

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 12
Sunday, August 20, 2023

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10111 W Jomax Road

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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Paul Mueller

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

FEAR SAYS "I am so inadequate."
FAITH SAYS "I can do all things through God who strengthens me."

Pastor Mueller continues a series titled "Fear says... Faith says..." What drives your life more, Fear or Faith? We'll see how God directed believers to follow faith, so we can too.

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: I Run to Christ

CWH 833



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 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref - uge
2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re -
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -

sure. “Be - lieve in me,” his voice I hear; his words and
freshed. “Come un - to me,” he calls thro’ strife; fa - tigue gives
cape. “De - liv - er me,” I cry to him; temp - ta - tion

wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and
way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and
yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and

find a - bun - dant peace. “I too had tears,” he
find a might - y arm. “The dev - il flees,” the
find my one de - fense. “I bore God’s wrath,” he

gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.
Scrip - tures tell; he roars but can - not harm.
pleads my case— my ad - vo - cate and friend.

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

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.



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

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.

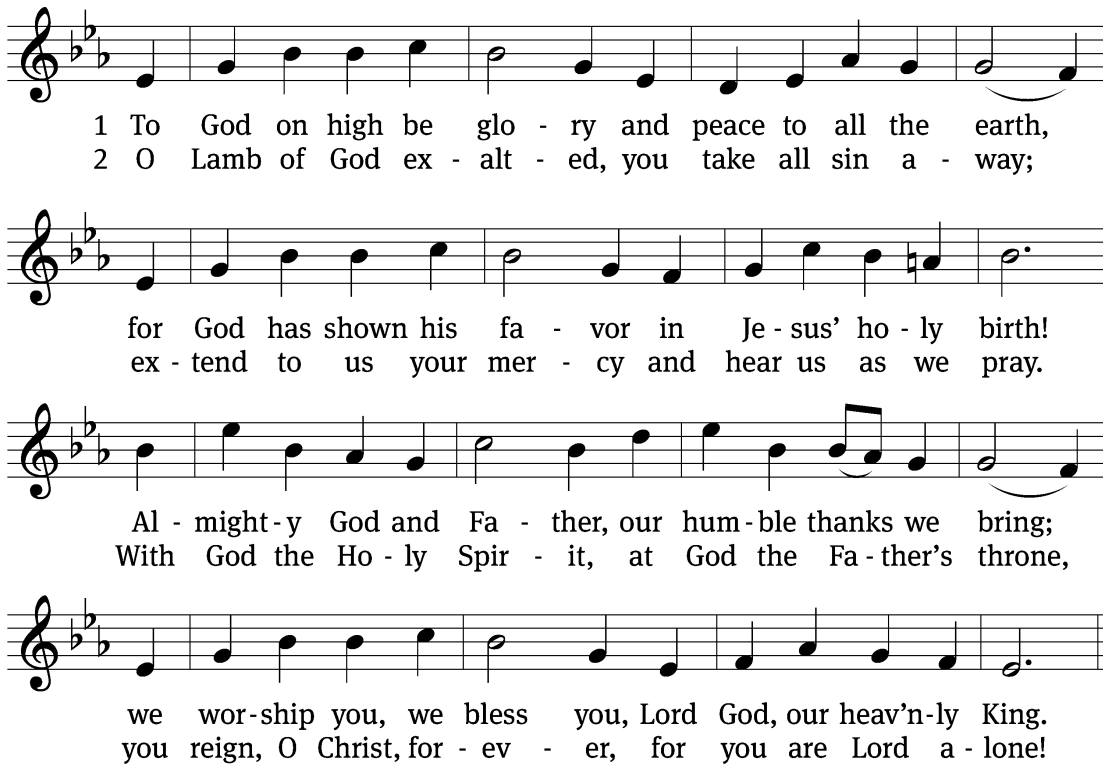
C: Lord, have mercy.

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: Gracious God, in Christ you bring people from near and far into the fellowship of your church. Open our eyes to your saving plan, and move us to embrace all who seek your salvation so that we may rejoice together at the banquet of your love; 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

Acts 13:1-12

¹Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. ²While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." ³So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

⁴The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. ⁵When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.



Even when those who would oppose Paul and try to prevent him from spreading the good news of Jesus, God made certain that the work of his church continued.

