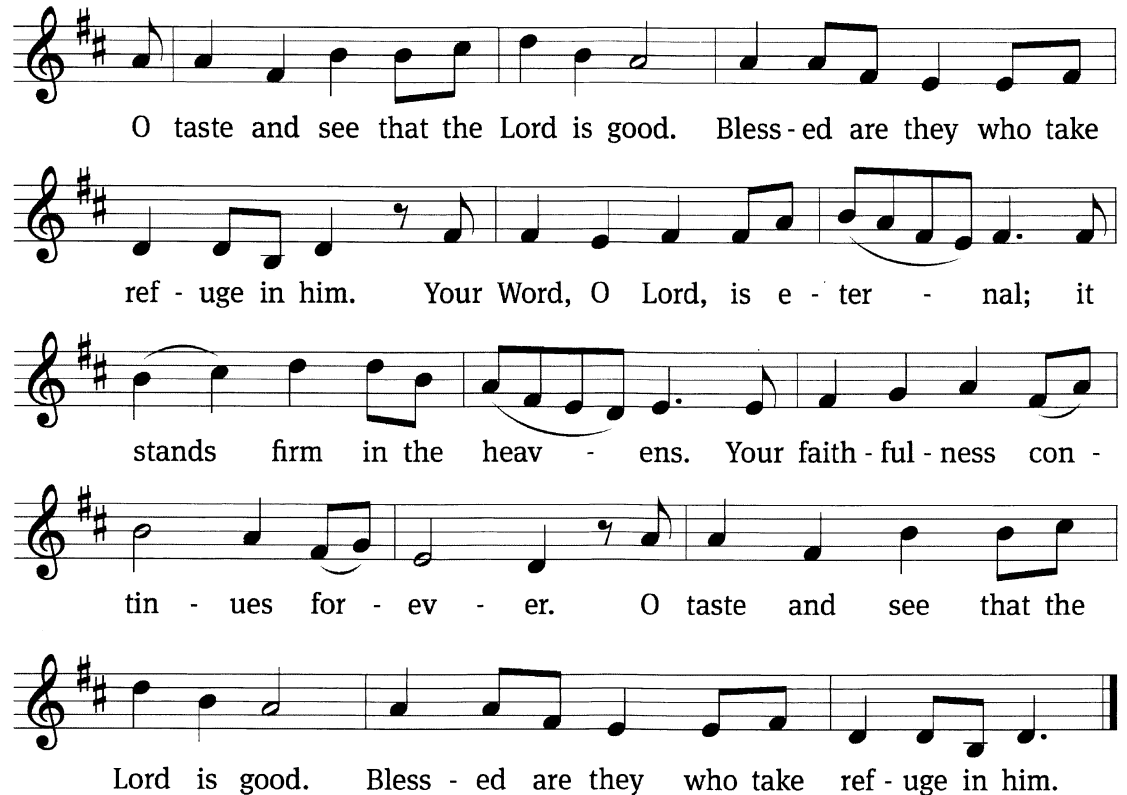
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Sung by Congregation)

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



Text: n/a

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949



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



The LORD promised Abram that one of his descendants would be a gift for the world. The LORD also gave Abram the gift of faith to believe that promise.

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

Genesis 12:1–8

¹The LORD had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

²"I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,
 and you will be a blessing.
³I will bless those who bless you,
 and whoever curses you I will curse;
 and all peoples on earth
 will be blessed through you.”

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. ⁵He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.

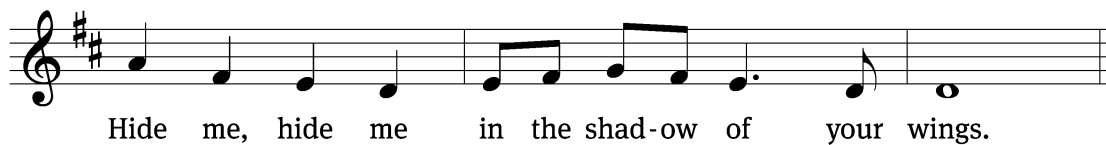
⁶Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. ⁷The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

⁸From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

Psalm

Psalm 121D

Refrain



Tone



I lift up my eyes to the / mountains—
 where does my help / come from?
 My help comes / from the LORD,
 the maker of heav- / en and earth.
 He will not let your / foot slip—
 he who watches over you will not / slumber;



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.”

indeed, he who watches over / Israel
 will neither slum- / ber nor sleep. *Refrain*

The LORD watches / over you—
 the LORD is your shade at / your right hand;
 the sun will not harm / you by day,
 nor the / moon by night.

