

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Advent 1
Sunday, December 3, 2023

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Sunday 9am Worship

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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



The season of Advent is historically a time of anticipation and waiting. Typically, we look at this waiting from three distinct vantage points:

1. God's Old Testament people waiting for the birth of the Savior,
2. Christians today waiting for the celebration of Christmas,
3. Christians waiting for the Lord's return on the Last Day.

In every case, God's people were encouraged to wait with expectation and to prepare for the coming of the Lord through repentance and faith. These services are intended to help God's people prepare for the Lord's coming—to Bethlehem, to our hearts, and at the end of the world. Each week in Advent we will hear the voice from one who prepared the way for the Lord to help us in our preparation for our Savior. Today we hear from Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist. May these Advent services help to center our attention on our coming Savior and strengthen our faith in him.

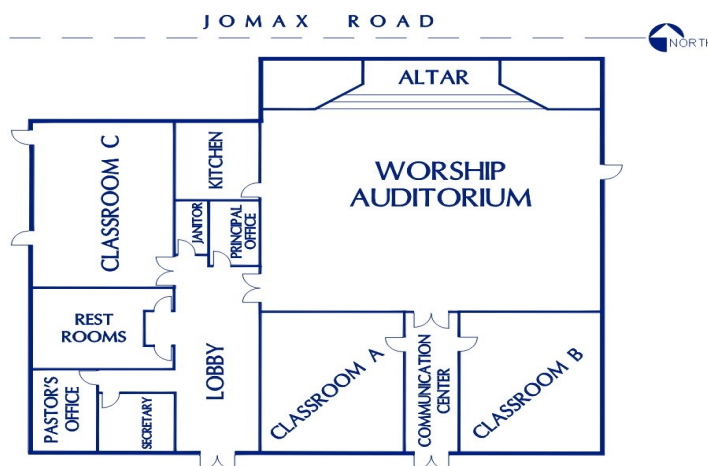
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Advent Service & Lord's Supper

Hymn: Arise, O Christian People

CWH 310



Hymn of praise, prayer, or reflection on the season of the church year.

We follow the advice of the Apostle Paul to "teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

(Colossians 3:16)

1 A - rise, O Chris - tian peo - ple! Pre - pare your - selves to -
4 Pre - pare my heart, Lord Je - sus; turn not from me a -
day; pre - pare to greet the Sav - ior, who
side, and help me to re - ceive you this
takes your sins a - way. To us by grace a -
bless - ed Ad - vent - tide. From stall and man - ger
lone the truth and light were giv - en; the prom - ised
low come now to dwell with - in me; I'll sing your
Lord from heav - en to all the world is shown.
prais - es glad - ly and forth your glo - ry show.

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Invocation

(Spoken Responsively; Sung Response (CWH327))

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

C: Amen.

M: Give glory to the coming King!

C: Oh, come, let us worship Him!

M: Behold, He who was to come has come.

C: We welcome Him with thankful hearts.

M: Behold, He who has come is coming again.

C: We wait for Him with fervent faith.

M: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C: "Come, Lord Jesus."



In this season of Advent, we call upon the triune God to be present with us as we worship and prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

M: All who await His appearance pray:

C: "Come, Lord Jesus."

M: The whole creation pleads:

C: "Come, Lord Jesus."

Congregation sings:

1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
cap - tive Is - ra - el that mourns in lone - ly
ex - ile here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.

Refrain
Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el
shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves. The first three staves form the main melody, and the last two staves form the refrain. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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The Advent wreath is a symbol of victory, for a garland wreath was often placed on victors in contests or conquests. So naturally, a Christian can think of the crown of life that Jesus has won for us. The four candles in an Advent wreath emphasize the four week period of penitence and preparation during Advent as we eagerly await the coming of the Light of the world to bring new life and hope.