⁶They traveled through the whole island until they came to Paphos. There they met a Jewish sorcerer and false prophet named Bar-Jesus, ⁷who was an attendant of the proconsul, Sergius Paulus. The proconsul, an intelligent man, sent for Barnabas and Saul because he wanted to hear the word of God. ⁸But Elymas the sorcerer (for that is what his name means) opposed them and tried to turn the proconsul from the faith. ⁹Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said, ¹⁰“You are a child of the devil and an enemy of everything that is right! You are full of all kinds of deceit and trickery. Will you never stop perverting the right ways of the Lord? ¹¹Now the hand of the Lord is against you. You are going to be blind for a time, not even able to see the light of the sun.”

Immediately mist and darkness came over him, and he groped about, seeking someone to lead him by the hand. ¹²When the proconsul saw what had happened, he believed, for he was amazed at the teaching about the Lord.



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: On Eagle’s Wings (Psalm 91)

CW440

**You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
Who abide in his shadow for life,
say to the Lord: “My refuge,
My rock in whom I trust!”**

Refrain:

**And he will raise you up on eagle’s wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.**

**For to his angels he’s given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. (Refrain)**

The Children’s Sermon

(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)



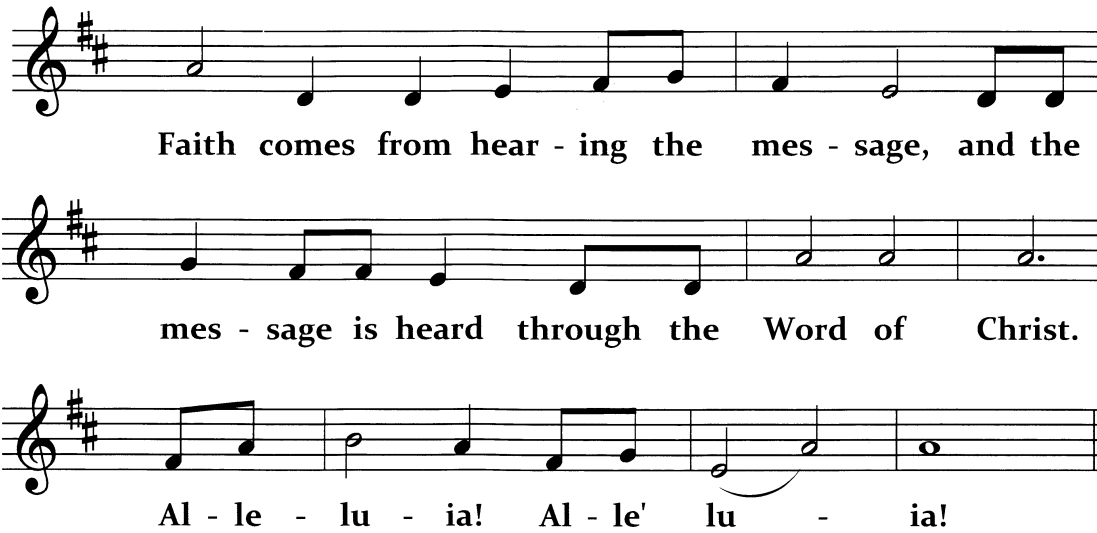
A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service. The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Alleluia. (*Ephesians 2:13*)





Gospel

Luke 9:57–62

⁵⁷As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.”

⁵⁸Jesus replied, “Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head.”

⁵⁹He said to another man, “Follow me.”

But he replied, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.”

⁶⁰Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God.”

⁶¹Still another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family.”

⁶²Jesus replied, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.”



Jesus teaches that following him means leaving this world behind.

Hymn of the Day: O Worship the King

CW243

Oh, worship the King, all-glorious above;
 Oh gratefully sing his pow'r and his love,
 Our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
 Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

Oh, tell of his might; oh, sing of his grace,
 Whose robe is the light, whose canopy, space.
 His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In you do we trust nor find you to fail.



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

Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

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).



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.

Sermon **Fear says, 'I am so inadequate.'** *Judges 6:13–16*
Faith says, 'I can do all things through God who strengthens me.'

¹³“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but if the LORD is with us, why has all this happened to us? Where are all his wonders that our ancestors told us about when they said, ‘Did not the LORD bring us up out of Egypt?’ But now the LORD has abandoned us and given us into the hand of Midian.”

¹⁴The LORD turned to him and said, “Go in the strength you have and save Israel out of Midian’s hand. Am I not sending you?”

¹⁵“Pardon me, my lord,” Gideon replied, “but how can I save Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.”

¹⁶The LORD answered, “I will be with you, and you will strike down all the Midianites, leaving none alive.”

