Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School



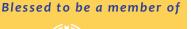
Pentecost 13 Sunday, August 27, 2023

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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Paul Mueller Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center



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.



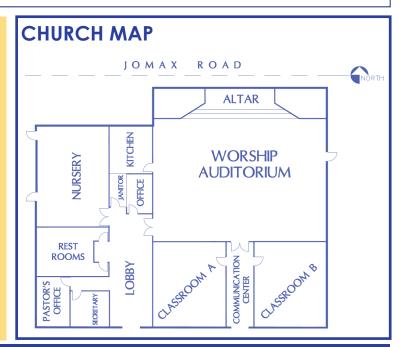
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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.

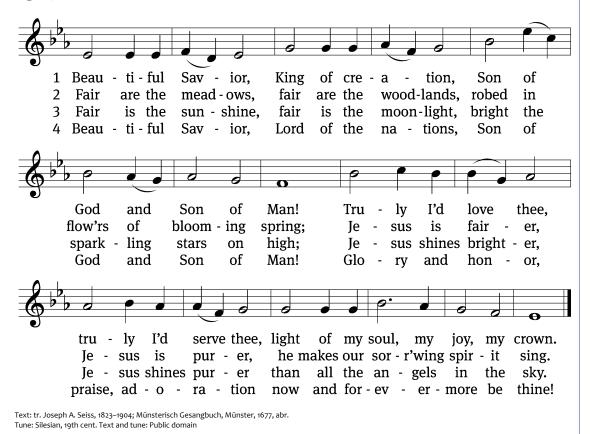


FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- 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 Worship and Praise

Opening Hymn: Beautiful Savior



We Gather in God's Name

(Read/Sung Responsively)

- M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.
- M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:
- C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

CWH 522

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)



We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the triune God, remembering our Baptism 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. " (I John 1:9)

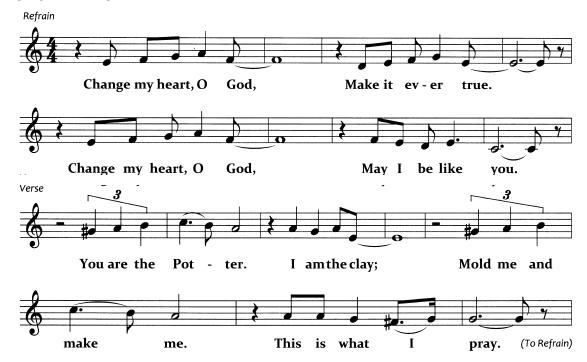


The song of confession is taken from Isaiah which reminds us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags", but along with Isaiah we acknowledge that through his Word our God is able to mold us into the humble servants he wants us to be.



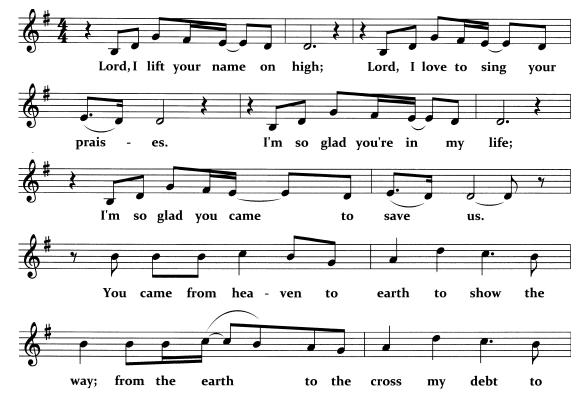
This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because our debt of sin was paid by Jesus, our victorious Savior.

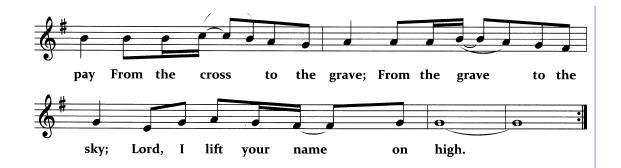
Congregation Sings:



- M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, "He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord." God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.
- C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:





Catechism Review: Conclusion of the Ten Commandments (Spoken Responsively)

- M: What does God say about all these commandments?
- C: He says, "I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments."
- M: What does this mean?
- C: God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in him and gladly obey what he commands.

First Reading

Acts 9:10–19a

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name."

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus.

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For five centuries, Martin Luther's Small Catechism has served as the basic instruction book for the church. It directs us to God's Word and points to the only source for spiritual *life, the Means of* Grace: the Word and Sacraments. As lifelong students of the Catechism, we review these important truths from God's Word as we continue to grow in a deep appreciation for all that Jesus has done as our Savior.



God called Ananias to meet with Saul, notorious for persecuting Christians. Ananias reminded God of Saul's reputation. If not afraid, Ananias was at least puzzled by the request. However, God shared with Ananias what he had in mind for Paul and Ananias took courage in God's words and did as God commanded.