The LORD will keep you / from all harm—
 he will watch o- / ver your life;
 the LORD will watch over your coming and / going
 both now and for- / evermore.

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)



Abraham provides an example of how salvation is not earned but received as a gift through faith.

Second Reading

Romans 4:1–5,13–17

¹What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh, discovered in this matter? ²If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. ³What does Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.”

⁴Now to the one who works, wages are not credited as a gift but as an obligation. ⁵However, to the one who does not work but trusts God who justifies the ungodly, their faith is credited as righteousness.

¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: “I have made you a father of many nations.” He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.



A verse from the holy scriptures is usually spoken in preparation for the reading of the Gospel which is read as the second reading or as part of the sermon.

Sermon Hymn: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

CWH 523



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



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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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).

Sermon

Our Greatest Needs:

John 3:1-17

A Gift for the World

¹Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

³Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again."

⁴"How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!"

⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.'

⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked.

¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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,**



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 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.

Song of the Season: Lamb of God

CWH 403

Refrain



Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the world's sin,
 Lamb of God, Lamb of God, have mer-cy up-on us.

Verses



1 As high as the heav'ns are o-ver the earth, so great is your
 2 A Fa-ther's heart you turn to us; you hear us



love for us. As far as the east is from the west, so
 when we call. Now, Lord, in com-pas-sion, lend your ear; you



far have you re-moved our sin.
 know our needs, O hear our prayer.

Refrain
Final Refrain



This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.



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

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

(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.

Final Refrain

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the world's sin,

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, give to us your peace.

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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

The 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:

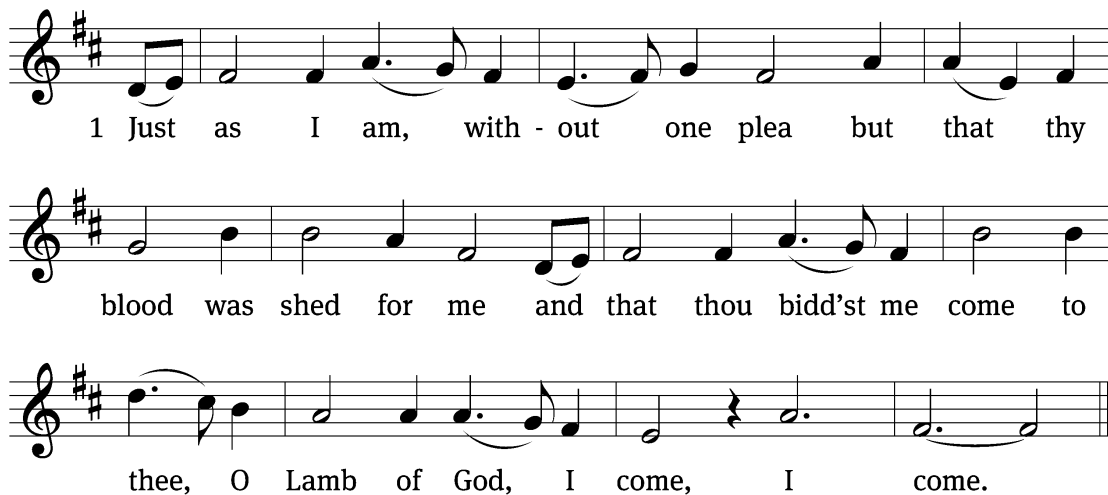
C: for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

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.

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



Text: Charlotte Elliott, 1789–1871 Tune: William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868
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As we approach the Lord's table, we are reminded that we are invited only because of the price Jesus paid on the cross.

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. ~

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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.



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

Sung Response: What Is This Bread

CWH 665

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

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



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



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring-ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
me re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair left
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

He spoke to his beloved Son:

"It's time to have compassion.

