

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 5
Sunday, July 2, 2023

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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Fred Piepenbrink

Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

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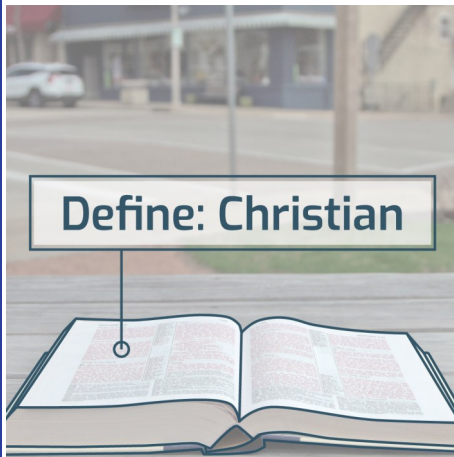
God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

ABOUT US

The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

Today's Worship Focus



THE CHRISTIAN LOVES GOD ABOVE ALL THINGS Not all love is good. It is self-destructive to love bad things. However, it is just as harmful to love good things in a bad order. For example, it would seem to be a good thing that a man loves his dog. But if he loves his dog more than he loves his wife, his "love" for both is disordered. That is not in the best interests of the man, his wife, or even his dog. For love to be healthy, it needs to be properly ordered. The Christian loves God above all things. The Christian understands that everything in this present world is transitory. Relationships fail. Empires fall. Accomplishments are quickly forgotten. But nothing about God is transitory. God's love is eternal. He promises the Christian everlasting life. And so the Christian struggles not simply to avoid loving bad things. The Christian also struggles to love God above all other good things, because the Christian understands that only God is of ultimate value.

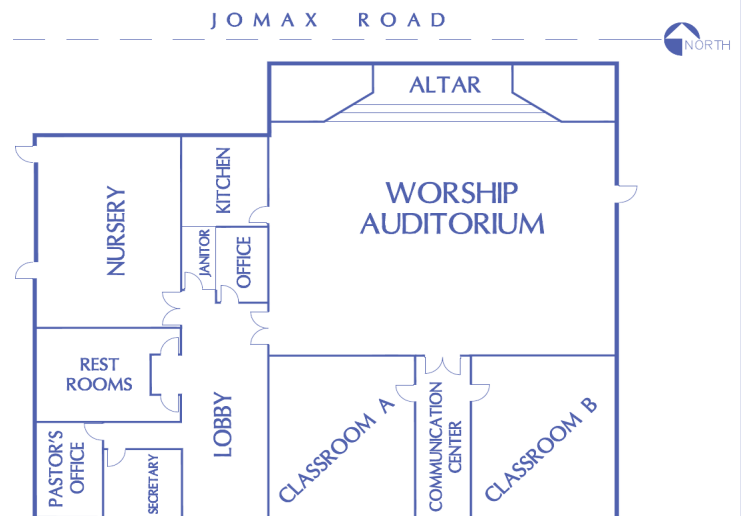
VISITOR INFORMATION

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.

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 Service and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: Beneath the Cross

CWH 710



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 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to
2 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus his fam - 'ly is my
3 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the

stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that
own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; now,
crown, we fol - low in his foot - steps where

calls me as I am; for hands that should dis -
one thro' grace a - lone. How could I now dis -
prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -

card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come." Be - neath the
hon - or the ones that you have loved? Be - neath the
fore us to be his per - fect bride. Be - neath the

cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
cross of Je - sus see the chil - dren called by God.
cross of Je - sus we will glad - ly live our lives.

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.