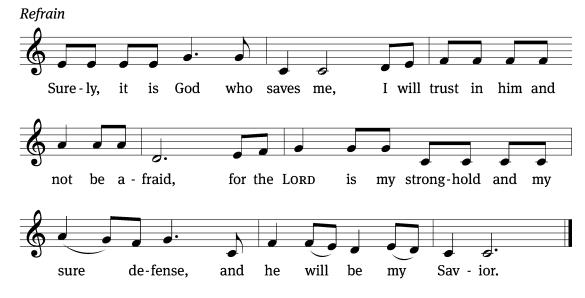


Psalm 73

Refrain is sung; psalm spoken responsively and refrain is repeated.



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."



- M: I am always with you;
- C: you hold me by my right hand.
- M: You guide me with your counsel,
- C: and afterward you will take me into glory.
- M: Whom have I in heav'n but you?
- C: And earth has nothing I desire besides you.
- M: My flesh and my heart may fail,
- C: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Repeat Refrain

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The Children's Sermon

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

Luke 24:44–49

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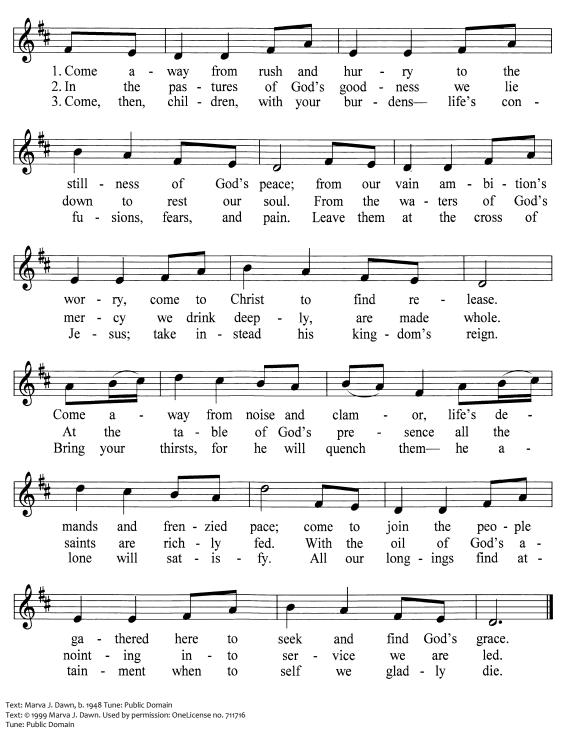
The day of Christ's ascension marks his coronation as King. His disciples finally understood: Jesus was Lord. No more fearing, no more worrying, and Christ would provide them the power to do the work of his church. Gospel

⁴⁴He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Sermon Hymn: Come Away from Rush and Hurry

CWH 913 (Melody: CWH748)



Sermon

Fear says, 'I'm so afraid.' Nu Faith says, 'God is giving me courage.'

Numbers 13:1–3, 13–20, 23–28, 30–33

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²"Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders."

³So at the LORD's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites.¹³from the tribe of Asher, Sethur son of Michael; ¹⁴from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi son of Vophsi; ¹⁵from the tribe of Gad, Geuel son of Maki. 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).

This hymn follows the

theme of the readings

and sets the stage for

the sermon.

¹⁶These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.)

¹⁷When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. ¹⁸See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. ¹⁹What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? ²⁰How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

²³When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. ²⁴That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. ²⁵At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

²⁶They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. ²⁷They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. ²⁸But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there.

³⁰Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

³¹But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." ³²And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. ³³We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

The 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed (Creation)

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. *What does this mean?*
- C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.
- M: And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.
- C: God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good



After hearing the Word of God, we respond with our confession of faith. Today, we confess the first article of The Apostles' Creed, which focuses on the first person of the Trinity, God the Father, the allpowerful creator of all things who is the provider of all we need. The explanation is taken from Luther's Small Catechism.

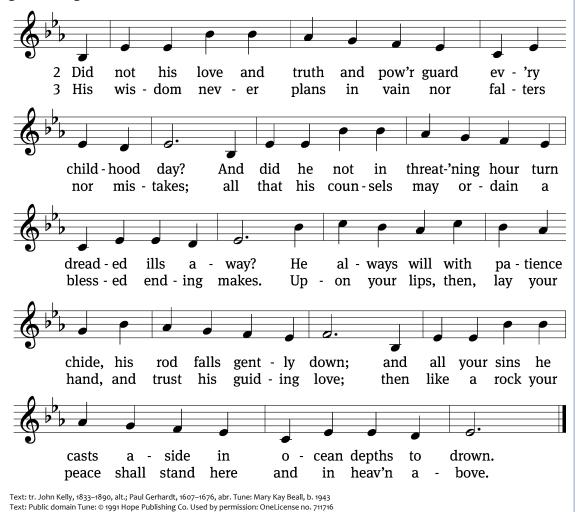
and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

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

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2 & 3

Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain; for God, the source of ev'rything, your treasure shall remain. Why spend the day in blank despair, in restless thought the night? On your Creator cast your care; he makes your burdens light.

Congregation sings:





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.

The gifts of God's people are a response to

God's blessings.

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.

