

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 7
Sunday, July 16, 2023

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1011 W Jomax Road
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Sunday 9am Worship
Rev. Paul Mueller, Vacancy Pastor
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

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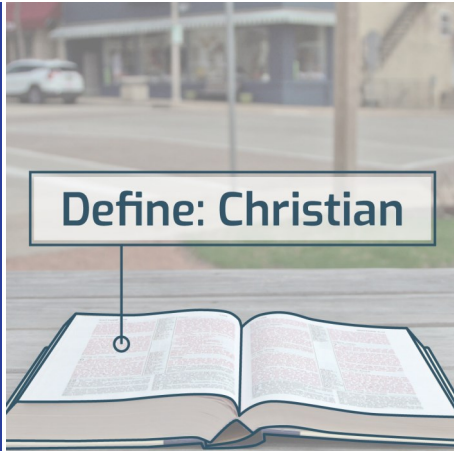
God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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 IS PLANTED BY THE WORD Planting seed by hand can seem magical. In your hand the seed looks insignificant and lifeless. Yet you put the seed into the soil, and the natural process of life begins. All by itself, the seed germinates and sprouts and reaches to the sun. Except when it doesn't! Plant multiple seeds and often only some, perhaps just a small amount, will sprout. As these few sprouts grow, birds and pests and weeds and weather attack. The reality is that once the seed leaves your hand, you are at the mercy of forces beyond your control. Today, God uses that experience from nature to explain the supernatural process by which God calls humans to faith through the gospel. The Christian is planted by the Word. The Christian can plant the seed of the gospel into the soil of another's heart. What happens after that is completely beyond our control. Yet God promises us that his Word always accomplishes his good purposes. God's Word is powerful, all on its own, without our help.

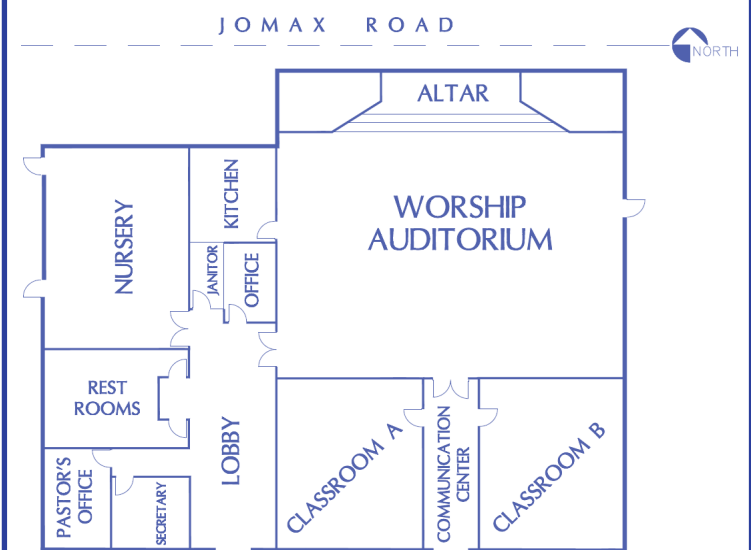
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: In This Place Your Word Is Planted

CWH 981



1 In this place your Word is plant - ed; on our
2 Let your plant - ing not be wast - ed, wilt - ed
3 Help us trea - sure ho - ly wis - dom, sa - vor
4 Blest are they who, truth re - ceiv - ing, know its



path the seed is sown. To the Church your
soon in ston - y field. Let our world - ly
ev - 'ry word you give. Help us cher - ish
val - ue more than gold. Blest are they who,



Word is spo - ken; in our hearts a light has shone.
cares not choke it, rob - bing you of right - ful yield.
Je - sus' gos - pel, bread by which your peo - ple live.
per - se - ver - ing, bear good fruit a hun - dred - fold.

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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)



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

Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

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.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and inno-
cent 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.



"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.



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

Prayer and Praise

(Sung by Congregation)

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

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

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Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949



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

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



We sow the seed of God's Word, but only God can make that seed grow.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 3:5–11

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.



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."

1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its
3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with
song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to
bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren
him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind
earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,
full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,
na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in
loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.
plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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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; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.

Congregation Sings:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that
Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



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.



Jesus pictures ministry as a sower scattering seed to all with no regard for where it might land.



Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

¹⁸“Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”



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

Sermon Hymn: Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast

CWH 644



1 Al - might - y God, your Word is cast like seed in - to the ground;
2 Let not the foe of Christ and man this ho - ly seed re - move,
3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares the ris - ing plant de - stroy,
4 When - e'er the pre - cious seed is sown, life - giv - ing grace be - stow



now let the dew of heav'n de-scend and right-eous fruits a - bound.
but give it root in ev - 'ry heart to bring forth fruits of love.
but let it yield a hun-dred-fold the fruits of peace and joy.
that all whose souls the truth re - ceive its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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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).

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

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.

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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

Song of the Season: Christ the Vine

CWH 709

1 I long to serve my Sav - ior, to seek what's good and right,
 2 There came, with grace un - spar - ing, a vine from heav'n a - bove,
 3 And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro - vides,
 to trust and nev - er wa - ver, to walk in truth and light.
 its branch - es meant for bear - ing the fruits of self - less love.
 for he, my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul a - bides.
 But con - duct pure and ho - ly re - quires a pow'r not mine;
 This vine is Christ who of - fered his life up - on a tree;
 The fruit of self - less giv - ing will grow by God's de - sign
 a branch is fruit - ful on - ly when an - chored in a vine.
 for all my sin he suf - fered and made a branch of me.
 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.

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.

Installation Rite

Pastor Paul Mueller

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)



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

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)

The responsive reading
from I Corinthians re-
minds the communi-
cants of the necessity
of the unity of faith and
preparation required as
we receive the body
and blood of Christ.

Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CWH 814



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



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.



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Words of Institution

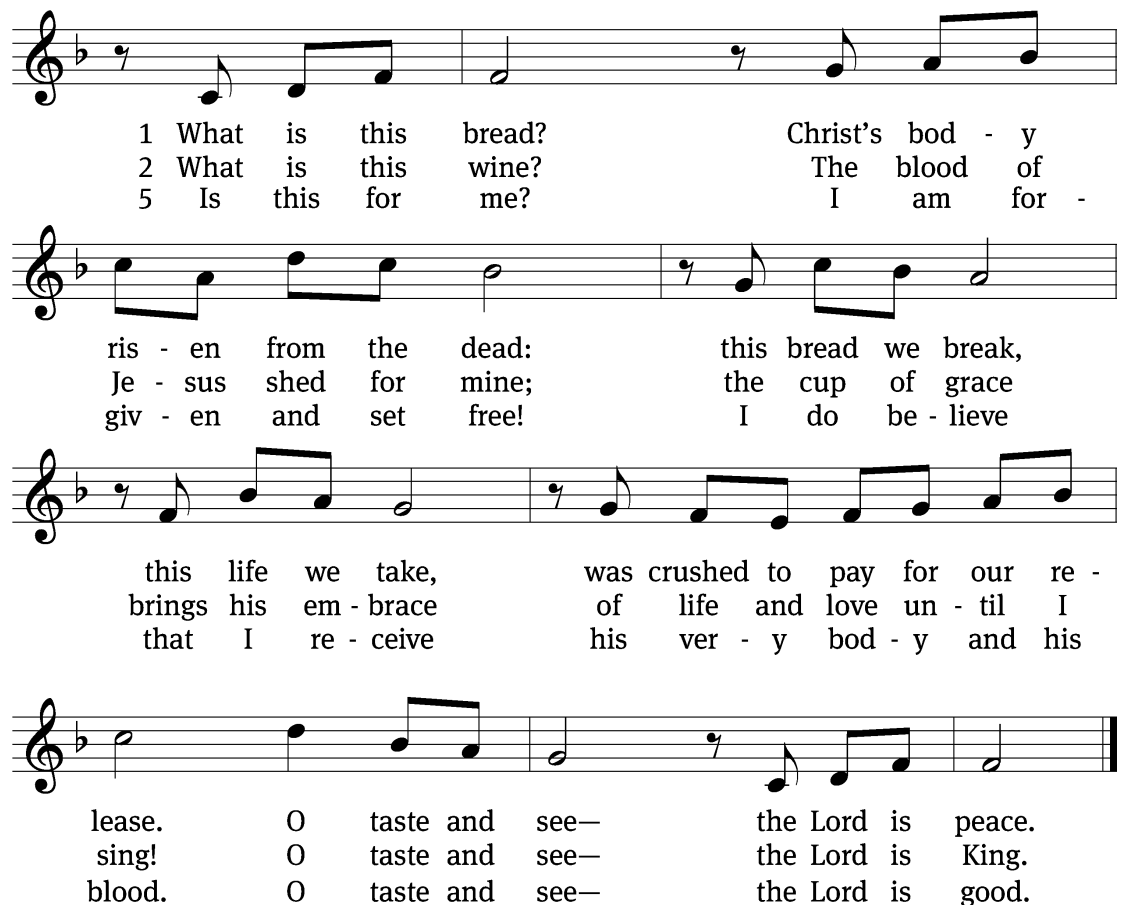
(Spoken by Minister)