Advent Candle Lighting

(Spoken Responsively; Sung Response (CWH327))

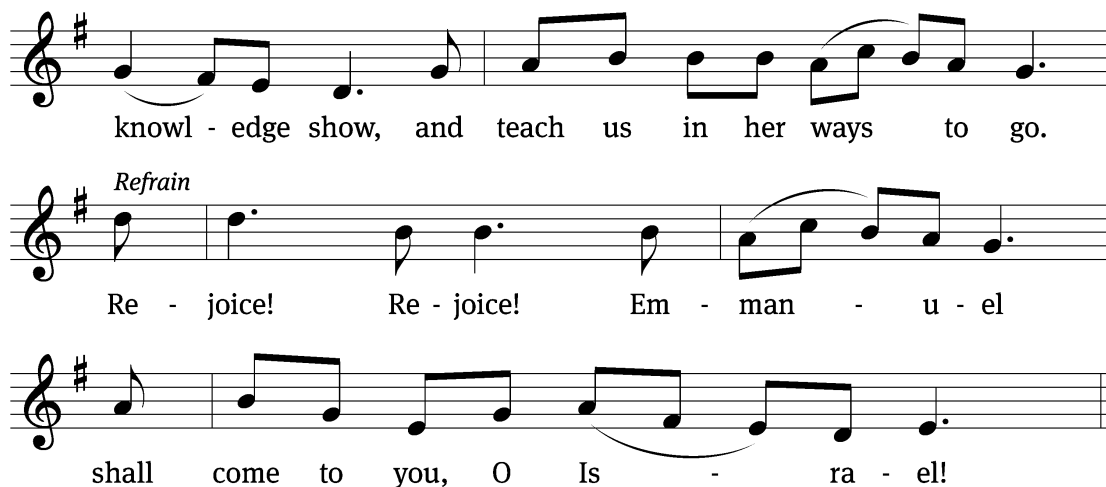
M: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

C: **Come and teach us the way of wisdom.**

Congregation sings:

2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, who or - ders
all things might - i - ly; to us the path of

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two staves. The lyrics are written below the notes.



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Confession and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

C: O almighty, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But my heart is deeply grieved over them and I sincerely repent of them; and I pray you in your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.

M: Upon this your confession, I as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and acting in his behalf and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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

Christ said to his 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.



As the line of David was taken into captivity, the Babylonians served as the ax of God that cut off the line of Jesse and made David's family tree nothing but a stump. But behold, a branch is growing! A new shoot sprouts from Jesse's stump. God miraculously renewed the stump of David's kingdom, but it wouldn't be the restoration of an earthly rule. Instead, David's greater Son would rule over a renewed earth and heaven. In this renewed kingdom, sin and its effects are gone; peace and righteousness rule. With God all things are possible.

The Word

The Scripture of Prophecy

Isaiah 11:1–9

¹A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—
the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of might,
the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD—

³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;

⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

⁵Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

⁶The wolf will live with the lamb,
the leopard will lie down with the goat,
the calf and the lion and the yearling together;
and a little child will lead them.

⁷The cow will feed with the bear,
their young will lie down together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox.

⁸The infant will play near the cobra's den,
and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest.

⁹They will neither harm nor destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.

**C: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughters of Jerusalem!
See, your King comes to you, Righteous and having salvation.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
From the house of the Lord we bless you. (Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26)**

The Scripture of Anticipation

1 Peter 1:3-12

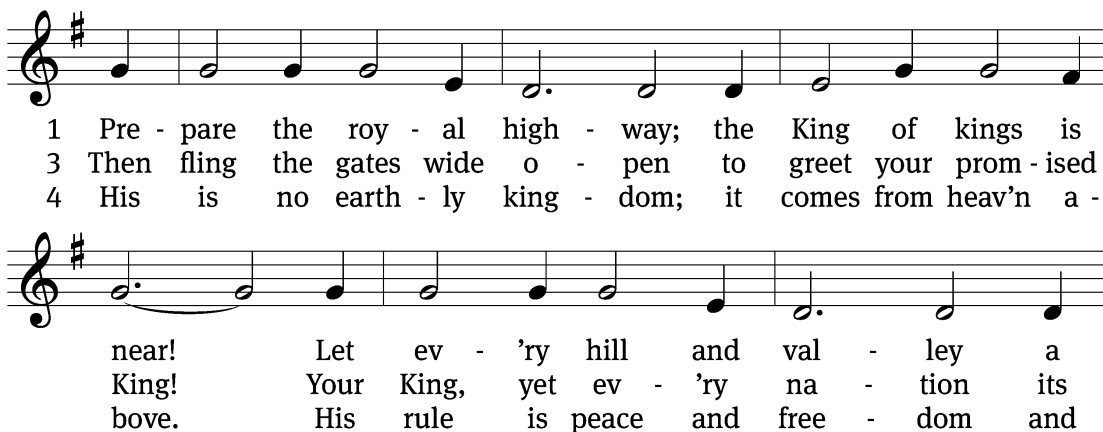
³Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, ¹¹trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of the Messiah and the glories that would follow. ¹²It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

