

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



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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

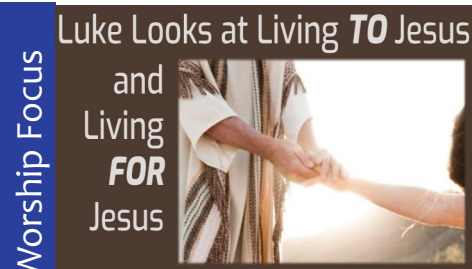


God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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

As Christians we know God expects us to live for him. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). As the giver of all we have, God deserves to be honored in everything we do.

We also know God expects us to live our lives for others. He says, "Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13). But, what does this mean to us in terms of how we live our daily lives?

The gospel of St. Luke chronicles the life Jesus lived for us—he literally lived our life for us to save us. In Luke, Jesus demonstrates what it really means to live to and for him through his words, his actions and his interactions with people he encounters. Pastor Mueller continues a sermon series on these accounts: "Luke Looks at Living TO Jesus and Living FOR Jesus". Today our theme is "Jairus' daughter..." (Luke 8:41-52).

VISITOR INFORMATION

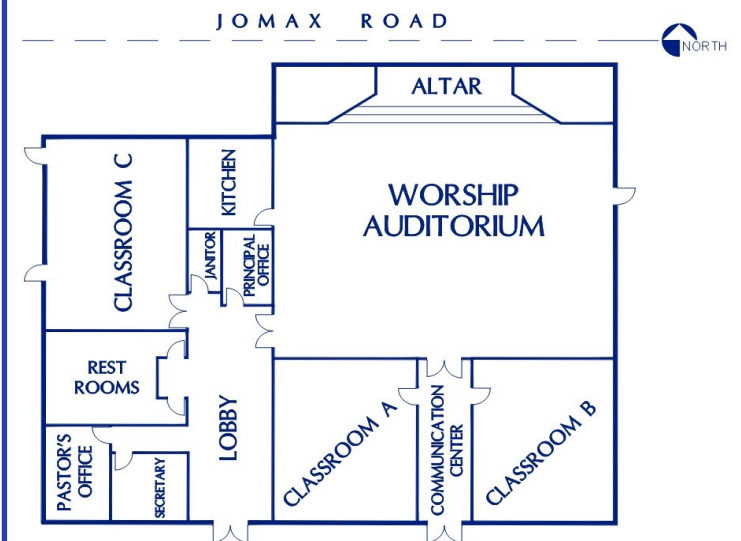
New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time.

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 in Classroom A.
- **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 Celebration and Reverence

Opening Hymn: Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose the Road

CWH 718



1 Though thought-less thou - sands choose the road that leads the
2 In Christ, by faith, I wish to live, from him my
3 Christ is my ev - er - last - ing all, to him I
4 Soon will the Lord, my life, ap - pear; soon shall I
5 Soon will the saints in glo - ry meet, soon walk through



soul a - way from God, this hap - pi - ness, dear
life, my all, re - ceive, to him de - vote my
look, on him I call; he will my ev - 'ry
end my tri - als here, leave sin and sor - row,
ev - 'ry gold - en street and sing on ev - 'ry



Lord, be mine: to live and die en - tire - ly thine.
fleet - ing hours, serve him a - lone with all my pow'rs.
need sup - ply in time and through e - ter - ni - ty.
death and pain. To live is Christ; to die is gain.
bliss - ful plain, "To live is Christ; to die is gain."

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We Approach God

(Spoken/Sung Responsively)

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.