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



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

(1 John 1:9)

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



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

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.**

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.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

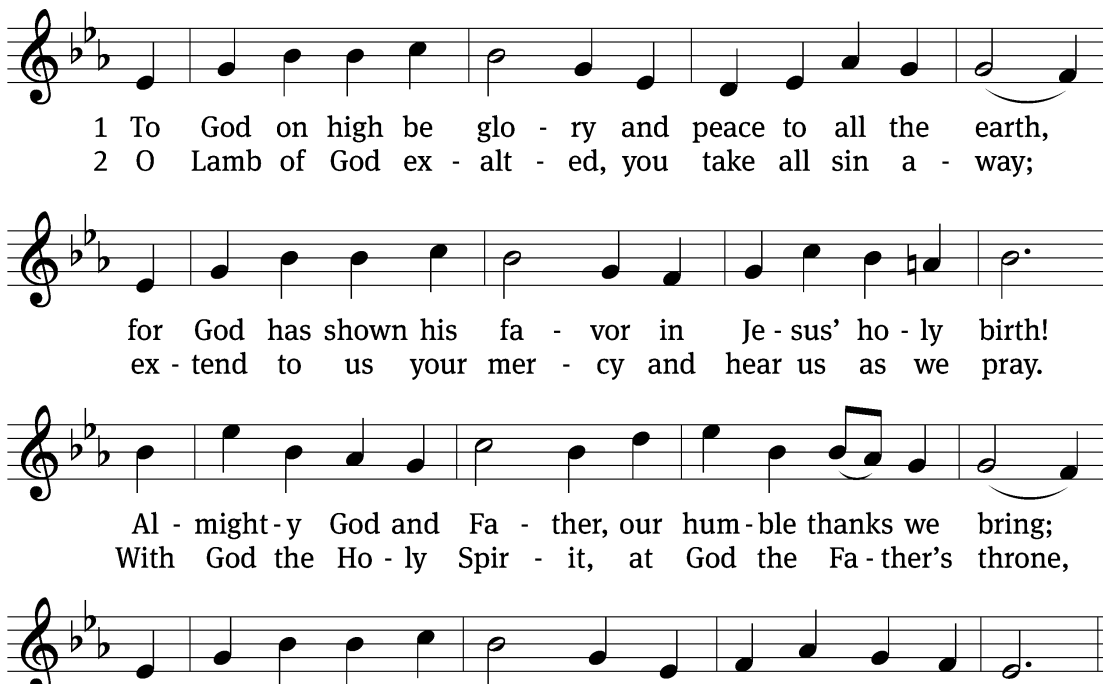
C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.

Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum-ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,

we wor-ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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

The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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

First Reading

Exodus 32:15–29

¹⁵Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.

¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, “There is the sound of war in the camp.”

¹⁸Moses replied:

“It is not the sound of victory,
it is not the sound of defeat;
it is the sound of singing that I hear.”



Aaron's feeble excuses for why the Israelites fell into idolatry remind us of our own shallow rationalizations for failing to love God above all things.

¹⁹When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it.

²¹He said to Aaron, “What did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”

²²“Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil. ²³They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’ ²⁴So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”

²⁵Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies. ²⁶So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.

²⁷Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’ ” ²⁸The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died. ²⁹Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”



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

Psalm 27C

Refrain

The LORD is my light and my sal - va - tion— of
whom shall I be a - fraid, of whom shall I be a - fraid?

Tone

Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;
be merciful to me and / answer me.

Do not hide your / face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.

Do not reject me or for- / sake me,
God my / Savior. *Refrain*

Though my father and mother for- / sake me,
the LORD will re- / ceive me.

I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.

Wait / for the LORD;

be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.

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)

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11–16

¹¹But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.



St. Paul describes the man of God in action, struggling to love God above all things.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. Alleluia.



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

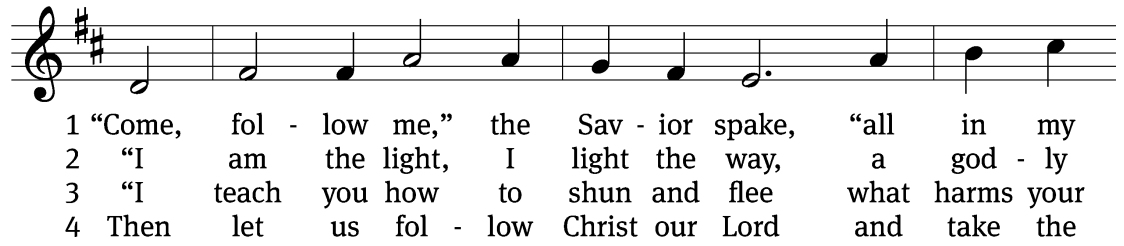


This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.