**C: Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O you gates;
Lift them up, you ancient doors,
That the King of glory may come in. Alleluia! (Psalm 24:9)**

Hymn of the Day: Prepare the Royal Highway

CWH 302



1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a -

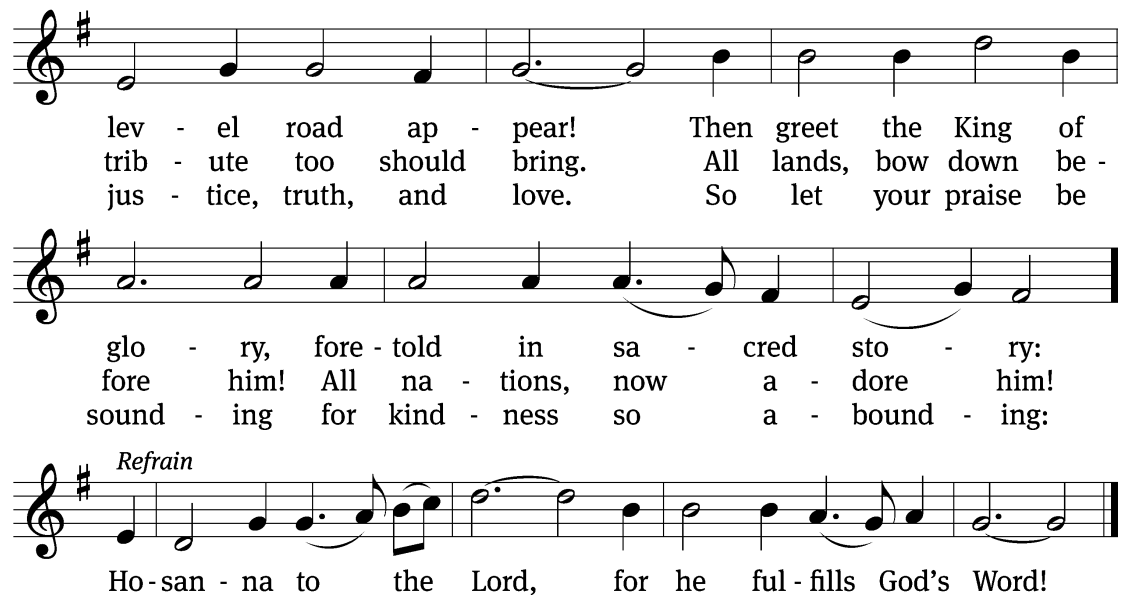
near! Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a
King! Your King, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its
bove. His rule is peace and free - dom and



As with the scripture of prophesy, we are reminded that with God all things are possible. Life may be full of grief and sorrow, we may doubt when we face trials, but through faith we have the certainty that eternal life is ours through Christ.



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



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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

They Prepared a Way: Zechariah The Lord is Renowned

Luke 1:5-20

⁵In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. ⁶Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. ⁷But they were childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old.

⁸Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, ⁹he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. ¹⁰And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside.

¹¹Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. ¹²When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. ¹³But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to call him John. ¹⁴He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, ¹⁵for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even before he is born. ¹⁶He will bring back many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. ¹⁷And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

¹⁸Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years."

¹⁹The angel said to him, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. ²⁰And now you will be silent

and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their appointed time.”

The Nicene 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.**



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.



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.

Song of the Season: Holy Is Your Name

CWH 956

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

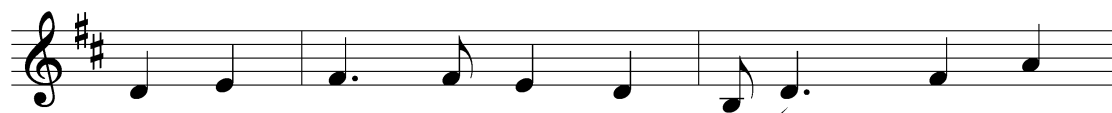
My soul is filled with joy as I sing to God, my Savior.

