

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 20
Sunday, October 15, 2023

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1011 W Jomax Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

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.

Today's Worship Focus

Luke Looks at Living **TO** Jesus

and
Living
FOR
Jesus



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 "**Lazarus**" (Luke 16:19-31).

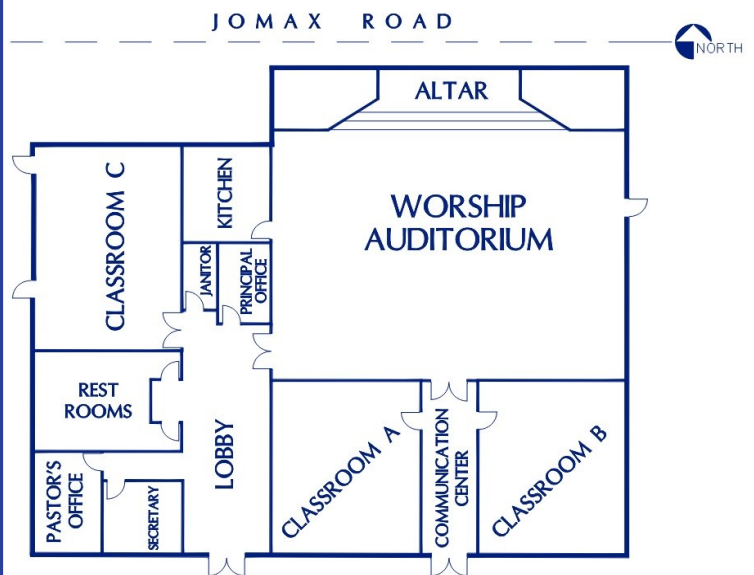
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

CAMPUS 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!

Scripture and Song with The Lord's Supper

Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism

(CWH679 Sung Responses)

M: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

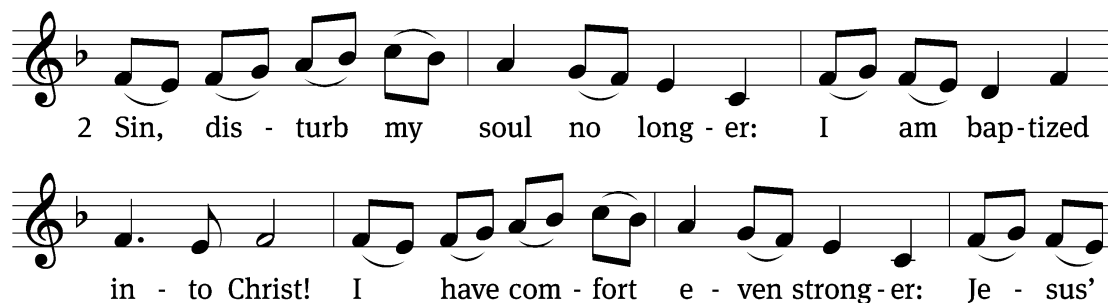
M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
(*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

Congregation Sings:



2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service reminds us of the continual blessings of Baptism.

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

(*Romans 6:3,4*)

