

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Epiphany 5**  
**Sunday, February 4, 2024**

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***Sunday 9am Worship***

Pastor Zachary Pudlo

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# WELCOME to our worship center

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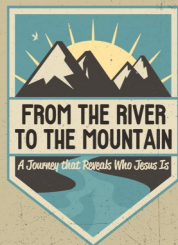
*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

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



"Epiphany" comes from a Greek word that means "reveal." Today, if someone says, "I had an epiphany," he means he had some extremely important, life-changing revelation. Within the Church Year, that is the purpose of the season of Epiphany—to reveal important truths about Jesus Christ, truths that will indeed change your life. For most of his adult life, Jesus was known simply as Mary's son. He followed his adoptive father, Joseph, into the carpentry business. People in his hometown of Nazareth probably thought of Jesus as a very nice man—hardworking, honest, a role model for others. (That is still how many think of Jesus today.) But around the age of thirty, the fuller truth about Jesus began to be revealed: his person, his power, his purpose.

The biggest epiphany took place at a mountain, where select followers saw Jesus shining brighter than the sun. All these epiphanies—all these revelations about Jesus—changed the lives of everyone around him. In this season of Epiphany, as we follow Jesus from the river to the mountain, may they change us too.

Today's theme is **"The Devil's Work Undone"**. Martin Luther once said, "Where God built a church, there the devil would also build a chapel." Satan and the other demons hate God. They demonstrate hatred by hurting those that God loves in any way they can. The epiphany Christ wants us to have is this: demons are real, they are plentiful, and they are dangerous. But Christ would also have us see that he is continually undoing the devil's work. More, through his Word, Christ Jesus gives us the power to resist the devil and stand firm in the faith.

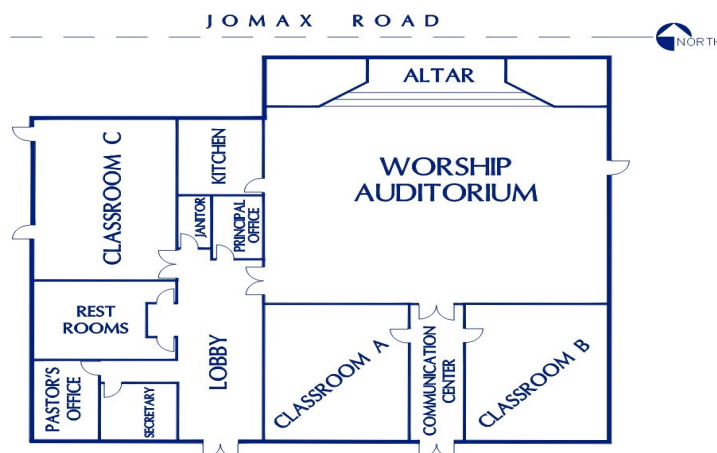
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 and 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!

# The Service and Lord's Supper

## Opening Hymn: The God of Abraham Praise

CWH 613



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 The God of A-br'ham praise, who reigns en-throned a - bove,  
2 The God of A-br'ham praise, at whose su - preme com-mand  
3 The God of A-br'ham praise, whose all - suf - fi - cient grace  
4 He by him-self has sworn; I on his oath de - pend.



An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days and God of love.  
from earth I rise and seek the joys at his right hand.  
shall guide me all my pil - grim days in all my ways.  
I shall, on ea - gle wings up - borne, to heav'n as - cend.



Je - ho - vah, great I AM, by earth and heav'n con - fessed,  
I all on earth for - sake, its wis - dom, fame, and pow'r,  
He deigns to call me friend; he calls him - self my God.  
I shall be - hold his face; I shall his pow'r a - dore



I bow and bless the sa - cred name for - ev - er blest.  
and him my on - ly por - tion make, my shield and tow'r.  
And he shall save me to the end through Je - sus' blood.  
and sing the won - ders of his grace for - ev - er - more.

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## Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

## Confession

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just  
and will forgive us our sins  
and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father,  
I am sinful by nature  
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.



We call upon God to be  
present with us. We  
worship the triune God,  
remembering our Bap-  
tism in his name.



"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.



The title of this prayer is "Kyrie" in Greek meaning "O Lord". It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength.

I have not loved you with my whole heart;  
I have not loved others as I should.  
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.  
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins  
with his innocent suffering and death.  
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## Absolution

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.**

## Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

# Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: CWH742

Tune: MISSIONARY HYMN



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,  
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!  
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.

Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;  
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,

we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.  
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

## The Word

### Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; 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.

### First Reading

Isaiah 40:27–31

<sup>27</sup>Why do you complain, Jacob?  
Why do you say, Israel,  
“My way is hidden from the LORD;  
my cause is disregarded by my God”?  
<sup>28</sup>Do you not know?  
Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.



