

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Transfiguration Sunday**  
***Sunday, February 11, 2024***

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10111 W Jomax Road

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***Sunday 9am Worship***

Pastor Zachary Pudlo

Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

# WELCOME to our worship center

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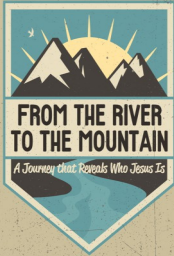
*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

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



Today's theme for Transfiguration Sunday is **"A Glimpse of His True Glory"**. We began this worship series in the Jordan River. At his baptism, Jesus heard his Father's glorious voice: "You are my Son, whom I love" (Mark 1:11). From that day, in word and deed, Jesus began to reveal more about himself. He demonstrated the extent of his authority and power and love. Along the way, we had an epiphany. Jesus has to be the very Son of God! Yet, Jesus looked so normal, like an ordinary carpenter or your average rabbi or just another prophet. Until today. We have traveled from the river to the mountain. Today, on the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus gives us a glimpse of his true glory.

As we see him in his dazzling brilliance, the Father speaks again, this time to us: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" This final epiphany prepares us for the journey of Lent where we will witness the most glorious work that Jesus would do when he came down from this mountain.

Following the blessing at the end of the service, we will observe the rite for **"Farewell to Alleluia"**. With this rite we symbolically omit the alleluias for the season of Lent as we too prepare for the solemn journey to our Savior's Cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian Church has omitted its most jubilant songs during this season, including the song Alleluia, which means, 'Praise the Lord.' Now for a time we shall say farewell to Alleluia. With this we prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent."

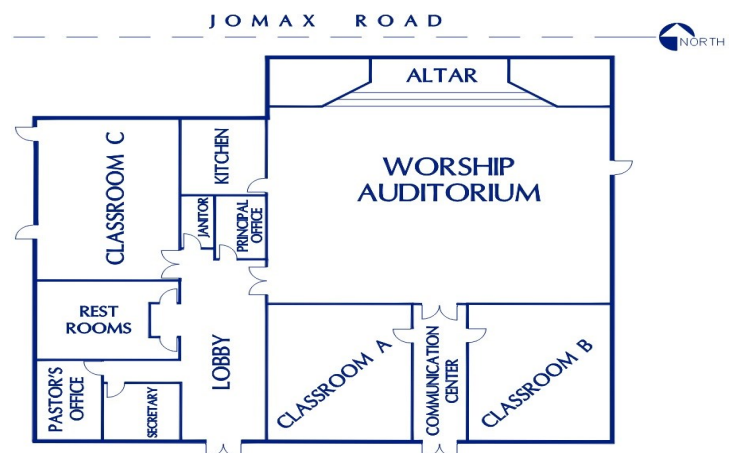
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

