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# Installation of Pastor Zachary Pudlo January 7, 2024

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Sunday 4pm Worship Service

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.



What do I need a pastor for? I have Jesus, after all—can't I just follow him? A pastor is a shepherd, charged with leading God's flock. More accurately, we could call him an "under-shepherd," working for the Good Shepherd.

Does God's flock *need* a shepherd? What can God's sheep *expect* from their shepherd? What can he expect from *us*? As Cross of Glory installs it's next full-time pastorshepherd, may we see the blessings God gives us through our pastor.

# **VISITOR INFORMATION**

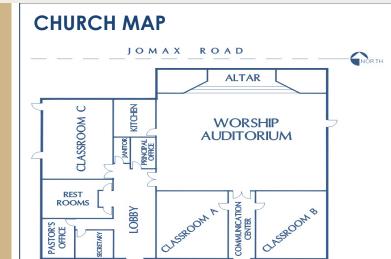
**New to Cross of Glory?** We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service and join us for dinner and fellowship.

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:

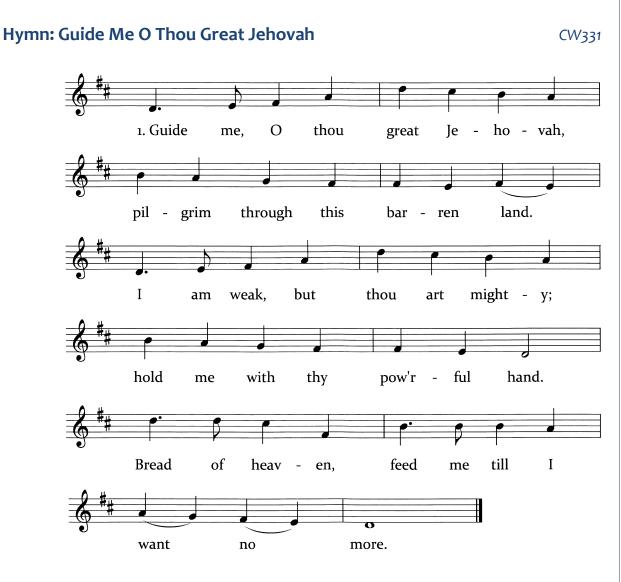
- Using the friendship register at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at church. secretary@crossofglory.org

# 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. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



# A Call to Worship Our Savior



The opening call to worship hymn reminds us that God is the guide and the provider on our journey to the promised land as he was for the Children of Israel. Through his Son, Jesus, and his redeeming work on the cross, the believer's journey's end is heaven.

God has blessed Cross of Glory with a pastor to shepherd us on our earthly journey and do the work of God's church.



Responsive reading is from Ephesians 1.

- M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.
- C: For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight.
- M: In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will.
- C: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- M: When he ascended on high, he led captives in his train and gave gifts to men.
- C: He gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers.

- M: The ascended Jesus prepares God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up, until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.
- C: From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

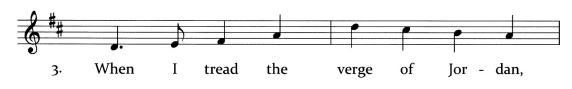
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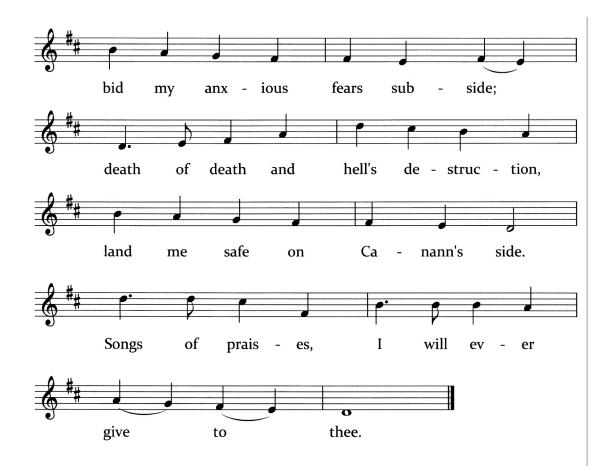


M: Almighty God, look with favor on those whom you have called to minister to your people. Fill them with faithfulness to your truths and clothe them with holiness of life that they may joyfully serve to the glory of your name and for the benefit of your Church; through your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

**Congregation sings:** 





# We Listen to Our God

## **First Reading**

#### Joshua 1:1–9

<sup>1</sup>After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: <sup>2</sup>"Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. <sup>3</sup>I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. <sup>4</sup>Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. <sup>5</sup>No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. <sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

<sup>7</sup>"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. <sup>8</sup>Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful. <sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."



As God gave the Children of Israel Joshua to shepherd them into the promised land, so he gives his church pastors as spiritual leaders over his flocks.