Hymn of the Day: Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake

CWH 702



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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 The Christian Loves God Above All Things Matthew 10:34–42

³⁴"Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵For I have come to turn

" 'a man against his father,
a daughter against her mother,
a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law—

³⁶a man's enemies will be the members of his own household.'

³⁷“Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it.

⁴⁰“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴²And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

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 baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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.



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 the Vine

CWH 709

Soloist sings Vs. 1-2 and Congregation joins for Vs. 3

*I long to serve my Savior,
to seek what's good and right,
to trust and never waver,
to walk in truth and light.
But conduct pure and holy
requires a pow'r not mine;
a branch is fruitful only
when anchored in a vine.*

*There came, with grace unsparing,
a vine from heav'n above,
its branches meant for bearing
the fruits of selfless love.
This vine is Christ who offered
his life upon a tree;
for all my sin he suffered
and made a branch of me.*

Congregation sings:

3 And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro-vides,
for he, my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul a - bides.
The fruit of self - less giv - ing will grow by God's de - sign
as I, the branch, keep liv - ing by faith in Christ the vine.

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

Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

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)

Prayer for the Nation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.

C: We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.

M: You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.

C: For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.

M: Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

C: Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.

M: Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

C: Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

~Silent prayer~

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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

Tune: CHW872

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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The pastor and people get ready 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.

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.



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

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.**



*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.*

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."

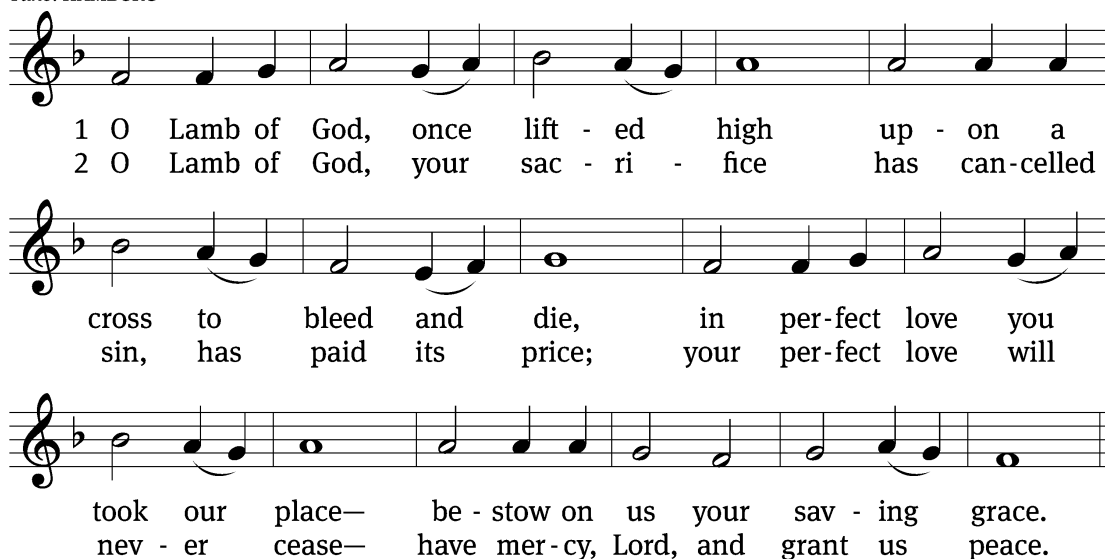
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