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.

Sung Response: What Is This Bread

CWH 665



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Distribution of Sacrament

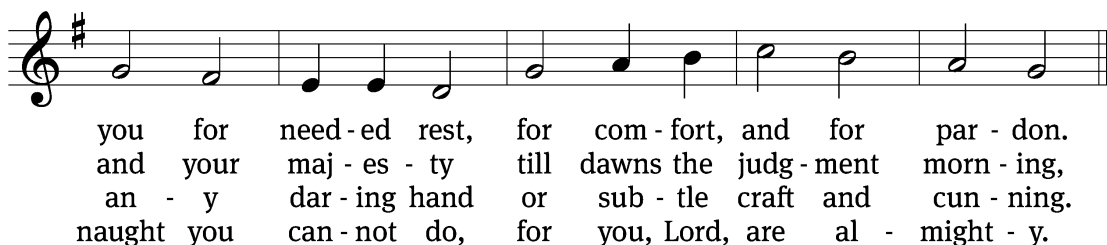
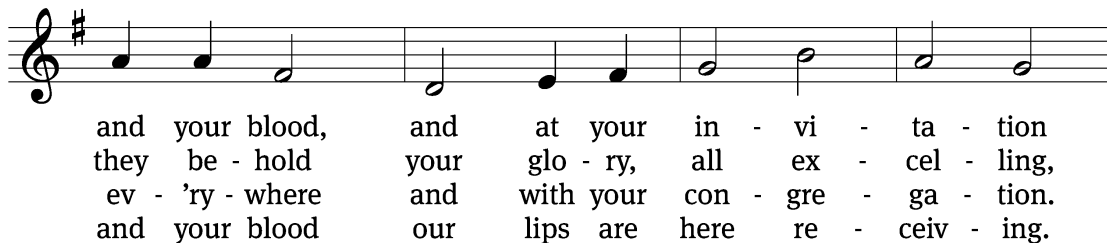
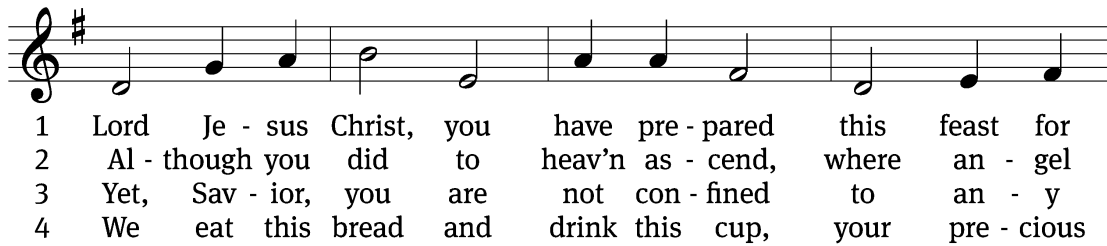
We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together 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.

Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CWH 667



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



**Though reason cannot understand,
yet faith this truth embraces:
your body, Lord, is even now
at once in many places.**

I leave to you how this can be;
your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said;
help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears
refreshes me and stills my fears
and is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive
your supper, Lord, our Savior,
and, truly grieving for our sins,
may prove by our behavior
that we are thankful for your grace
and day by day may run our race,
in holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord,
be praised through out all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
the world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
a blessed comfort unto me
when living and when dying.