When the devil's temptations make us tired and accusations make us weary, the LORD promises to renew our strength.

<sup>29</sup>He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.  
<sup>30</sup>Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
<sup>31</sup>but those who hope in the LORD  
will renew their strength.  
They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

## Choir

### 10,000 Reasons

Word and Music by Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman  
Arrange by Lloyd Larson

## The Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

1 Peter 5:6–11

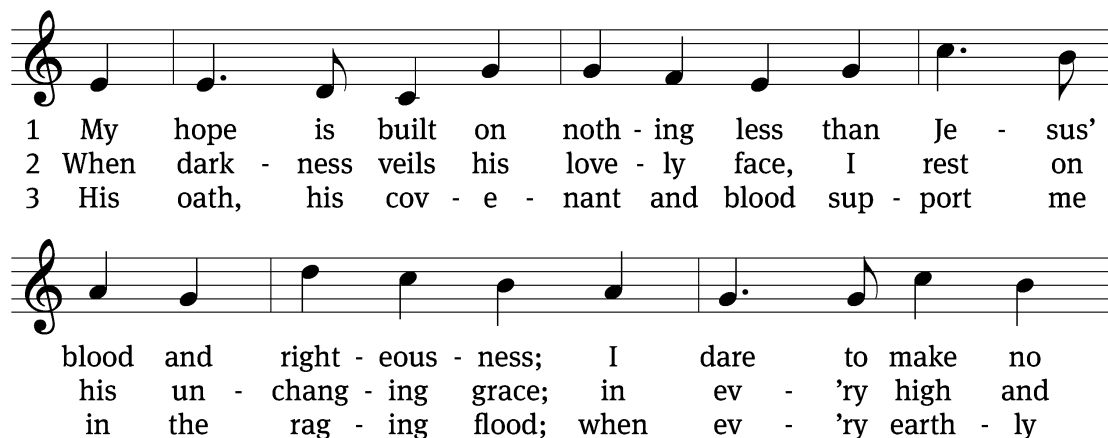
<sup>6</sup>Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. <sup>7</sup>Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

<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.

<sup>10</sup>And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. <sup>11</sup>To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

## Hymn of the Day: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CWH 563



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus'  
2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on  
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me

blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no  
his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and  
in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly



Our enemy the devil  
may stalk us like a hun-  
gry lion hunting prey,  
but the God of all grace  
cares for us and promis-  
es deliverance.



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





oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.



On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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## Sermon

## Get Out of the Boat

Matthew 14:22-33

<sup>22</sup>Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. <sup>23</sup>After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

<sup>25</sup>Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. <sup>26</sup>When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

<sup>27</sup>But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

<sup>28</sup>"Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."

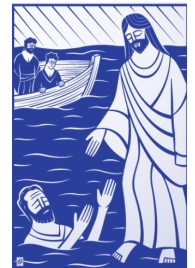
<sup>29</sup>"Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

<sup>30</sup>But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

<sup>31</sup>Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

<sup>32</sup>And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. <sup>33</sup>Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



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).



## The Nicene Creed

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

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

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: **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**

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.

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.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: 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.



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: The People Who Walked in Darkness

CWH 382

1 The peo - ple who walked in dark - ness a - wak - en to  
 3 The yoke of de - spair and bond - age, the chains and the  
 5 How vast is our God's do - min - ion! How far truth and

see a great light. The peo - ple who dwelt in the  
 slave - mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like  
 mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -

land of the shad - ow rise to a star shin - ing bright.  
 dust in a wind - storm loosed by the jus - tice of God.  
 com - plish its pur - pose: jus - tice shall reign with - out end.

*Refrain*

His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,  
 Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace. Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or,





Al-might-y God, Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

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

## Adult Confirmation

VanPoppelens

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

## The Sacrament

## 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, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

*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)*

*The pastor and people get ready to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal.*

