

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



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***Sunday 9am Worship***

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# WELCOME to our worship center

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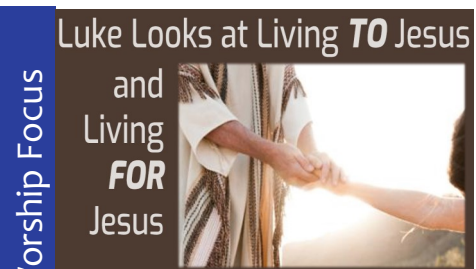


*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

## ABOUT US

*The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.*



Today's Worship Focus

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 "**Widow's Mite**" (Luke 21:1-4).

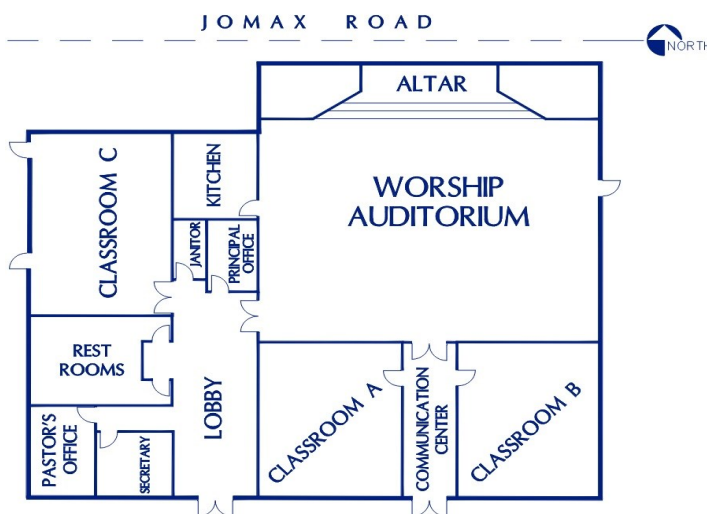
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 followed by Bible study.

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](mailto: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!

## Scripture and Song with The Lord's Supper

### Gathering Rite on the Word of God

(CWH633 Sung Responses)

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

**C: Amen.**

M: Oh, how I love your law!

**C: I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

**C: for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

**C: for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

**C: sweeter than honey for my mouth.**

### Sung by Congregation:



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of  
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on the Word of God and its power to bring us to faith.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

(1 Thessalonians 2:13)



*"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:** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

**C:** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**M:** Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**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.

***Sung by Congregation:***

2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic  
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

*Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.*

**M:** God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name". The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called serv-

ant 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.**

***Sung by Congregation:***



3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights  
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the  
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.  
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your  
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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## Prayer of the Day

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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.*



*How did Israel respond  
to all of God's gifts?  
With grudging service,  
which is not faithful  
service. How does God  
respond to Israel? By  
promising to make  
them as pure as newly  
fallen snow.*

## First Reading

Isaiah 1:10–18

<sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD,  
you rulers of Sodom;  
listen to the instruction of our God,  
you people of Gomorrah!

<sup>11</sup>“The multitude of your sacrifices—  
what are they to me?” says the LORD.  
“I have more than enough of burnt offerings,  
of rams and the fat of fattened animals;  
I have no pleasure  
in the blood of bulls and lambs and goats.

<sup>12</sup>When you come to appear before me,  
who has asked this of you,  
this trampling of my courts?

<sup>13</sup>Stop bringing meaningless offerings!  
Your incense is detestable to me.  
New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations—  
I cannot bear your worthless assemblies.

<sup>14</sup>Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals  
I hate with all my being.  
They have become a burden to me;  
I am weary of bearing them.

<sup>15</sup>When you spread out your hands in prayer,  
I hide my eyes from you;  
even when you offer many prayers,  
I am not listening.

Your hands are full of blood!

<sup>16</sup>Wash and make yourselves clean.  
Take your evil deeds out of my sight;  
stop doing wrong.

<sup>17</sup>Learn to do right; seek justice.  
Defend the oppressed.  
Take up the cause of the fatherless;  
plead the case of the widow.