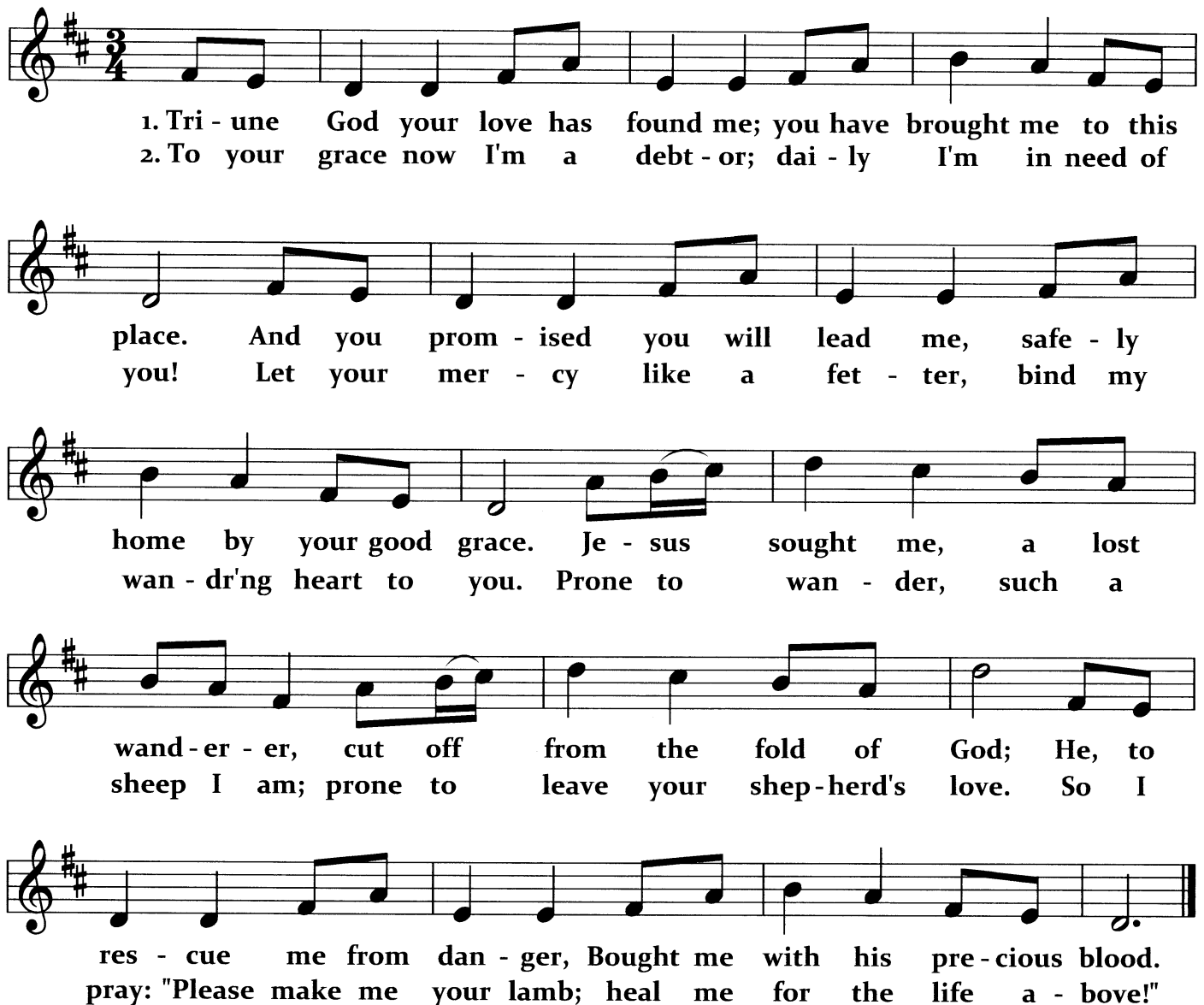
C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on

others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)



1. Tri - une God your love has found me; you have brought me to this
2. To your grace now I'm a debt - or; dai - ly I'm in need of

place. And you prom - ised you will lead me, safe - ly
you! Let your mer - cy like a fet - ter, bind my

home by your good grace. Je - sus sought me, a lost
wan - dr'ng heart to you. Prone to wan - der, such a

wand - er - er, cut off from the fold of God; He, to
sheep I am; prone to leave your shep - herd's love. So I

res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with his pre - cious blood.
pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life a - bove!"

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor

in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven. Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)



Glo - ry to God, in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the
Lord. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus
Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God, in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Catechism Review : 4th Petition

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give us today our daily bread.

What does this mean?

C: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

M: What, then, is meant by daily bread?

C: Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful

leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and promise to reward us according to your grace. Help us to rid our minds of worldly expectations and rejoice that you freely pour out the blessings of salvation to all people; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11

¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

¹But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD, “Isn’t this what I said, LORD, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish. I knew that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. ³Now, LORD, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

⁴But the LORD replied, “Is it right for you to be angry?”

⁵Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. ⁶Then the LORD God provided a leafy plant and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant. ⁷But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the plant so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah’s head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, “It would be better for me to die than to live.”

⁹But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

“It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.”

¹⁰But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. ¹¹And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?”

Psalm 115

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"

C: Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

M: The LORD remembers us and will bless us:

C: He will bless his people Israel,

M: he will bless those who fear the LORD—

C: small and great alike.

M: All you Israelites, trust in the LORD—

C: he is their help and shield.

M: House of Aaron, trust in the LORD—

C: he is their help and shield.

M: You who fear him, trust in the LORD—

C: he is their help and shield.

Second Reading

Romans 9:6–16

⁶It is not as though God's word had failed. For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. ⁷Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." ⁸In other words, it is not the children by physical descent who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. ⁹For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son."

¹⁰Not only that, but Rebekah's children were conceived at the same time by our father Isaac. ¹¹Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: ¹²not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." ¹³Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated."

¹⁴What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! ¹⁵For he says to Moses,

"I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion."

¹⁶It does not, therefore, depend on human desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. Alleluia.

(Sung by the Congregation)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the



mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le' lu - ia!

Gospel

Luke 8:41–52

⁴¹Then a man named Jairus, a synagogue leader, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to come to his house ⁴²because his only daughter, a girl of about twelve, was dying.

As Jesus was on his way, the crowds almost crushed him. ⁴³And a woman was there who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years, but no one could heal her. ⁴⁴She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped.

⁴⁵"Who touched me?" Jesus asked.

When they all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the people are crowding and pressing against you."

⁴⁶But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; I know that power has gone out from me."