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.

Song of the Season: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

CWH 827



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.

1 Re - joice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheer - ful
2 Did not his love and truth and pow'r guard ev - 'ry
3 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain nor fal - ters

trust main - tain; for God, the source of ev - 'ry - thing, your
child - hood day? And did he not in threat - 'ning hour turn
nor mis - takes; all that his coun - sels may or - dain a

treasure shall re - main. Why spend the day in blank de -
dread - ed ills a - way? He al - ways will with pa - tience
bless - ed end - ing makes. Up - on your lips, then, lay your

spair, in rest - less thought the night? On your Cre - a - tor
chide, his rod falls gent - ly down; and all your sins he
hand, and trust his guid - ing love; then like a rock your

cast your care; he makes your bur - dens light.
casts a - side in o - cean depths to drown.
peace shall stand here and in heav'n a - bove.

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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.

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

Prayer of the Church

(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)

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.

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:



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: WEBB

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

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

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

C: Amen.



*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."

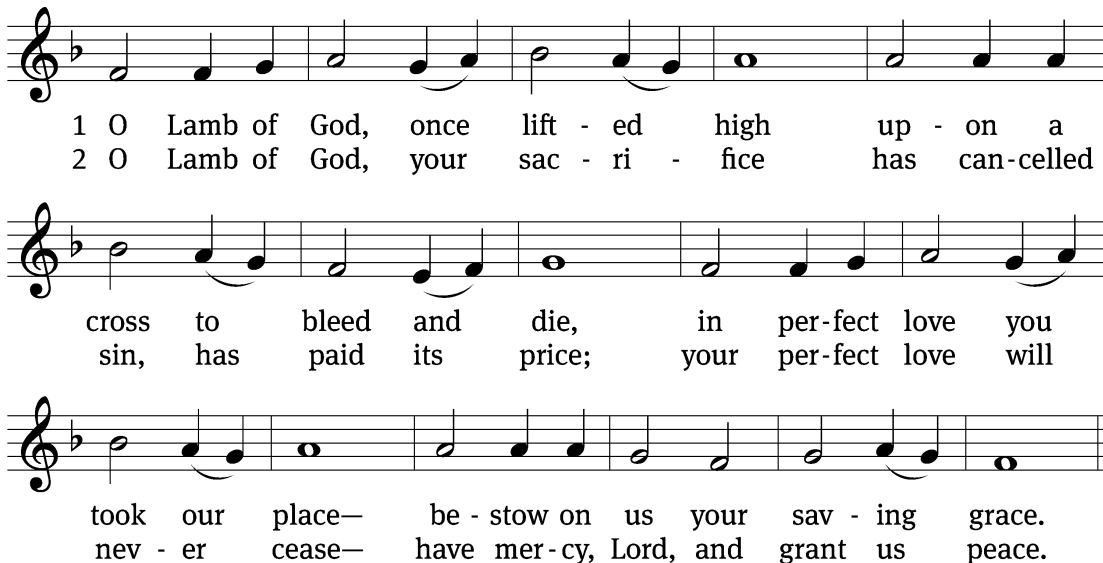
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: HAMBURG



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can-celled
cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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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.*



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

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

CWH 668



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his
gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the
ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter
On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

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Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

*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.*

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.

Closing Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

CWH 835

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near,

when my life is almost gone,

hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.

Take my hand, precious Lord; lead me home.

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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.

Call Acknowledgement

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to acknowledge that I have received the call to serve as pastor at your congregation. I am humbled, honored, and thankful for your decision, guided by the Holy Spirit, to extend this opportunity to me for service in our Savior's kingdom.

I will prayerfully consider where I may best glorify God in the Pastoral Ministry at this time – whether in my call to Good Shepherd in Downers Grove, Illinois or in my call to Cross of Glory. Please keep me in your prayers as I deliberate, and continue to pray that God may be glorified and his kingdom work be carried out in both locations.

Thank you for your patience in receiving this acknowledgement letter. I received your call while I was traveling to a weeklong summer vacation in the Wisconsin Northwoods where I did not have computer access. I will also be doing some traveling in the week to come as I move my daughter in at Martin Luther College and my son to Luther Prep. But I look forward to speaking with many of you soon as I consider where I may best serve God at this time.

May the peace of Jesus be with you today,

Pastor Jon Bergemann

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.

WELS Youth Night

All high school students are invited! 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 valley.

Saturday, August 26

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ).