<sup>18</sup>“Come now, let us settle the matter,”  
says the LORD.  
“Though your sins are like scarlet,  
they shall be as white as snow;

though they are red as crimson,  
they shall be like wool.

## Psalm 128

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Blessed are all who fear the Lord,

**C: who walk in obedience to him.**

M: You will eat the fruit of your labor;

**C: blessings and prosperity will be yours.**

M: Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with in your house;

**C: your children will be like olive shoots around your table.**

M: Yes, this will be the blessing

**C: for the man who fears the LORD.**

M: May the LORD bless you from Zion;

**C: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.**

M: May you live to see your children's children—

**C: peace be on Israel.**



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."

## The Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

Romans 12:1–8

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. <sup>2</sup>Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

<sup>3</sup>For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. <sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. <sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



When we keep God's mercy in view, we understand and appreciate the gifts he gives us in Christ, and we use those gifts faithfully.



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

## Sermon Hymn: : Before You I Kneel

CWH 735

1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the  
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good-ness to cov - er the  
3 Be - fore you we kneel, our Mas - ter and Mak - er; es - tab - lish the

work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your  
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my  
work of our hands, and or - der our steps to seek first your

ser - vant; I will re - joice and be glad  
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.  
king - dom in ev - 'ry small and great task.

for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each  
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -  
May we live the gos - pel of your grace, serve your

skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -  
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing  
pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e -

tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.  
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.  
ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to your great name.

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

## Sermon Luke Looks at Living TO Jesus and Living FOR Jesus: Luke 21:1-4 Widow's Mite...

As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. <sup>2</sup>He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. <sup>3</sup>"Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. <sup>4</sup>All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."



## The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)



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.

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

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

Through him all things were made.

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

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

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

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

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

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

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: Sovereign Ruler of the Skies

Ensemble sings Vs. 1-2 and Congregation joins for Vs. 3,4,5

*Sovereign Ruler of the skies, ever gracious, ever wise;  
all my times are in your hand, all events at your command.*

*Refrain: Ever faithful, ever true, keep my heart to only you.*

*Since I cannot part from thee, Sovereign Ruler ever be.*

*His decree, who formed the earth, fixed my first and second birth;  
now my life to him I owe. Where He leads me I will go. (Refrain)*



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.

**Congregation sings:**

3. Plagues and deaths a - round me fly;  
 4. Times the tempt - er's pow'r to prove,  
 5. He that formed me in the womb,  
 'til he bids I can - not die.  
 times to taste a Sav - ior's love:  
 he shall guide me to the tomb.  
 Not a sing - le shaft can hit  
 all must come, and last and end,  
 All my times shall ev - er be  
 'til the God of love things fit.  
 as shall please my heav'n - ly friend.  
 or - dered by his wise de - cree.  
 Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true, keep my  
 heart to on - ly you. Since I  
 can - not part from thee, Sov - 'reign  
 Rul - er ev - er be.



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.*

*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)*

## 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 responsive reading from 1 Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.*

## The Preparation

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

**C:** so that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

**M:** Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

**C:** And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?

**M:** Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

**C:** for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

**M:** Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

**C:** A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)



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



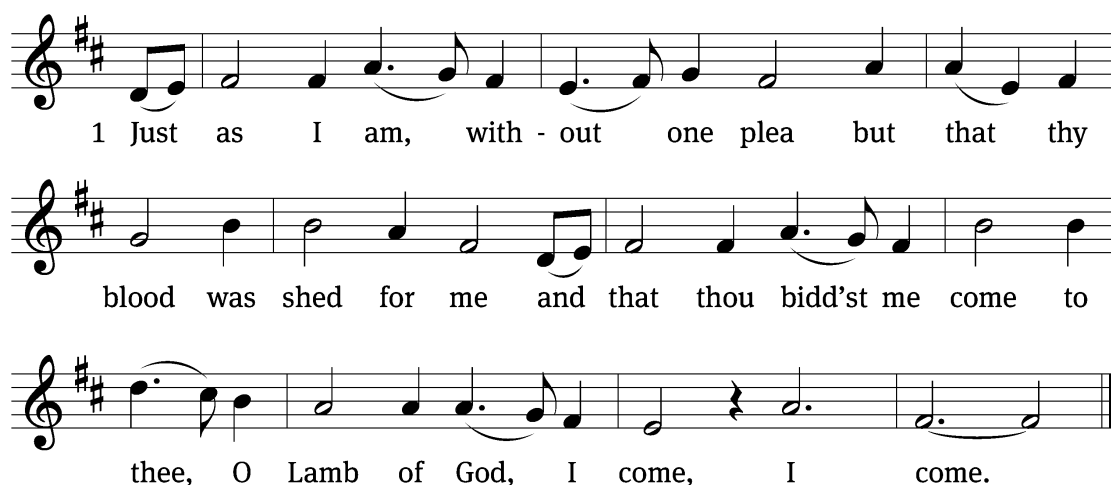
The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special meal.