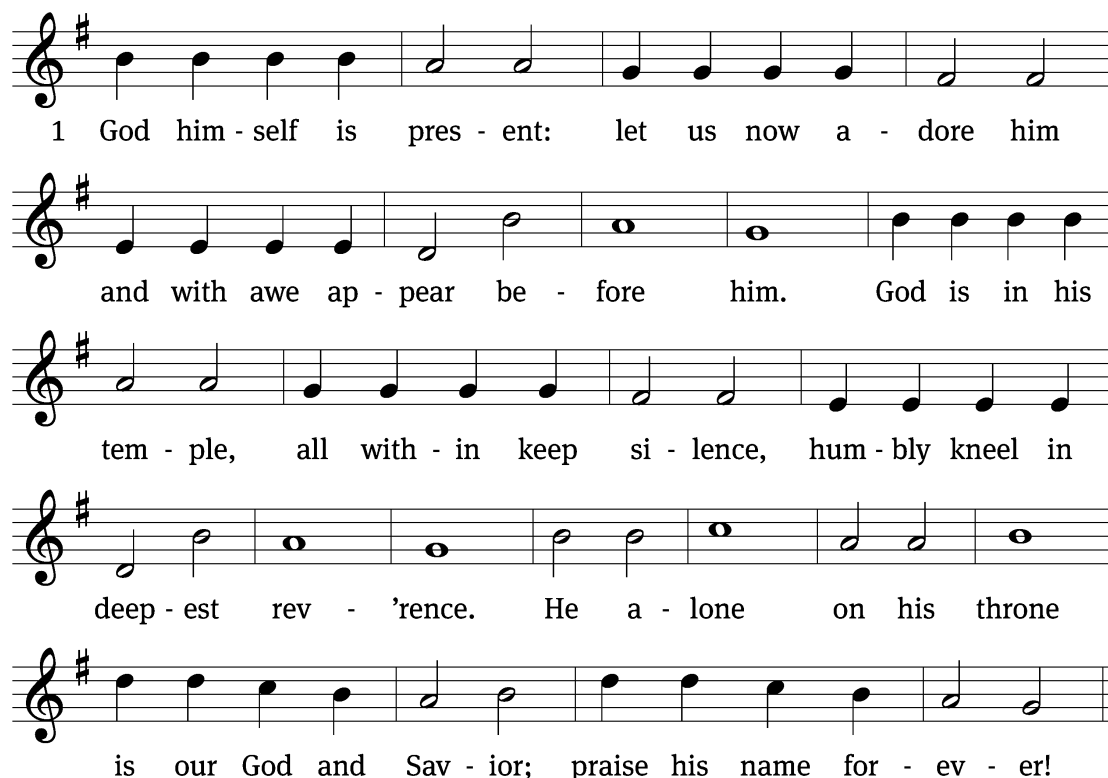
## Call to Worship

(Spoken/Sung Responsively (CWH917))

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

C: Amen.

### Sung by Congregation:



1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him  
and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his  
tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in  
deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne  
is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!

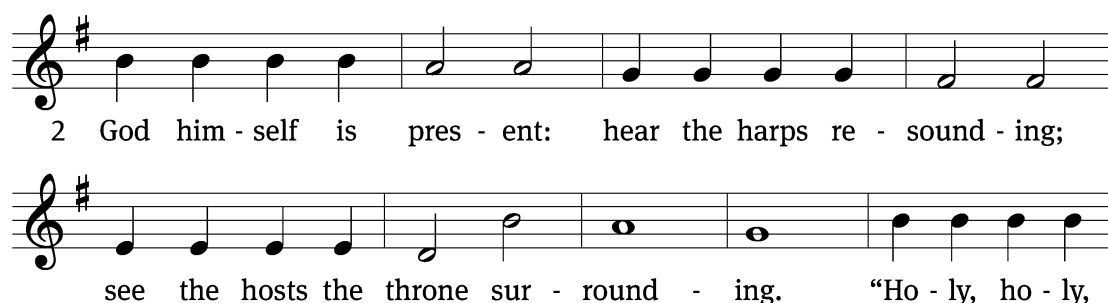
M: As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. (Luke 9:29)

C: Lord, it is good for us to be here! (Matthew 17:4)

M: This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him.  
(Matt.17:5)