#### This is the Time to be Joyful



With great joy Cross of Glory thanks and praises God for sending a pastor to shepherd this flock. Although our journey forward will undoubtedly face troubles, our joy is sustained because God promises to never forsake us. (Psalm 46; Psalm 68:3)

#### Choir

This is the time to be joyful, let us be joyful as we praise the Lord and bless His holy name. This is the time to be joyful, this is the time to be joyful. So let us praise and bless His holy name, holy name. Come praise the Lord, come praise the Lord and bless His holy name.

This is the time to be joyful, let us be joyful as we praise the Lord and bless His holy name. This is the time to be joyful, let us be joyful. So let us praise the Lord and bless His holy, holy name. Come praise the Lord, come praise the Lord and bless His holy name.

Let us come before the Lord, our help in times of trouble, the One who has sustained our weary souls. For God will not forsake us, nor leave us in our struggle. He will raise us up, God will raise us up to empower us to sing a joyful song.

This is the time to be joyful, let us be joyful as we praise the Lord and bless His holy name. This is the time to be joyful, let us be joyful. So let us praise the Lord and bless His holy, holy name. Come praise the Lord, come praise the Lord and bless His holy name.

This is the time to be joyful. Come praise the Lord and bless His name. This is the time to be joyful, Come praise the Lord and bless His holy name. Come and praise the Lord and bless His holy, His holy name. Words and Music by Pepper Choplin (b. 1957) @2014 Hall Leonard Corp. Used by Permission.

## Psalm 27

(Spoken Responsively, Sung Response (CWH 603))

- M: The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?
- C: The LORD is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?
- M: One thing I ask from the LORD,
- C: this only do I seek:
- M: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
- C: all the days of my life,
- M: to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
- C: and to seek him in his temple.
- M: He will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent

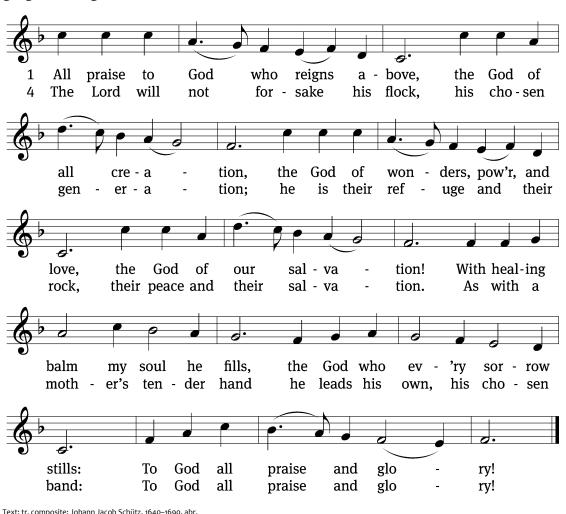


We are again reminded by Psalm 27 that God is ever with us; he will ever provide. C: and set me high upon a rock.

M: I remain confident of this:

- C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.
- M: Wait for the LORD;
- C: be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

#### **Congregation sings:**



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# Gospel

#### Matthew 9:35—10:4

<sup>35</sup>Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. <sup>38</sup>Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

<sup>1</sup>Jesus called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out impure spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

<sup>2</sup>These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon (who is called Peter) and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; <sup>3</sup>Philip and Bartholo-



Jesus had compassion on the people, and he appointed the twelve to demonstrate compassion through their holy ministry. Jesus now sends pastors to churches to minister to his flock.

mew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; <sup>4</sup>Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.



A prayer for the shepherds God sends to care for his sheep.



The shepherds (pastors) should remember and follow the example of The Shepherd. The flock should value highly the love of God for the flock that he sends them such shepherds. If the reward for faithful shepherds is so great, then the love of The Shepherd for his under shepherds must also be very great.



## Sermon

Stand Up and Be Counted

1 Peter 5:1-4, 7-9

<sup>1</sup>To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: <sup>2</sup>Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; <sup>3</sup>not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. <sup>4</sup>And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<sup>8</sup>Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you

know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

# We Respond to God's Love

# **Confession of Faith**

(Spoken Responsively) From the Augsburg Confession, The Apology, and the Smalcald Articles

- M: Wherever the Church is, there is the authority to administer the Gospel. Therefore it is necessary for the Church to retain the authority to call ministers.
- C: And this authority is a gift, which no human power can wrest from the Church.
- M: On account of the Call, ministers represent the person of Christ, and do not represent their own persons, as Christ testifies.
- C: When they offer the Word of God, when they offer the Sacraments, they offer them in the place of Christ.
- M: The ministry of the New Testament is not bound to places and persons, as the Levitical ministry, but it is dispersed through the whole world; neither does this ministry avail on account of the authority of any person, but on account of the Word given by Christ.
- C: Nor does the person of the teacher add anything to this Word; it matters not who is preaching and teaching it.
- M: That we may obtain this faith, the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments was instituted. For through Word and Sacraments, as through instruments, the Holy Spirit is given, who works faith where and when it pleases God.
- C: We believe and practice these truths.