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

## Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CWH 814



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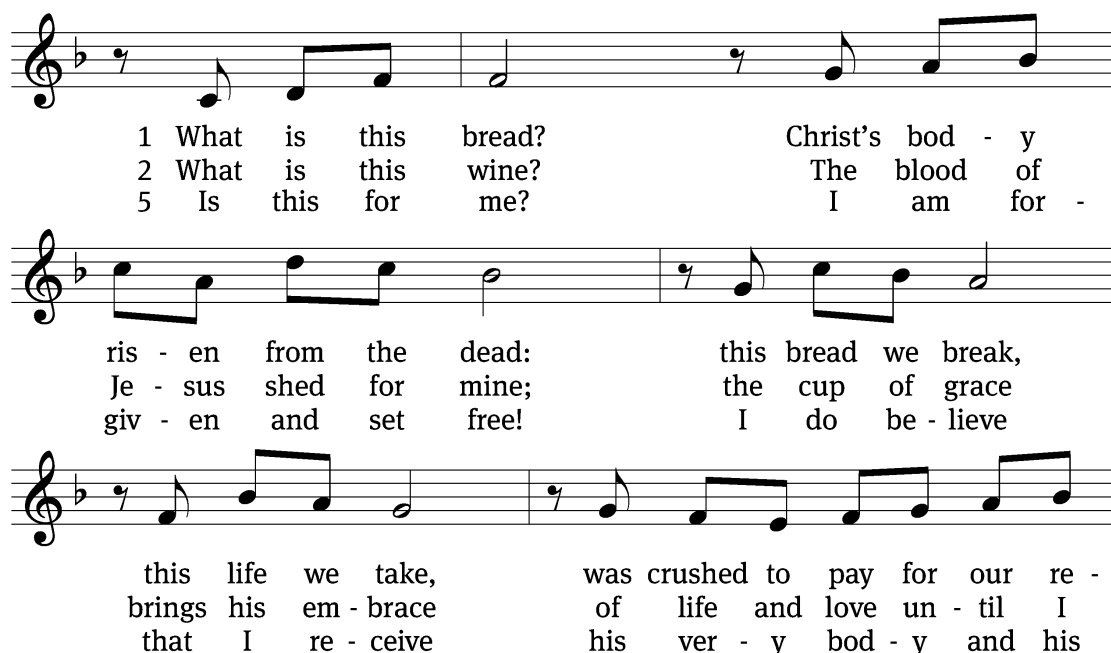
(Spoken by Minister)

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





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: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

CWH 663



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



1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther  
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light's  
 lov - ing rev - rence greet him, for with words of life im -  
 cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of  
 joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and



splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der  
 mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.  
 heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.  
 won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un - bound - ed has this won - drous  
 O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you  
 Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the  
 by such mys - ter - y sur - round - ed, depths that no one

sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and  
 there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -  
 gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you  
 ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -  
 ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.  
 ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.  
 riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.  
 bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

Human reason, though it ponders,  
 cannot fathom these great wonders,  
 that Christ's body must be boundless  
 since the souls it feeds are countless,  
 and that he his blood is giving  
 with the wine we are receiving.  
 These great mysteries unsounded  
 are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,  
 you have left your throne in heaven  
 on the cross for me to languish  
 and to die in bitter anguish,  
 to forgo all joy and gladness  
 and to shed your blood in sadness.  
 By this blood redeemed and living,  
 Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,  
 Jesus, friend of friends most tender,  
 Jesus, joy of my desiring,  
 fount of life, my soul inspiring:  
 at your feet I cry, my maker,  
 let me be a fit partaker  
 of this blessed food from heaven  
 for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,  
 help me when this meal is given  
 to receive it for my blessing  
 as I come, my sins confessing.