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

### Sung by Congregation:

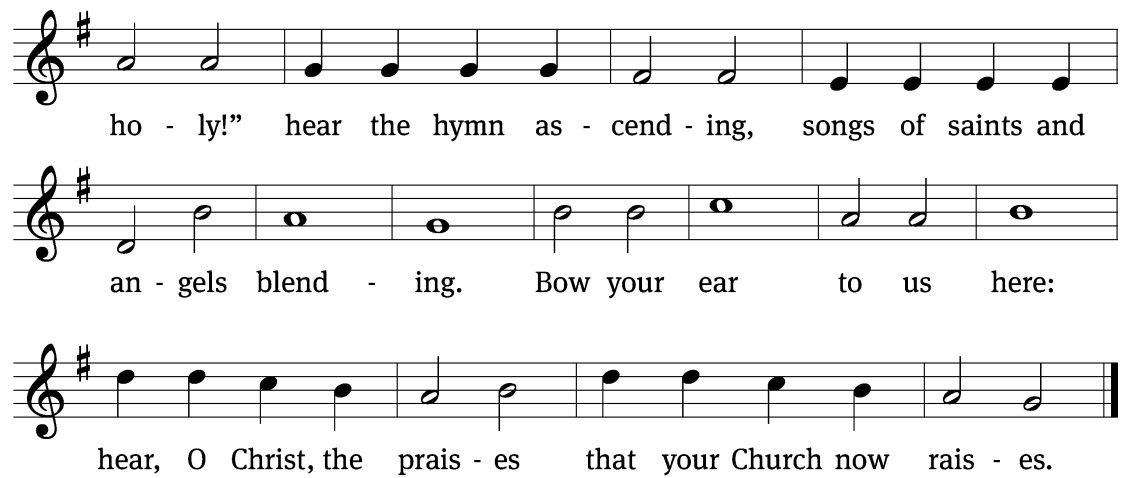


2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;  
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. On this day as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus, we are reminded of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God on that mount long ago, and in his presence in our worship service today.

We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.  
(John 1:14)



ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and  
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:  
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.

M: And we have the word of the prophets made more certain—like a light shining in a dark place. (*II Peter 1:19*) On this day of celebrating the transfiguration of our Lord Jesus—as a testimony to his divine approval of all he said and did, and as a reminder of the glorious transfiguration of our own bodies on the Last Day when we trust in his redeeming work—we worship in the name of the Father, who spoke his approval and love of his Son on the Mount, the Son, whose radiance showed his heavenly glory, and the Holy Spirit, whose inspiration of Scripture verifies the divine testimony of Jesus.

C: Amen.

*Sung by Congregation:*



3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,  
 trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly  
 an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -  
 ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise  
 rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

Text: tr. John Miller, 1756–1790, alt.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835; Gerhard Tersteegen, 1697–1769, abr.  
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## 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.  
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.**



*"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)*

## 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.**

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord our King:

*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.*

## Hymn of Praise: How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CWH 389



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;  
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,  
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king-dom come;  
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.  
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes-sen-gers of old.  
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.  
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt. Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.  
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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



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.

## Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

**M:** O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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 prophet Elijah never tasted death but instead was taken directly to heaven. On the Mount of Transfiguration Elijah appeared with the glorious Son of God who would taste death.

## First Reading

2 Kings 2:1–12a

<sup>1</sup>When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.”

But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel.

<sup>3</sup>The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “so be quiet.”

<sup>4</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho.

<sup>5</sup>The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?”

“Yes, I know,” he replied, “so be quiet.”

<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.”

And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on.

<sup>7</sup>Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?”

“Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied.

<sup>10</sup>“You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.”

<sup>11</sup>As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. <sup>12</sup>Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!”

## Choir

### This is My Beloved Son

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

## The Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3–6

<sup>3</sup>And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup>For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.



We cannot yet physically see what those disciples saw on the Mount of Transfiguration. But St. Paul teaches we can still see the glory of Christ's light in the gospel.

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Alleluia. (Mark 9:7b)



A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17



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

## Sermon Hymn: I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

CWH 713

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to  
 3 I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of Right - eous - ness,  
 be with Je - sus. When we have run with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The night and the  
 day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the  
 cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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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

Mark 9:2-9

<sup>2</sup>After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. <sup>3</sup>His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them.

<sup>4</sup>And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus.

<sup>5</sup>Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup>(He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.)

<sup>7</sup>Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!"

<sup>8</sup>Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Song of the Season: The People Who Walked in Darkness

CWH 382

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

*The people who walked in darkness  
awaken to see a great light.  
The people who dwelt in the land of the shadow  
rise to a star shining bright.*

Refrain:

*His name is Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,  
Father forever, Prince of Peace.  
Wonderful, Counselor, Almighty God,  
Father forever, Prince of Peace.*



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Apostles' Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.



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:



2 For God has en - larged the na - tion and pros - pered the  
 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

fruit of its land. God's peo - ple are blest with the  
 slave - mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like  
 mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -

har - vest of vic - t'ry, gift from a boun - ti - ful hand.  
 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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The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people". (1 Timothy 2:1)

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

## Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

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

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

## The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

**Our Father in heaven,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come,**



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.



As we prepare our hearts for Jesus' death, we willingly quiet our joy. Lent is a season of repentance and sorrow over sin. Alleluias return on Easter morning when we celebrate Christ's victory over death and sin. Because Christianity brings us to a greater understanding of our own sin and mortality, it also provides us with a deep and profound joy in Christ.

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.

## Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## 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.