**Then go, bright jewel of my crown,
and bring to all salvation.**

**From sin and sorrow set them free;
slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever."**

**The Son obeyed his Father's will,
was born of virgin mother,
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill,
he came to be my brother.
No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore;
a servant's form like mine he bore
to lead the devil captive.**

To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me,
I am your rock and castle.
Your ransom I myself will be;
for you I strive and wrestle.
For I am yours, your friend divine,
and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.

"The foe will shed my precious blood,
me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good;
be steadfast and believing.
Life will from death the vict'ry win;
my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.

"Now to my Father I depart,
the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav'nly wisdom to impart,
my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be,
teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.

"What I on earth have lived and taught
be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom's work be wrought
and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one's man-made laws
should e'er destroy the gospel's cause;
this final word I leave you."

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Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimitis*



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

(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.

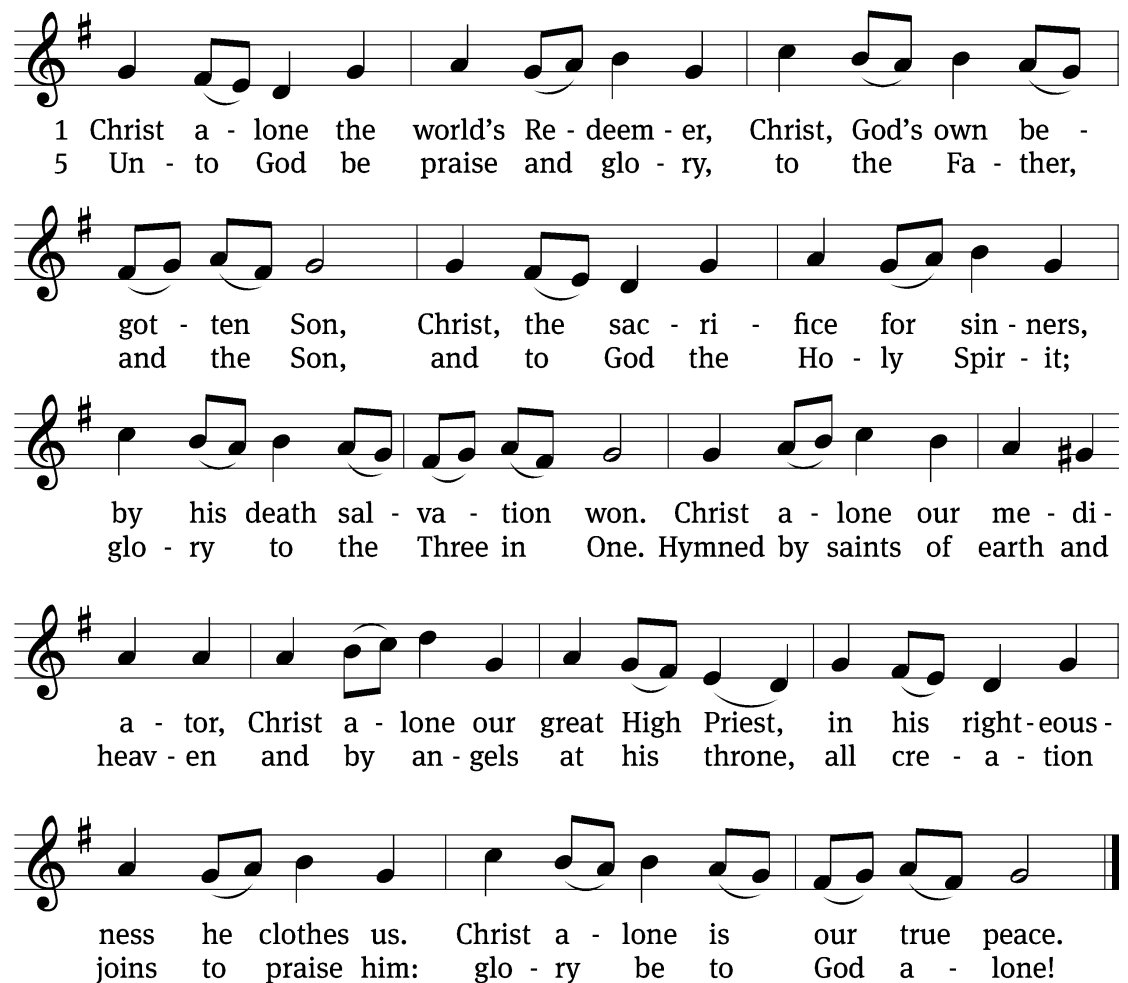
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