# **Installation of Pastor Zachary Pudlo**

# **Our Pastor Promises to Serve Faithfully**

M: In his great love, our risen and ascended Lord has established the gospel ministry and promises to provide his church with qualified servants to lead his people in carrying out the Great Commission.

Dear brother, the Lord Jesus and this congregation have called you to serve in the pastoral ministry. In keeping with the Word and will of the Lord, I ask you before God and his people:



We read excerpts from Lutheran confessions pertaining to the ministry.



A promise to be a shepherd of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve.

(1 Peter 5:2-3)

Do you believe that the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments are the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice? *I do*.

Do you accept the three Ecumenical Creeds—the Apostles', the Nicene, and the Athanasian—because they are faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors that they condemn? *I do*.

Do you accept the Unaltered Augsburg Confession along with the other confessions in the Book of Concord: the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, and the Formula of Concord, because they are true expositions of the Word of God and correct presentations of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? *I do*.

Do you solemnly promise that all your teaching and your administration of the sacraments will conform to the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions? *I do*.

Are you willing to carry out the work entrusted to you according to the grace that God gives? *I am, and I ask God to help me.* 

Will you endeavor to live a life that reflects the love God has for you so that all may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven? *I will, and I ask God to help me.* 

The almighty God, who has given you the desire to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

# We Promise to Honor and Support Our Pastor

- M: Brothers and sisters, you have heard the promises spoken by the pastor you have called. Now commit to receive him with joy, remembering what the Word of God calls you to do. Will you receive your pastor as a servant of Christ and listen eagerly to the preaching of the Word, receiving it not as the word of men but as the Word of God?
- C: We will, and we ask God to help us.
- M: Will you work together with him for the Lord's kingdom, so that your shared service may bring spiritual blessings to the Savior's people?
- C: We will, and we ask God to help us.
- M: Will you keep him and his work in your prayers, so that his ministry may be blessed and that he may carry out his work with joy?
- C: We will, and we ask God to help us.
- M: Will you provide for his physical needs, for the Savior said, "The worker deserves his wages"? (*Luke 10:7; 1 Timothy 5:18*)
- C: We will, and we ask God to help us.
- M: The almighty and merciful God strengthen you to do what you have promised.



A promise from the congregation to support his efforts and to serve along side him in the work of the church.

## **Our New Pastor Is Installed**

M: Zachary Pudlo, I install you as pastor at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Lord pour out on you his Holy Spirit for the work you have been called to do that you may faithfully carry out all your duties and responsibilities with the Word of God as your confidence and guide.

Pastors participating each offer an appropriate Bible passage and blessing.

#### Hymn: Before You I Kneel

CWH 735



A prayer from the pastor and congregation to God to use our talents and treasures in the work of his kingdom.

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: Ι will re ioice and be glad la - bor; for thorns in path. your grace mv king - dom in 'ry small and great task. ev for the strength I live and breathe, for have to each liv Flow with - in me like - ing stream; а wear a -May we live the gos - pel of vour grace. serve your skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - poryour ways are dwell-ing way the stones of pride and greed, till pur - pose in our fleet - ing days, then our lives will bring e tu ni ties that will glo - ri - fy vour great name. har-vest of deep in me and а life is grown. ter - nal praise and all glo - rv to vour name. great

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#### (Spoken by Minister)

# **Closing Prayer**



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.



This ending anthem is a final reminder of God's infinite love for the world revealed through Christ's sacrifice on the cross. We pray our mission at Cross of Glory continues to be to share this gift of love with our community and the world.

# M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## (Spoken by Minister)

M: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD Look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

#### Ensemble

Blessing

#### The Glory of the Cross

What wisdom once devised the plan where all our sin and pride was placed upon the perfect Lamb who suffered, bled, and died? The wisdom of a Sovereign God whose greatness will be shown when those who crucified your Son rejoice around your throne.

Refrain:

And, oh, the glory of the cross; that you would send your Son for us! I gladly count my life as loss that I might come to know the glory of, the glory of the cross.

What righteousness was there revealed that sets the guilty free, that justifies ungodly men and calls the filthy clean? A righteousness that proved to all your justice has been met, and holy wrath is satisfied through one atoning death. (Refrain)

~Interlude~

What mercy now has been proclaimed for those who would believe, a love incomprehensible, our minds could not conceive? A mercy that forgives my sin and makes me like your Son, and now I'm loved forevermore because of what you've done. (Refrain x2)

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