In this supper let me measure,  
 Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,  
 that, as I on earth have eaten,  
 I may be your guest in heaven.

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## Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

(Sung by Congregation)



In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your  
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your  
 word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple  
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.



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.





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.

## Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

## Closing Hymn: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

CWH 749

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your  
end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom,  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,  
cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn  
rac - es joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in  
to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone; born with  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,  
songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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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*

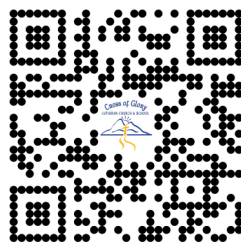
Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

## Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	November 19	November 26	December 3
Counters	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan	Harry Novak/Nancy Murphy	Judy Sasse/Susie Cornell
Communion	Andrea		Dawn
Church Cleaners	Kelley/Grams	Patterson	Koutia/Piepenbrink
Ushers	Len Collyard/Nick Nicholai/Steve Semmann/Sharon Wilson	John Kull/Kim Moline/Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger/Trey Ehinger/Kade Ehinger/Bill Brooks
Refreshments	Thanksgiving Potluck	Clara Naber	Mary Berggren/Shannon Gullerud
A/V	Kelly Simpson/Pedro Contreras	Hailey Ditter/Joel Ditter	Stacy Aguilar/Gus Koutia

## Weekly Newsletter QR Code

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



## Christmas Church Decorating

We will have our annual Christmas church decorating and potluck on November 26 at 11:45 a.m.

Please bring your favorite soup. If you have another favorite dish you would like to bring to share, please do. Let's decorate, eat, and be happy!

Plates, silverware, cups, and napkins will be provided.

Please use the attached QR code to sign up.



## Advent by Candlelight



Advent by Candlelight is an event to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season! Cross of Glory will be hosting Advent by Candlelight the afternoon of Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m. Please let Karin Hansen ([karinwedeking@hotmail.com](mailto:karinwedeking@hotmail.com) or 712-660-0386) know, or use the QR for the sign-up genius, if you would like to host a table that will seat eight women or if you would like to be a reader during the program. Thanks for your consideration!

Karin



## Fellowship Activities at Cross of Glory

Any suggestions or ideas that you have? Please send them to Pastor Mueller.

1. We will start with movie night on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with pizza. There will be a freewill donation. The movie will be "Facing the Giants."

There is also a printed copy that you may fill out in the back of church with suggestions.



November 22, 7:00pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service
December 16, 10:00am	Pre-K Christmas Service
December 16, 11:00am	Live Nativity
December 17, 9:00am	K-4 Christmas Service
December 24	Jomax Worship 9am, New River 930am
December 24, 6:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25, 10:00am	Christmas Day Service

**Calendar at a Glance** | Our full calendar is posted at [www.crossofglory.org](http://www.crossofglory.org)

November 19	Worship Service Jomax w/ Communion, 9:00am Worship Service New River, 9:30am Kids Klub, 10:30am Confirmation Class, 10:30am
November 20-24	No School
November 21	Women's Bible Study, 9:30am

**Looking Ahead...**

November 26	Worship Service Jomax 9:00am Worship Service New River, 9:30am Kids Klub, 10:30am Confirmation Class, 10:30am Church Decorating, 11:45am
November 28	Women's Bible Study, 9:30am Board of Ed, 6:30pm
November 30	Foundations of Faith, 10:00am, 6:00pm

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

**Judy Sasse**, for a recent hospitalization.

**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



**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.