*You have looked upon your servant,
you have visited your people. (Refrain)*


*Refrain: And holy is your name through all generations!
Everlasting is your mercy to the people you have chosen,
and holy is your name.*

*I am lowly as a child, but I know from this day forward
that my name will be remembered,
and the world will call me blessed. (Refrain)*


Congregation sings:



3 I pro - claim your pow'r, O God! You work
4 To the hun - gry you give food, send the
5 In your love you now ful - fill all you



won - ders for your ser - vants; you have scat - tered the proud -
rich a - way with noth - ing. In your mer - cy you are
prom - ised to your peo - ple. I will praise you, God, my



heart - ed, you have lift - ed up the low - ly.
mind - ful of the peo - ple you have cho - sen.
Sav - ior, ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy.

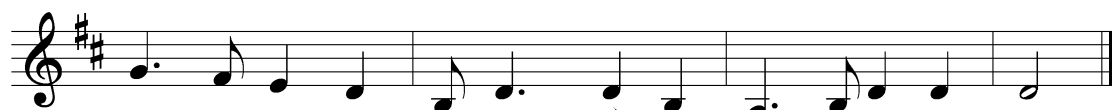
Refrain



And ho - ly is your name through all gen - er -



a - tions! Ev - er - last - ing is your mer - cy to the



peo - ple you have cho - sen, and ho - ly is your name!

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Offering Prayer

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.



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

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.

M: Hold in your care, Lord, those who are experiencing physical and emotional pain and all who are afflicted by disease or facing death. Pour out your compassion on the grieving and comfort the mourners who miss someone they loved.

C: Move us to pray for these brothers and sisters and to help when we can.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

~Silent prayer~

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done



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

on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

The Sacrament

*The pastor and people
 prepare to celebrate
 the Holy Meal by greet-
 ing each other and with
 an exhortation as how
 to celebrate the meal.*

Preface

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)



Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The Sanctus contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

Tune: SEELENBRÄUTIGAM



1 Round God's throne on high blaz-ing an-gels cry, sing-ing,
 2 Blest be Da-vid's Son! In God's name he comes, grace and



"Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, we praise you for your glo - ry,
 par - don to pro-vide us. Sing, "Ho - san - na in the high - est!"



shin - ing bright - ly forth, fill - ing heav'n and earth."
Je - sus, hear our plea: come and set us free!

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Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

C: Amen.



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.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung to tune: CWH 331)



O Lamb of God, you take a - way



the sin of all. Hear us, we pray.



O Lamb of God, our faith in - crease,



and grant us now your gift of peace.



Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God". John the Baptist spoke these words as he pointed to Jesus coming toward him (John 1:29). As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.

Distribution of Sacrament

We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of

sister WELS or ELS congregations may register by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.



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

Hymn: As Angels Joyed with One Accord

CWH 320

1 As an - gels joyed with one ac - cord up - on the
 2 He came, not clothed in maj - es - ty nor pow'r that
 3 This done, he soared to God's right hand, yet or - phaned
 4 In ev - 'ry age— let praise a - bound— he comes; we

ad - vent of our Lord, so let us glad - ly
 suits his de - i - ty. In low - ly state he
 not his cho - sen band, for he, not bound in
 hear his voice re - sound. His glo - rious gos - pel

praise the name of him who from the Fa - ther came.
 walked till he in dy - ing set us cap - tives free.
 grace and pow'r, at - tends his own each day and hour.
 does not cease to bring us com - fort, joy, and peace.

**He comes in water to the child
 and cleanses it, from birth defiled.
 This washing seals his pard'ning grace
 and shows the Father's kindly face.**

**He comes to us in bread and wine
 to give himself and gifts divine.
 O praise him for this sacrament,
 redeeming love's great testament!**

**Lift up your heads! All grief and pain
 shall vanish when he comes again.
 Where we shall see him face to face,
 there joy alone shall have a place.**

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We close the service as we began with the words of Revelation 22:20, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus."

The Dismissal

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Behold, He who was to come has come.