Prayer of the Church

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: " I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people ". (I Timothy 2:1)

Today we sing the prayer Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)





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

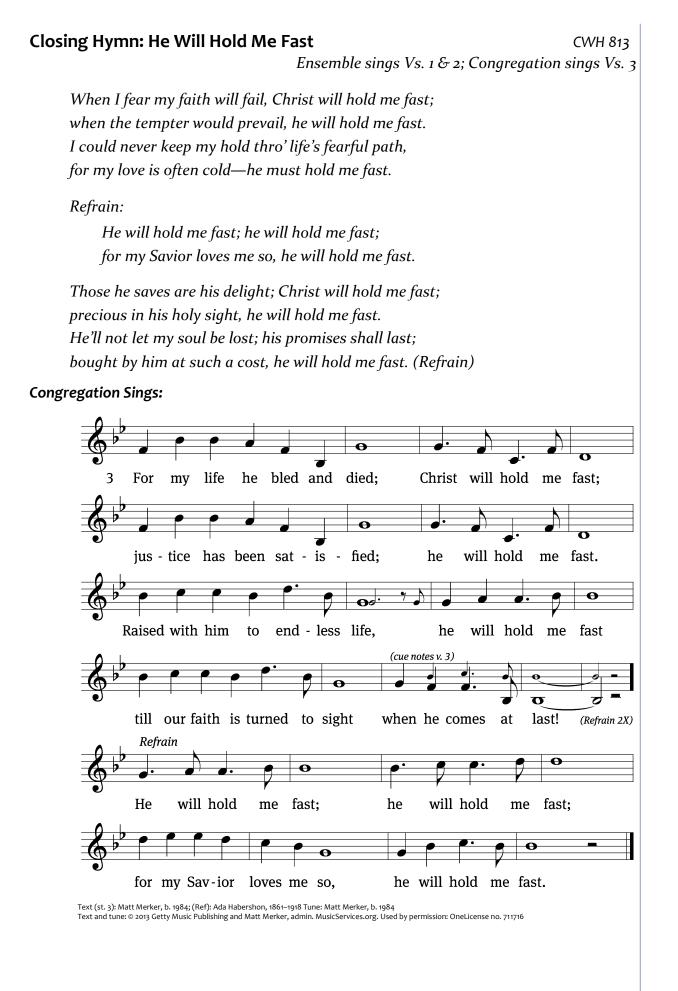
pastor offers the same blessing to the congre-

gation as they are about to conclude their

worship.

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.



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Ways To Serve

Worship	August	September	September
Volunteers	27th	3rd	ıoth
Counters	Nick Nicholai	Nancy Murphy	Judy Sasse
	Michael Ryan	Harry Novak	Susie Cornell
Communion		Shannon	
Ushers	Aaron Gullerud	Cody Hall	Chris Patterson
	Dave Goelzer	Joel Ditter	Isaac Patterson
	Karen Goelzer		Titus Patterson
	Michael Ryan		Grant Stern
Sunday	Rene Koutia	Stacey Aguilar	Kathy Collyard
Refreshments		Angela Hall	Andrea Semmann
		Karen Goelzer	
A/V	Stacy Cornell	Kelly Simpson	Titus Patterson
· · ·	Rene Koutia	Pedro Contreras	Isaac Patterson

Weekly QR Code

Please check your email or use this QR code for the weekly newsletter



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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New Bible Classes

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

Meal Train and Gifts for Loiselles

Let's join together as Christian friends to lend a hand to the Loiselle family who lost Marie this summer. The medical bills are beginning to roll in, and Jason still hasn't been able to get back to work. Would you join with other COG families to help by helping them?

We've set up a "Meal Train" to support the Loiselles. Please consider making a meal or donating gift cards to help Jason with meals for the boys and him. Scan this QR code for the meal-train webpage.

To make a financial gift to help Jason Loiselle with medical bills, scan this QR to link to our church website. Scroll to BENEVOLENCE and proceed to make your gift.



What motivates believers to serve our Lord? The love we have received from Jesus. So, once a year we have discipleship Sunday. We ask you to sign up for various activities (like Bible Classes, events, activities, school help, etc.) so you can imitate Christ by serving others (Jesus washed the disciples' feet, healed some, encouraged others).

Additionally, the value of fellowship, that is doing things together, can't be over-estimated. The more things you do at or with church, the stronger your attachment and faith will be. So, please take a minute and commit yourself to becoming stronger by signing up to give of yourself and for yourself.

Tables will be set up at the back of the church with all the various opportunities.





This Week At COG

August 27		
9:00 am	Jomax Worship (Live Streamed)	
9:30 am	New River Worship Service	
10:45 am	Contemporary Service	
10:45 am	Kids Klub	
7:00 pm	Confirmation Class	
August 30		
10:00 am	Life of Christ Bible Class	
August 31		
10:00 am	Foundations of Faith	
	Next Week at COG	
	next Week at Coo	
August 27		
9:00 am	Jomax Worship (Live Streamed)	

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.

Grams Family as they mourn the death of Bill.

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, grandsonto-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.