Tune: CWH407

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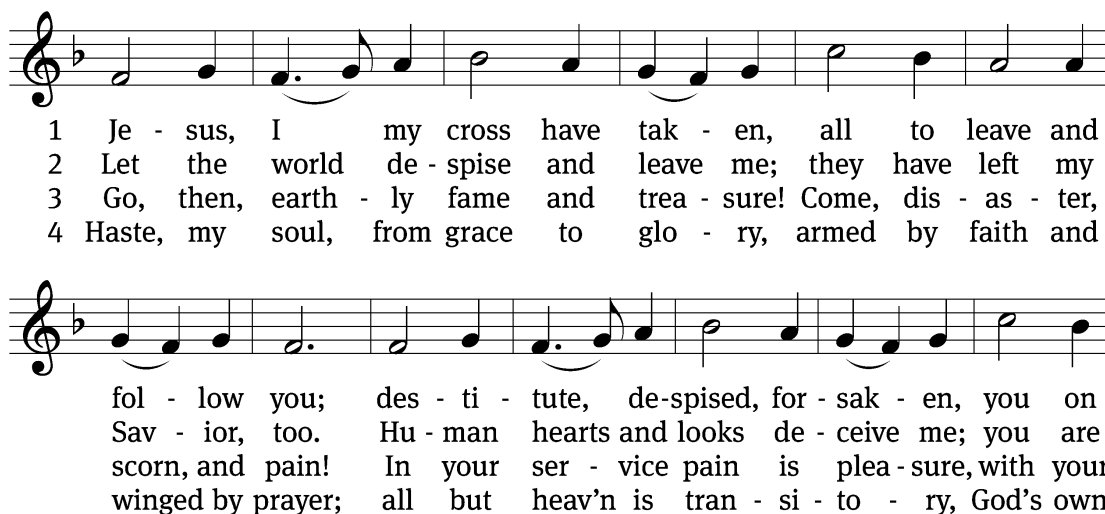
Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God". John the Baptist spoke these words as he pointed to Jesus coming toward him (John 1:29). As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.

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.*

Distribution Hymn: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

CWH 694



1 Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and
2 Let the world de - spise and leave me; they have left my
3 Go, then, earth - ly fame and trea - sure! Come, dis - as - ter,
4 Haste, my soul, from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith and

fol - low you; des - ti - tute, de-spised, for - sak - en, you on
Sav - ior, too. Hu - man hearts and looks de - ceive me; you are
scorn, and pain! In your ser - vice pain is plea - sure, with your
winged by prayer; all but heav'n is tran - si - to - ry, God's own



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

earth once suf - fered, too. Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion,
not, like them, un - true. And, since you have smiled up - on me,
fa - vor loss is gain. I have called you Ab - ba, Fa - ther;
hand shall guide you there. Soon shall end this earth - ly sto - ry,

all I've ev - er hoped or known; yet how rich is
God of wis - dom, love, and might, foes may hate and
you my all in all shall be. Storms may howl, and
swift shall pass the pil - grim days, hope soon change to

my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!
friends may shun me; show your face, and all is bright.
clouds may gath - er, all must work for good to me.
heav'n - ly glo - ry, faith to sight and prayer to praise.

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

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.



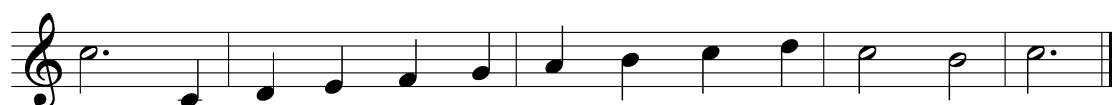
The Aaronic Blessing is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23–27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.



1 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from
 4 Earth, hear your mak - er's voice, your great Re - deem - er own; be -
 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
 lieve, o - bey, re - joice, and wor - ship him a - lone. Cast down your
 all its rend - ing tombs send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!
 day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
 pride, your sin de - plore, and bow be - fore the Cru - ci - fied.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King, sal - va - tion's song!

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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.

Friendship Register

Please remember to fill out the red friendship register located in the seat pockets so we can have record of your attendance with us.

Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	July 2nd	July 9th	July 16th
Counters	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell
Communion	Shannon		Sharon
Ushers	Aaron Gullerud Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan	Cody Hall Joel Ditter	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Michael Radue Guy Robertson
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Stacey Aguilar Angela Hall	Ally Kelly Sharon Wilson
A/V	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras

Weekly QR Code

Please check your email or use this QR code for weekly announcements.



Moving Help

Our new vacancy pastor, Paul Mueller, and wife, Julie, will be moving to the area on Wednesday, July 5. They are temporarily renting a house in the Sun City community while looking to buy their retirement home. Since they will be moving their entire household furnishings, we will need "many hands on deck" to complete the process in a timely manner. If you are at all available to help, please be at the following residence by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5.