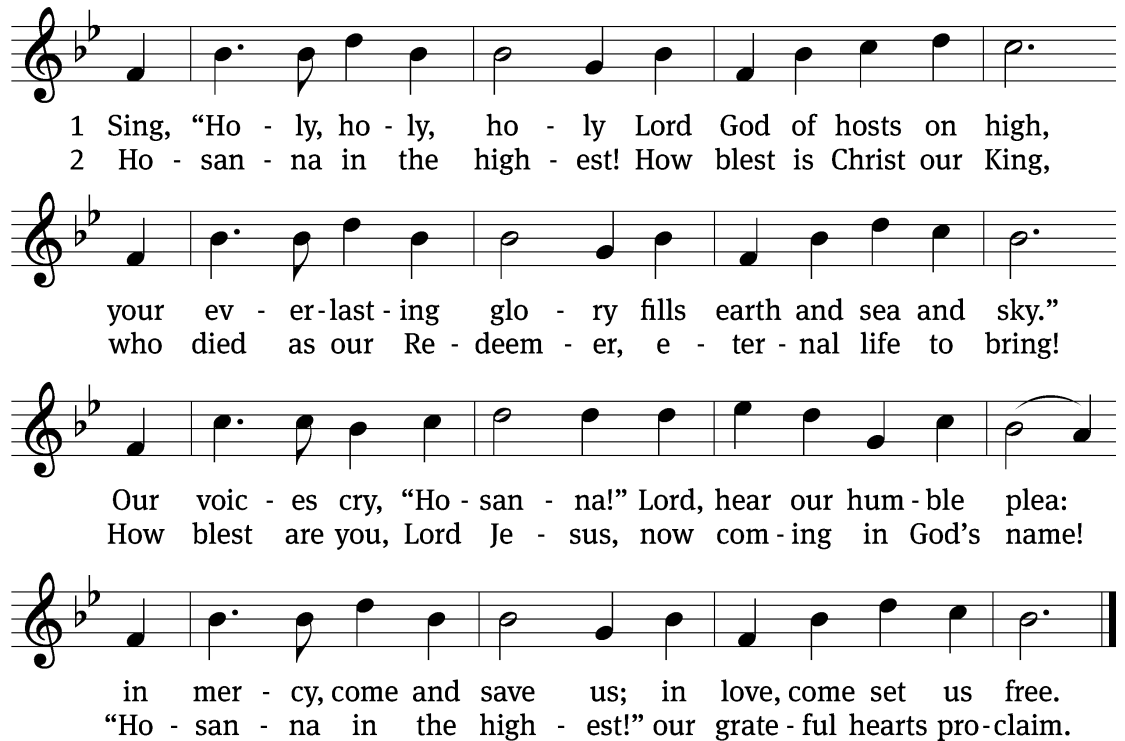


*Sanctus* is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The *Sanctus* contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

## Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Tune: CWH 872

Tune: WEBB



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,  
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,  
 your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."  
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!  
 Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:  
 How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!  
 in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.  
 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

**M:** We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## 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.**



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

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 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

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.



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.

## O Christ, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

Tune: CWH407

Tune: HAMBURG

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a  
 2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled  
 cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you  
 sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will  
 took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.  
 nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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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 es-

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



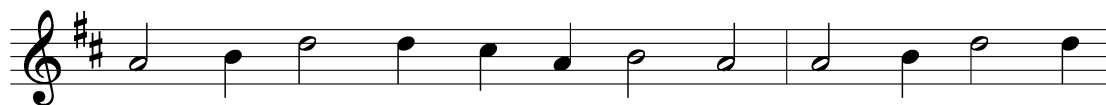
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -  
 2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with  
 3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther  
 4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with



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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*We offer our thanks  
and express our faith  
in what God has  
done for us and has  
promised to do for  
us in the future.*

## Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**C:** **his mercy endures forever.**

**M:** Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

**C:** **we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.  
We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Blessing

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.

C: 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.*

## Closing Hymn: Abide, O Dearest Jesus

CWH 924



1 A - bide, O dear - est Je - sus, a - mong us with your grace  
5 A - bide with your pro - tec - tion a - mong us, Lord, our strength,  
6 A - bide, O faith - ful Sav - ior, a - mong us with your love;



that Sa - tan may not harm us nor we to sin give place.  
lest world and Sa - tan fell us and o - ver - come at length.  
grant stead-fast-ness and help us to reach our home a - bove.

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Josua Stegmann, 1588–1632  
Tune: Melchior Vulpus, c. 1570–1615  
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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

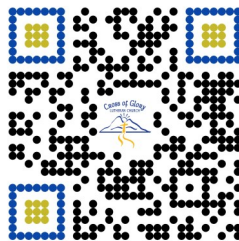
Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

## Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	February 4	February 11	February 18
Counters	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy/Harry Novak
Communion	Dawn		Sharon
Church Cleaners	Martins/Pappenfuss/Cape	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams
Ushers	Chris Patterson/Isaac Patterson/Titus Patterson/Grant Stern	Pedro Contreras/Tanner Plizuweit/Michael Radue	Cody Hall/Joel Ditter
Refreshments	Linda Stern/Brie Cape	Rene Koutia	Stacey Aguilar/Karen Goelzer
A/V	Kelly Simpson/Pedro Contreras	Titus Patterson/Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud/Aaron Gullerud

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

***Diane Lawrence**, who recently broke her ankle and is recovering from surgery.*

***Norm Voigt**, as he continues treatments.*

***Velta Larson**, as she recovers from eye surgery & is now recovering from a broken pelvis.*

***Angela Hall**, who will be having surgery for a total ankle replacement.*

**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.