C: We welcome him with thankful hearts.

M: Behold, He who has come is coming again.

C: We wait for him with fervent faith.

M: He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon'

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: The Advent of Our King

CWH 309



1 The ad - vent of our King our prayers must now em - ploy,
2 The ev - er - last - ing Son, in flesh con - tent to be,
6 All glo - ry to the Son, who comes to set us free,



and we must hymns of wel-come sing in strains of ho - ly joy.
him - self a ser-vant's form puts on to set his ser-vants free.
with Fa - ther, Spir - it, ev - er one thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.

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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	December 3	December 10	December 17
Counters	Judy Sasse/ Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan
Communion	Dawn	Shannon	
Church Cleaners	Koutia/Piepenbrink	Gullerud/Kugler	Plitzuweit/Peterson/ Sterns
Ushers	Jon Naber/ Rich Kugler/Kelly Simpson	Brian Ehinger/Jake Ehinger/Trey Ehinger/ Kade Ehinger/Bill Brooks	Dave Goelzer/Karen Goelzer/Michael Ryan/Gary Jeffers
Refreshments	Mary Berggren/ Shannon Gullerud	Kathy Collyard/ Andrea Semmann	Stacey Aguilar/Karen Goelzer/Angela Hall
A/V	Stacy Aguilar/Gus Koutia	Kelly Simpson/Pedro Contreras	Shannon Gullerud/ Aaron Gullerud

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Christmas Caroling

Everyone is invited to come Christmas caroling with us on December 10th. We will be going to Avanti senior Living and shut ins from Cross of Glory. We will meet at Cross of Glory at 12:00pm. (Please eat lunch prior to arriving as food will not be provided)



Voters Meeting

There will be a special voters meeting on Sunday December 10th following the church service at 10:15am. This voters meeting will be held to issue another call for a 5-6th grade teacher.

Advent by Candlelight

There is still room! Cross of Glory will be holding Advent by Candlelight for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on Sunday, December 3rd, at 3PM. Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!



Letter from Pastor Pudlo

Hello Cross of Glory Family,

As my wife and I prepare to move to AZ, we wanted to share a little bit about ourselves.

Background: Even though I was born in Wisconsin, I grew up in Colorado. I have 2 brothers and a sister who all live in the Midwest and my parents currently reside in northern Wisconsin. I spent my vicar year in Las Vegas, so I got a slight foretaste of that wonderful desert heat we will be enjoying for the foreseeable future. My wife grew up in Wisconsin. She attended the University of Wisconsin Madison for her degree in Industrial Engineering and currently works at Andersen Doors and Windows. We have two girls, Josephine (Josie, 2.5 years old) and Zoey (1 year old). And we just found out we have a boy on the way with a due date of April 11.

Hobbies/Interests: Growing up in the mountains of Colorado, I have always enjoyed everything outdoors. I enjoy hunting and fishing, although I have had very little time for it since God blessed us with the beautiful gift of children. I enjoy just about every sport. I have been in recreational soccer, softball/baseball, and volleyball leagues throughout my time in Minnesota. This has been a great way to get to know people in the community. I also enjoy reading in my free time. My wife enjoys cooking and baking and thoroughly enjoys beating me in any kind of board game. She also enjoys playing sports like softball, basketball, and volleyball.

We are very eager to move to Arizona and meet you all. Our move date is still TBD, but will likely be around the New Year. We can't wait to become a part of the church family at Cross of Glory, getting to know you all, and partnering with you in sharing the Gospel with the community. I am visiting Arizona at the end of November and look forward to meeting some of you at that time. If I do not get a chance to meet you then, please come find me and introduce yourself to me when I get there around the New Year. I will be the one with two load girls and a pregnant wife.

In Christ,
Pastor Zac Pudlo

Worship at Cross of Glory

December 16, 10:00 a.m.

December 16, 11:00 a.m.

December 17, 9:00 a.m.

December 24, 9:00 a.m.

December 24, 6:00 p.m.

December 25, 10:00 a.m.

Preschool-K Christmas Service

Live Nativity

K-4 Christmas Service

Jomax Worship Service

Christmas Eve Service

Christmas Day Service



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

John Stevenson, who broke his elbow in a fall.

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.