The wonderful people of Cross of Glory are providing dinner!

Register today by using the QR code.

A sign up genius also went out



Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	August 20th	August 27th	September 3rd
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
Communion	Dawn		Shannon
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Aaron Gullerud Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan	Cody Hall Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Nicole Brown Leslie Contreras Tracy Ditter	Rene Koutia	Stacey Aguilar Angela Hall Karen Goelzer
A/V	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Rene Koutia	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras

Loiselle Family

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our school parents. Marie Loiselle, mother of Caleb and Colton, suffered a major stroke on July 6th. She endured emergency surgeries and procedures and suffered a massive brain hemorrhage in the next two weeks. Marie fought hard with Jason at her side the whole time. The Lord welcomed Marie to his side on July 26th. Jason, Caleb, Colton, and all of us mourn her death. At the same time, we rejoice that Marie was a baptized child of God. The faith that the Holy Spirit put in Marie's heart was the key to the gates of the heavenly mansion Jesus won and prepared for her.

If you would like to make a financial gift to help Jason Loiselle with medical bills, please scan the QR code below. Scroll to BENEVOLENCE and proceed to make your gift.



He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

New Bible Classes

Pastor Mueller will lead a study of Matthew starting Wednesday August 23rd at 10:00am. He will also have a Foundations of Faith class starting August 31 at 9:30am. This is the class Pastor wants everyone to take (unless you have a photographic memory).

Worship Committee High-Lights

Large-print bulletins are available. Tell Rene if you'd like to use one so we print the right number... A banner will be made over the musicians area... We are always looking for volunteers to help with the slides and recording. It is not difficult. See Rene or Aaron... We'll be trying a new Favorite Hymn Festival in October... The area with a rug and books in the 3-4 th grade class room has been designated as the cry room... Choir will be starting up in September.

Online Giving Reminder

This note is from your Financial Secretary at Cross of Glory. It is meant to act as a reminder for anyone who does their giving electronically, that is on-line. The giving through VANCO has now been terminated. If you want to give on-line, your giving must be restored through our new system called One Church. To do this, please go to the Cross of Glory website and click on the "GIVE" icon at the top of the home page. This will take you to the One Church giving website. From there, follow the instructions given there to re-establish your one time or periodic gifts to Cross of Glory. The source of funds (credit card or bank routing and account information) will be requested as part of the set-up process. If you have trouble setting up your new gifts, please contact me at the e-mail or phone number below and I will give or get you the help you need.

COG Financial Secretary

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I am writing to acknowledge that I have received the call to serve as pastor at your congregation. I am humbled, honored, and thankful for your decision, guided by the Holy Spirit, to extend this opportunity to me for service in our Savior’s kingdom.

I will prayerfully consider where I may best glorify God in the Pastoral Ministry at this time – whether in my call to Good Shepherd in Downers Grove, Illinois or in my call to Cross of Glory. Please keep me in your prayers as I deliberate, and continue to pray that God may be glorified and his kingdom work be carried out in both locations.

Thank you for your patience in receiving this acknowledgement letter. I received your call while I was traveling to a weeklong summer vacation in the Wisconsin Northwoods where I did not have computer access. I will also be doing some traveling in the week to come as I move my daughter in at Martin Luther College and my son to Luther Prep. But I look forward to speaking with many of you soon as I consider where I may best serve God at this time.

This Week At COG	
August 20	
9:00 am	Jomax Worship (Live Streamed) w/ Communion
9:30 am	New River Worship Service
10:45 am	Contemporary Service
10:45 am	Kids Klub
August 23	
10:00 am	Life of Christ Bible Class
August 26	
6:00 pm	Youth Night

Weekly QR Code

Please check your email or use this QR code for monthly newsletter





Eyes on Christ

Hebrews 12:1-2

Eyes on Christ That's the theme of our school for the new year. As adults, how easy it is to become so busy that we take our eyes off of Jesus. Our school functions to help our students have a permanent gaze on Christ. Every subject is taught with the influence of Jesus behind it. Our logo emphasizes the path students walk is toward the cross and toward the sun, the future. Pray for our kids, set examples for them, and encourage them as they keep their Eyes on Christ.

12 Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

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.

Bill Grams as he has entered into hospice care.

Loiselle Family as they mourn the death of Marie.

Pastor Jon Bergemann as he deliberates the call extended to him by Cross of Glory.

James family, as they mourn the death of Violet.

Norm Voigt, for a recent hospitalization due to complications from leukemia.

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.