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 Christ a - lone the world's Re - deem - er, Christ, God's own be -
5 Un - to God be praise and glo - ry, to the Fa - ther,

got - ten Son, Christ, the sac - ri - fice for sin - ners,
and the Son, and to God the Ho - ly Spir - it;

by his death sal - va - tion won. Christ a - lone our me - di -
glo - ry to the Three in One. Hymned by saints of earth and

a - tor, Christ a - lone our great High Priest, in his right - eous -
heav - en and by an - gels at his throne, all cre - a - tion

ness he clothes us. Christ a - lone is our true peace.
joins to praise him: glo - ry be to God a - lone!

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Cleaners	Plitzuweit Peterson Aguilar	Kelly Grams	Martins Sterns
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Ushers	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink	Rachel Plitzuweit LuAnn Blaham
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ALA Gala Donations

ALA GALA 2023

Please consider how you might support ALA's students by contributing to Arizona Lutheran Academy's 2023 Gala and auction. Join with friends in your Bible Study to assemble a themed basket. Are you a woodworker or crafter? A hand-crafted item would be welcome! Do you own a cabin up north? Could you donate a few days at your vacation home? Do you own a boat and would enjoy taking a group out on the lake for a day? Your gift of any new item or "experience" between now and March 10 will support the students at Arizona Lutheran Academy. Would you prefer to give a cash gift directly to campus improvements? Visit ALAcoyotes.org/gala to donate, attend, or learn more.

Grand Opening/New Contemporary Service

The Grand Opening for our new Contemporary Service is coming up on **Sunday, March 12th** at 10:45am. We are so excited that we are able to offer [to our church and school families] a second worship service in a **completely different style**. This service will feature a full band and vocalists singing contemporary songs on a weekly basis. Anyone wishing to audition for the worship team please contact Ministerial Assistant, Tim Grams at 623-340-5815.

Also, those wishing to send their kids to **Kids' Klub** during the service--may do so. Kids' Klub is available for kids from infancy through grade 4. It runs at the same time as the new service and begins at 10:45am. It allows the parents to worship while the children are taught a Bible story at their own developmental level.

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. Please use this QR code to sign up.



Outreach Opportunity Mystic/Vistancia

Spring Concert in the Park- Saturday, March 11th from 4-7pm

- There will be a Cross of Glory information table.
- We are asking for volunteers to meet people at the event as you get to know the community.

Please use the QR code below to sign up for this event.

You can contact Dean Ellis for any questions at (951) 505-0796.



Lenten Schedule

Date	Subject	Pastor	Home Church
March 8, 2023	His Final Steps Led to His Enemies	Pastor Meryl Wagenknecht	Retired
March 15, 2023	His Final Steps Led to a Tomb	Pastor John Sprain	Shepherd of the Valley (Surprise)
March 22, 2023	His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration	Pastor David Clark	Grace (Glendale)
March 29, 2023	His Final Steps Led to His Father's House	Pastor Robert Smith	Our Savior (Sun City)

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

Sunday	Worship Service at Jomax (Livestreamed)	9:00 am	Thursday	Golden Agers Breakfast	9:30 am
	Worship Service at New River	9:30 am	Friday	7th Annual Fun Run	
	25th Year Anniversary Service w/ dinner to follow	4:00 pm		Grandparents Day	
Monday	Confirmation Class	4:00 pm	Saturday	Concert in the Park-Mystic	4:00 pm
	Bible Information Class	6:30 pm			
Tuesday	Women's Bible Study	9:30 am			
Wednesday	Mommy & Me	9:00 am			
	Midweek Lenten Service w/ Soup Supper	6:00 pm			
	Choir Practice	8:00 pm			

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.

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.