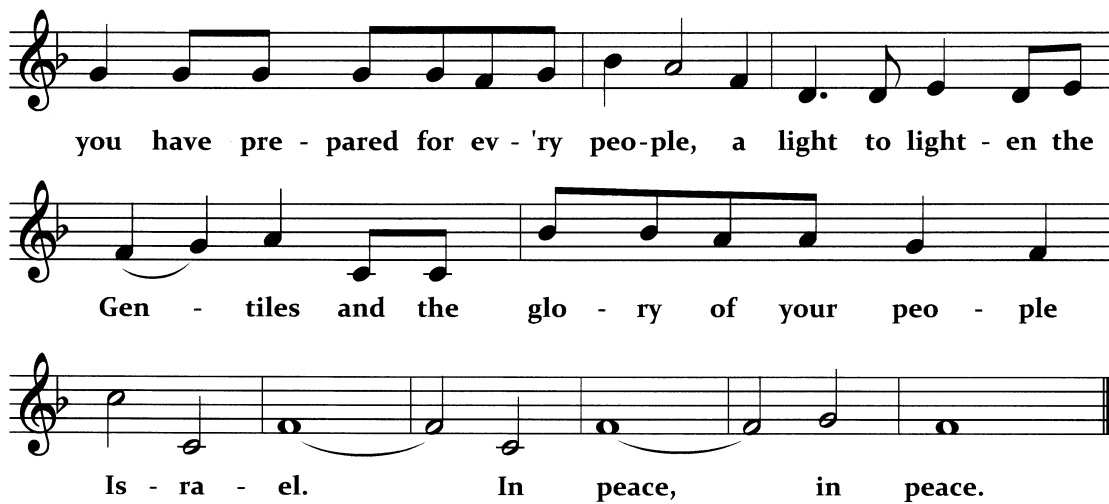
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The Nunc Dimittis ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29–32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christ-child in his arms as God had promised, we find divine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

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

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



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.

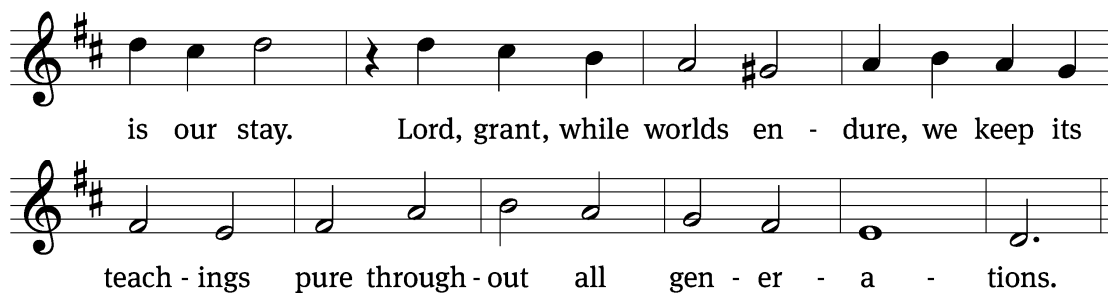


The Aaronic Blessing is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23-27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.

Closing Hymn: God's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CWH 640





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Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	July 16th	July 23rd	July 30th
Counters	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nickolai Michael Ryan
Communion	Sharon		
Ushers	Chris Patterson Issac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Michael Radue Guy Roberston	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson
Sunday Refreshments	Ally Kelly Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Paula Considine
A/V	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Kelly Simpson Rene Koutia	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud

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Vacancy Pastor Paul and Julie Mueller

Our new vacancy pastor, Paul Mueller, was installed today, 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.

Elise Bernthal

I was born and raised in sunny Tucson, Arizona. I am one of six children. My dad is a pastor, so I grew up serving in the church from a young age. My family and I moved to Phoenix when I was 16 and I completed my last two years of high school at Arizona Lutheran Academy. I then went to Arizona State University to study early childhood/special education. I have been working in the Mesa school district for the past few years as a special education teacher. My favorite part about teaching is making relationships with my students. I also love talking about Jesus, so I am thrilled that I get to do that in the classroom now! In my spare time (wait, do teachers have spare time?) I love to spend time with friends and family, try out new restaurants, go hiking, and explore our amazing state.

We are still collecting for the pantry shower. Please bring food, household items, gift certificates, etc. to the church where a box will be provided..

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.

Pastor Kurt Wetzel and his family that the Holy Spirit would guide him to a God-pleasing decision as to where he can best serve in the Lord's kingdom.

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.