## Farewell to Alleluia

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response CWH 977-Tune: CWH 672)

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

***Sung by Congregation:***

**Alleluia, song of triumph, sound of joy that cannot die;  
alleluia is the anthem ever dear to choirs on high;  
saints adorned in robes of glory join the great angelic cry.**

**Alleluia we are singing, voicing hymns in pure accord,  
with Christ's holy Church united, justified, redeemed, restored,  
and with all his faithful people raise our songs to praise the Lord.**

**Alleluia cannot always be our song while here below;  
alleluia our transgressions make us for a while forgo.  
For the solemn time is coming when our tears for sin must flow.**

**May our hymns be filled with longing—hear us, Holy Trinity—  
as we look to your blest Easter, here, and then eternally,  
when we shall once more be singing alleluia joyfully!**

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## Ways to Serve

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>February 11</b>	<b>February 18</b>	<b>February 25</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy/Harry Novak	Judy Sasse/Susie Cornell
<b>Communion</b>		Sharon	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams	Patterson
<b>Ushers</b>	Pedro Contreras/ Tanner Plizuweit/ Michael Radue	Cody Hall/Joel Ditter	Len Collyard/Nick Nickolai/Steve Semmann/Sharon Wilson
<b>Refreshments</b>	Rene Koutia	Stacey Aguilar/Karen Goelzer	Clara Naber/Connie Sauer
<b>A/V</b>	Titus Patterson/Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud/ Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson/Isaac Patterson

## Call Information

Kim and Paul Pappenfuss announced this week that they are moving back to the Midwest after the end of this school year. We thank them for their years of faithful service here at CoG and ask God to bless them in their adventures near family in the Midwest. This week and next week the Board of Education and church council will be meeting to discuss some options for filling her position starting next fall. A voter's meeting has been scheduled for February 18th to call for 5-6th grade homeroom teacher and potentially call to fill the position in the 7-8th grade room. Please pray that God blesses us with the right people as we seek to fill those positions. Please also keep Betsy Collins in your prayers also as she holds the call to teach at CoG again next year.

## Mediation Renewal/Subscription Information Needed

It is that time of year again where we need to renew our Mediations Daily Devotional subscription. The cost is \$20.00 for the year. Please let Liz if you would like the regular or large print, and the money is due by February 25th. You can email Liz at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org).



# GOD ON TRIAL

The Lenten season will start this Wednesday. This year's theme is "**God on Trial**." As in years past, we will have a soup supper served at 6:00 p.m. The service will follow at 7:00 p.m. Please use the QR Code below to sign up for the soup supper.

February 14: God on Trial: Misconceptions (Pastor Zac Pudlo, pastor at Cross of Glory, Peoria)

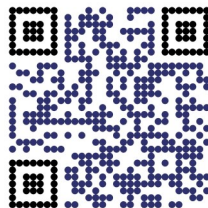
February 21: God on Trial: Truth (Pastor John Sprain, pastor at Shepherd of the Valley, Surprise)

February 28: God on Trial: Sympathy (Pastor Rich Kugler, retired pastor from Cross of Glory, Peoria)

March 6: God on Trial: Accusations (Pastor Robert Smith, pastor at Our Savior, Sun City)

March 13: God on Trial: Restraint (Pastor Mark Jacobson, pastor at Grace, Glendale)

March 20: God on Trial: Testimony (Pastor Lincoln Albrecht, pastor at River of Life, Goodyear)





## Meet the person behind the pulpit

**I would love to get to know all the Cross of Glory members. Let's get together informally for a visit. We could meet at church, I could come visit you at your house, or I would be happy to treat for coffee. Please select the date, time, and location of your choosing. Please use the QR provided below to sign up.**



**Pastor Pudlo**

## Pictorial Directory Pictures

United Portraits will be coming to Cross of Glory on Sunday, February 25, to get updated photos of our members for a pictorial directory. Pictorial directories as well as personal photos will be available for purchase. Please avoid wearing green for best results.

## Meal Train for Hall Family

Please use the QR code below to sign up to provide a meal for the Hall family. Angela will be having surgery for a total ankle replacement.



**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 is hospitalized due to a fall.*

***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.*

***Fran Fidel**, who has shingles.*

**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.