10833 W Oakmont Drive
Sun City, Arizona

Vacancy Pastor Paul and Julie Mueller

Our new vacancy pastor, Paul Mueller, will be installed on Sunday, July 16. His biography is as follows: Pastor Paul Mueller graduated from the seminary in 1983. His first call was to Safford, Arizona. He also served in Indianapolis, Indiana; Modesto, California; and for 18 years in the Bay Area suburb of Livermore, California. His last parish was Kingman, Arizona.

Pastor is married to Julie. They met in high school at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and started dating the end of their sophomore year. In college, Julie studied to become a teacher at Martin Luther College, while Pastor was at Northwestern College. After Julie graduated, she started a Lutheran school in Little Chute, Wisconsin. They married a year later as Pastor Mueller continued his studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. While he completed his Masters in Divinity, Pastor and Julie were blessed with two daughters, Katie and Lisa. During their many years of service in California and Arizona, the Muellers were blessed with a third daughter, Jenni.

Pastor has been elected to many offices in the district over the years. He has been counselor to the Ladies Women's Missionary Society, served as a Circuit Pastor, and served on the Mission Board for 17 years. Currently he is the District Coordinator for the Evangelism Committee and for the Ministry of Christian Giving. His favorite service outside the congregation has been as the Camp Director for Tree of Life Bible Camp (a total of 22 years) where he supervises about 100 4th-12th graders and 22 staff. Pastor enjoys coin and stamp collecting. He also loves working out, being an avid bike rider. He has refereed high school basketball for over 30 years and girls Lacrosse for 12 years. Pastor and Julie are avid disc golfers.

Julie has been a teacher in Lutheran or public schools for over 30 years. She likes the younger children. Currently, she teaches 1st graders at Cerbat school in Kingman. She likes to read, do Sudoku, and take walks. Pastor and Julie have 6 grandkids. The oldest two boys live in Wausau, WI, the next three grandkids live in Goodyear, AZ, and the youngest in Red Wing, MN. All three daughters are teachers too, as are two of their sons-in-law (both principals). The other son-in-law, Lincoln Albrecht, is a pastor in Goodyear.

Pantry Shower for Elise Bernthal

A pantry shower is planned for our new teacher, Miss Elise Bernthal. Please bring food, household items, gift certificates, etc. to the church where a box will be provided.

Hope Patterson and Kassi Aguilar's Letter

The following letter was received in the church office from Kassi Aguilar and Hope Patterson, who will be attending Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, this fall to be trained for the teaching ministry in our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

To the leadership and our dear members at Cross of Glory,

We first want to thank you for the immense support you have given both of us throughout the years. You cheered Hope on during many grade school and high school sports games, gave her the privilege to sing in church services, and always gave a listening ear for guidance. In the same way, you helped Kassi through her time away from MLC and welcomed her into your Cross of Glory teaching family.

Soon will come the day when we have to say goodbye to you all for some time and venture on to learn how to serve God's future family of believers as we attend Martin Luther College. We ask for your financial and spiritual support for this time in our lives. Would you please consider giving to the congregational matching program offered by MLC? They will match COG's gift up to \$1,325 for each of us, and it will all go directly to our tuition accounts. Thank you for considering. Please keep us in your prayers as you will be in ours.

*Serving together in Christ,
Kassi Aguilar and Hope Patterson*

If you wish to encourage Kassi and Hope as they devote their lives to teaching children the love of Jesus, please use the **special envelope** located at each of the church's entrances. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it inside your own envelope to the church office. If you do not have access to the special envelope, please identify your gift on the check as going to the MLC tuition fund. Make your check out to **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**. Gifts that total more than \$2,650 will add even more to Kassi's and Hope's tuition accounts. Please make your gift of encouragement by July 2.

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.

Anita Lindsay (Weyer), daughter of Mark and Shelley Heiser, as she recovers from surgery after a serious hit-and-run accident.

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.

Ben Weyer, serving in the military, at El Paso, TX



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.