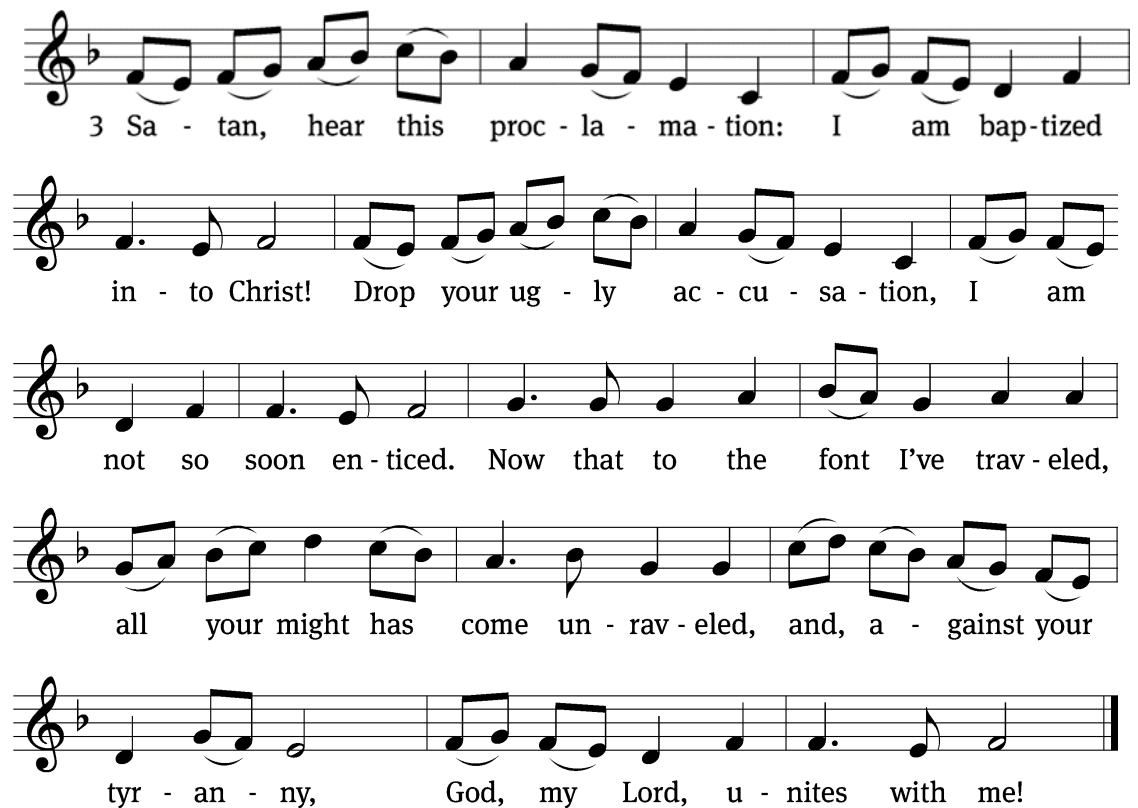


"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. "
(1 John 1:9)

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Congregation Sings:



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.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.

Congregation Sings:



4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long

in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven

her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,

faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; 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.*



The prophet Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet, where death and tears will be no more. How does one get in? Through faith in God and his salvation.

First Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy
the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
from all faces;
he will remove his people's disgrace
from all the earth.

The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,

“Surely this is our God;
we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation.”



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 84

(Spoken Responsively)

M: How lovely is your dwelling place,

C: LORD Almighty!

M: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;

C: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

M: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;

C: they are ever praising you.

M: Better is one day in your courts

C: than a thousand elsewhere;

M: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

C: than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

M: LORD Almighty,

C: blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Second Reading

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile. ¹⁷For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: “The righteous will live by faith.”



We are saved through faith alone. May we never reject this gospel truth.

Sermon Hymn: Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters CWH 678 (Melody: CWH 799)



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

1. Once in the blest bap - tis - mal
 2. His bo - dy and his blood I've
 3. Though death may come to - day, to -
 4. And thus I live in God con -

wat - ers I put on Christ and made him
 ta - ken in his blest sup - per, feast di -
 mor - row, I know in Christ I per - ish
 tent - ed and die with - out a thought of

mine; now, num - bered with God's sons and
 vine; now I shall nev - er be for -
 not; he grants the peace that stills all
 fear; to God's good plans I have con -

daugh - ters, I share his peace and love di -
 sak - en or I am his and he is
 sor - row, gives me a robe with - out a
 sent - ed, my faith is fo - cused, firm, and

vine. My God, for Je - sus' sake I
 mine. My God, for Je - sus' sake I
 spot. My God, for Je - sus' sake I
 clear. By grace, in Je - sus' name I

pray your peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 pray your peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 pray your peace may bless my dy - ing day.
 say, "Lord, you will bless my dy - ing day!"

In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).

Sermon Luke Looks at Living TO Jesus and Living FOR Jesus: Luke 16:19–31 **Lazarus... Rich man... I listen to Abraham– I want proof**

¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

²²“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

²⁷“He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

²⁹“Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

³⁰“ ‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

³¹“He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**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.**



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.

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.
 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: My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

CWH 818

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

*My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
 a fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
 Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me,
 I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to him who hears me.*

Refrain:

*O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
 everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

Congregation sings:



2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp-ta - tions;
 3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com-plete - ly;

when e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal -
 with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul, and he will prove his

va - tion. Though rich - es come and rich - es go, don't
 mer - cy. Though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a



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.

set your heart up - on them; the fields of hope in
sigh too brief to mea - sure, my king has crushed the
which I sow are har - vest - ed in heav - en.
curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain
O praise him, hal - le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;
ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.



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

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)

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

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)

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.

Holy Communion

The Preparation

(Spoken Responsively)

The responsive reading from I Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.

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)

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.



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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.

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.

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

Sung Response: What is this Bread

CWH 665



This hymn of response perfectly describes the blessings of this Sacrament - forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of
 5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -
 brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I
 that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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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: Behold the Lamb

Ensemble sings Verses
 and Congregation joins on Refrain



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

Ensemble: Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
 slain for us and we remember
 the promise made that all who come in faith
 find forgiveness at the cross.

Congregation: So we share in this bread of life,
 and we drink of his sacrifice
 as a sign of our bonds of peace

around the table of the King.