⁴⁷Then the woman, seeing that she could not go unnoticed, came trembling and fell at his feet. In the presence of all the people, she told why she had touched him and how she had

been instantly healed. ⁴⁸Then he said to her, “Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace.”

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Sermon Hymn: By Faith

CWH 868

Ensemble sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-5

*By faith we see the hand of God
in the light of creation’s grand design,
in the lives of those who prove his faithfulness,
who walk by faith and not by sight. (v. 2)*

*By faith our fathers roamed the earth
with the pow’r of his promise in their hearts,
of a holy city built by God’s own hand,
a place where peace and justice reign. (Refrain)*

*We will stand as children of the promise;
we will fix our eyes on him, our soul’s reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done,
we’ll walk by faith and not by sight.*

3 By faith the proph - ets saw a day
4 By faith the church was called to go
5 By faith this moun - tain shall be moved

when the longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear
in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost
and the pow'r of the gos - pel shall pre - vail,

with the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
for we know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble

and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. v. 4
in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *Refrain*
for all who call up - on his name. *Refrain*

Refrain
We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our
eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the
work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Sermon

Luke Looks at Living TO Jesus and Living FOR Jesus

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The Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

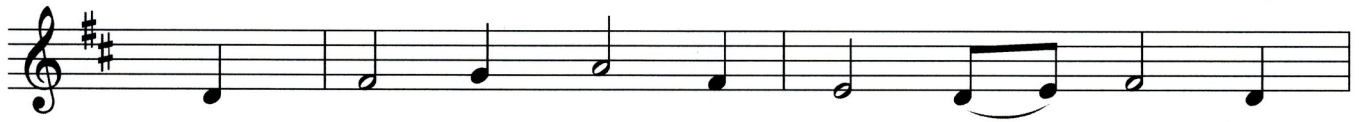
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Song of the Season

Dear Refuge of my Weary Soul



1. Dear ref - uge of my wea - ry soul, on
 2. But O when gloom - y doubts pre - vail, I
 3. Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and
 4. Thy mer - cy seat is o - pen still; here



thee when sor - rows rise, on thee when waves of
 fear to call thee mine. The springs of com - fort
 shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of
 let my soul re - treat; with hum - ble hope at -



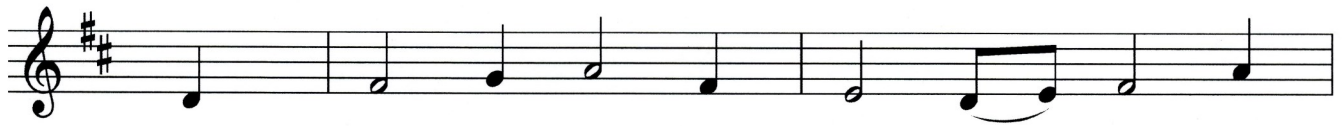
trou - ble roll my faint - ing hope re -
 seem to fail, and all my hopes de -
 sov' - reign grace be deaf when I com -
 tend thy will, and wait be - neath thy



lies. To thee I tell each
 cline. Yet, gra - cious God, where
 plain? No, still the ear of
 feet. Thy mer - cy seat is



ris - ing grief, for thou a - lone can heal.
 shall I flee? Thou art my on - ly trust.
 sov - 'reign grace at - tends the mourn - er's prayer.
 o - pen still; here let my soul re - treat;



Thy Word can bring a sweet re - lief for
And still my soul would cleave to thee though
Oh, may I ev - er find ac - cess to
with hum - ble hope at - tend thy will, and



ev - 'ry pain I feel.
pros - trate in the dust.
breathe my sor - rows there.
wait be - neath thy feet.

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

(Spoken by Minister)

The 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.

Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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.

Closing Hymn: Ten Thousand Reasons

CWH 607

Ensemble sings Refrain and Vs. 1; Congregation sings Vs. 2 & 3

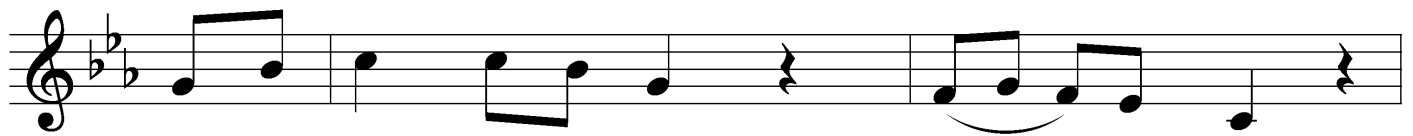
*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
worship his holy name.*

*Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship your holy name.*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing your song again.*

*Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes. (Refrain)*

Congregation sings:



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;



wor-ship his ho - ly name. Sing like nev - er be-fore,



O my soul; I'll wor - ship your ho - ly name.



2 You're rich in love, and you're slow to an - ger. Your
3 And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



name_ is___ great, and your heart is kind. For all___ your
end___ draws___ near, and my time has come; _ still___ my



good-ness, I will keep___ on___ sing - ing—
soul will sing your praise___ un - end - ing—



Refrain

ten thou-sand rea - sons for my heart to find.
ten thou-sand years and then for - ev - er - more.

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- 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.