

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Midweek Lent 5
Wednesday, March 22, 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.

Worship Focus

HIS FINAL STEPS

In the 40 days of Lent, along with many other Christians throughout the world, we consider the season of Lent to be important because it provides the opportunity—often through special, midweek worship services—to focus attention on the redeeming work of Jesus Christ. It is a time to receive, reflect and be comforted. It is our opportunity to soak in the Passion History as it's read and hear the old, old story that gives us so much peace. Rejoice that God loved you enough to do it all to win your salvation.

During this season of Lent, we will walk with our Savior on the final steps of his journey to the cross. How humbling and comforting to learn that Jesus knew exactly what lay ahead. Yet Jesus took his final steps to the cross for you and for me!

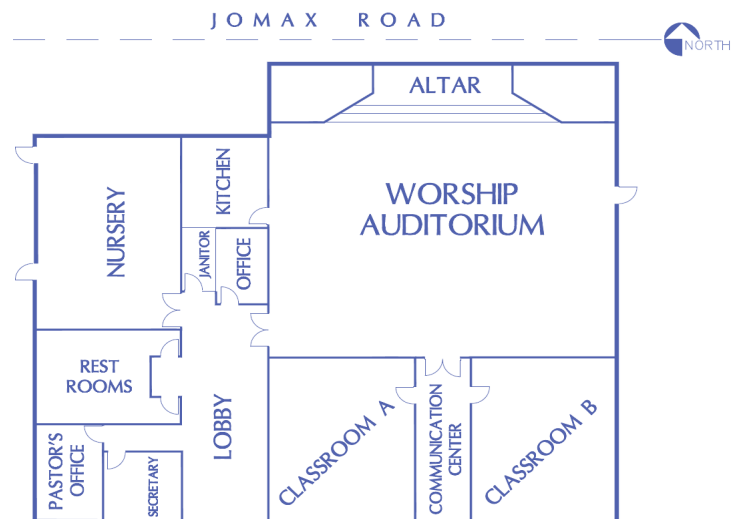
VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today!

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.

Opening Hymn: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

CWH 394



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 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.

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Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiv-
en. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in
newness of life.

C: Amen.



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

Christ said to his disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.



The 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

Psalm 138A
Sung in Unison

1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
 2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -
 3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the

sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
 held me; my ur - gent prayer you heard.
 low - ly and raise them from the dust.

Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
 When trou - ble sore as - sailed me, your mer - cy nev - er
 Your prom - ise holds for - ev - er: "I will for - sake you

peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
 failed me. You strength - ened me and I en - dured.
 nev - er!" My God, my rock, in you I trust.

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The main thought of the psalm are collected or summarized in this short prayer.

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, we bow down to you in thankful praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and great on the earth. You have not abandoned the work of your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



Each week during the midweek Lent services, the minister reads from the Bible a portion of Jesus' Passion history. The readings take us through the events of Holy Week—from Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion on the cross.

Passion History

Condemned and Crucified



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

To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.

Jesus, who for my sake walked the road to Calvary,
with each step has marked the imprint of his love for me.

Congregation Sings:

Refrain

To my pre-cious Lord I bring my flask of fra-grant oil;

kneel-ing down, I kiss his feet, a - noint them with the oil.

2 Je - sus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,
3 When in clouds of glo - ry you come back to earth a - gain,

Refrain
with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heav - y cost.
Je - sus, with your love, em - brace and claim me as your friend.

Text: tr. Edward Poltras, b. 1932; Chung Kwan Park, b. 1958

Tune: Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953; arr. Paul Junggap Huh, b. 1962; Chung Kwan Park, b. 1958

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Sermon

His Final Steps Led to a Dinner Celebration

John 12:1–11

A dinner that celebrated Jesus' limitless power.

A dinner that signaled Jesus' coming sacrifice.

¹Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. ²Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. ³Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected,

⁵"Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's



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 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)

wages." ⁶He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as keeper of the money bag, he used to help himself to what was put into it.

⁷"Leave her alone," Jesus replied. "It was intended that she should save this perfume for the day of my burial. ⁸You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have me."

⁹Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer

(Read Responsively)

M: Gracious Lord, according to your will and promise,

C: you sent your Son into our world to atone for sin and restore eternal life.

M: You planned his path to the cross,

C: and he followed it perfectly.

M: He confronted the blindness of unbelief, the confusion of doubt, and the hurt of death

C: but was not deterred as he proclaimed your kingdom to the least, the last, and the lost.

M: As we hear and contemplate the holy record of our Savior's passion and death,

C: use the sharp message of the law to empty us of pride and self-reliance.

M: Humble us as we view the Savior in his humility,

C: remembering and believing that he endured the cross so we might be freed from its horror.

M: In his suffering show us our healing,

C: in his grief show us our joy,

M: and in his death show us our life.

C: Hear our prayers, Lord, for the sake of Jesus. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Prayed 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.

Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.
 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: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

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4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er
 break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -
 deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

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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.

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.