*Ensemble: The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
torn for you; eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us
life paid the price to make us one.*

*Congregation: **So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.***

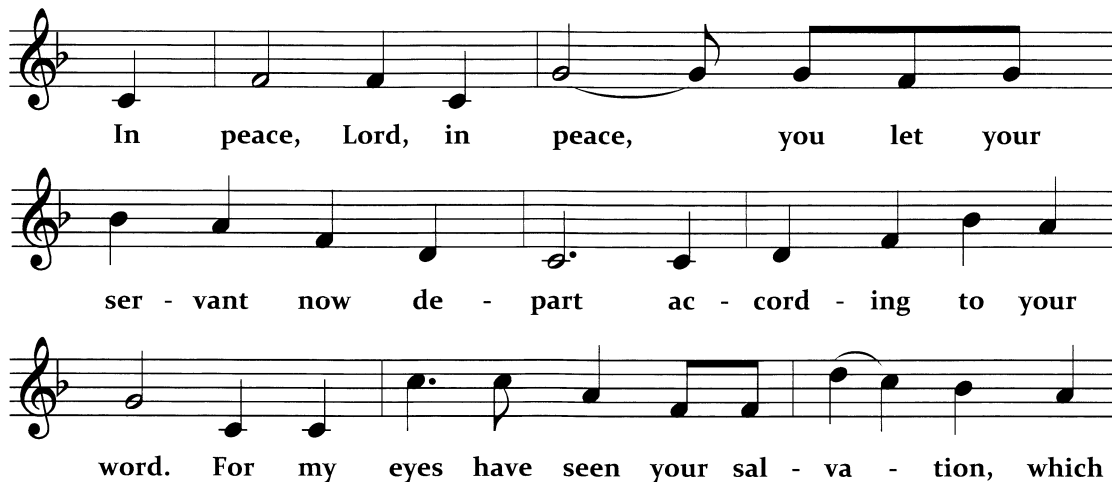
*Ensemble: The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.*

*Congregation: **So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.***

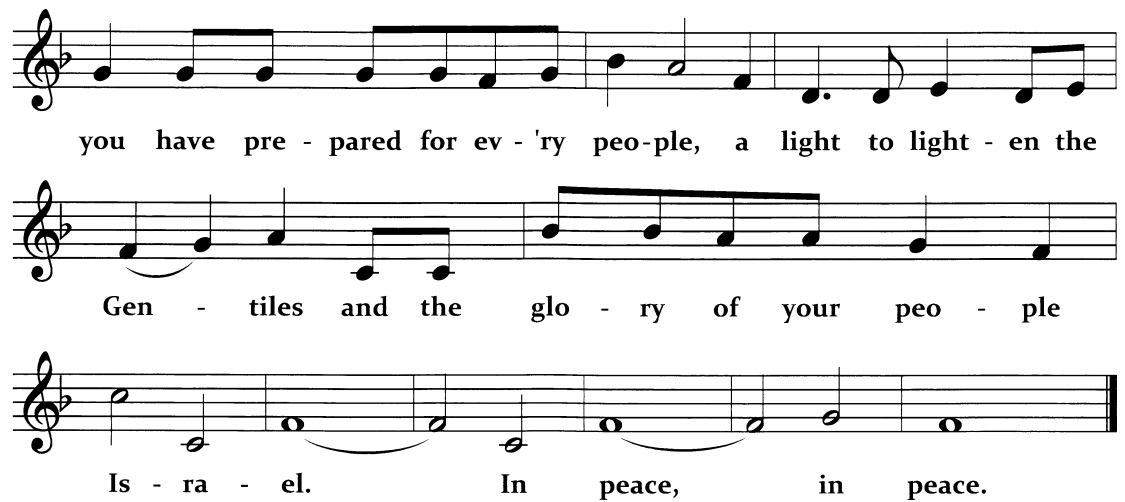
*Ensemble: And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond, and to remember;
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.*

*Congregation: **As we share in His suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.***

Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis



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.



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

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.

Ensemble

By Our Love



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.

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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.

Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	October 15	October 22	October 29
Counters	Joel Ditter/Nancy	Nick Nicholai/Michael	Nancy Murphy/Harry
Communion	Shannon		
Church Cleaners	Koutia/Grams	Gullerud/Kugler	Plitzuweit/Peterson/
Ushers	Jon Naber/Rich Kugler/Kelly Simpson	Dave Goelzer/Karen Goelzer/Michael	Cody Hall/Joel Ditter
Refreshments	Jennifer Paul/Rachel Plitzuweit	Nicole Brown/Leslie Contreras/Tracy Ditter	Rene Koutia
A/V	Stacy Aguilar (Rene	Stacy Cornell/Pedro	Hailey Ditter/Joel Dit-

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Favorite Hymn Festival

To celebrate our heritage as 'the singing church', on Oct. 29th our worship service will consist of our eight favorite hymns (plus Bible readings etc.). Today is the last day to vote. Forms are provided (There is a box to put the votes into.) Pastor will assemble the top eight favorites, plus background info, and that will guide our worship.

Prayer Highlights for members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers...

Norm Voigt, as he continues treatments

Velta Larson, as she recovers from eye surgery

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

Calendar at a Glance | Our full calendar is posted at www.crossofglory.org

October 19 Foundations of Faith, 10:00am

New River Growth Group, 6:30pm

October 21 Bibles and Brews, 9:00am

Looking Ahead...

October 23 Women's Bible Study 9:00am

October 26 Foundations of Faith, 10:00am

October 28 Trunk or Treat, 3:30pm



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.