

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Ash Wednesday
Wednesday, February 14, 2024

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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Zachary Pudlo
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of



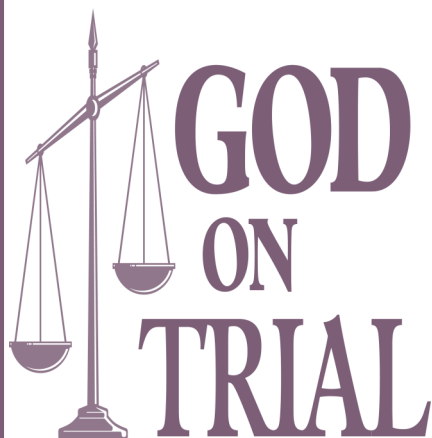
God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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.

Worship Focus



The unbelieving world has always insisted on putting God on trial. As our society becomes more secular, we Christians are increasingly aware of the many ways in which God—and his people—are judged. Temptations are many in this environment: treating unbelievers as enemies, retreating from the world, even questioning God ourselves. How do we live as people of God in this hostile world? We find our model—and our motivation—in Jesus. This series takes us back to the moments when God was literally on trial before men in the person of Christ. In these inspired episodes, we find forgiveness for us and all people, love for our enemies, strength for our faith, and courage to testify to the truth.

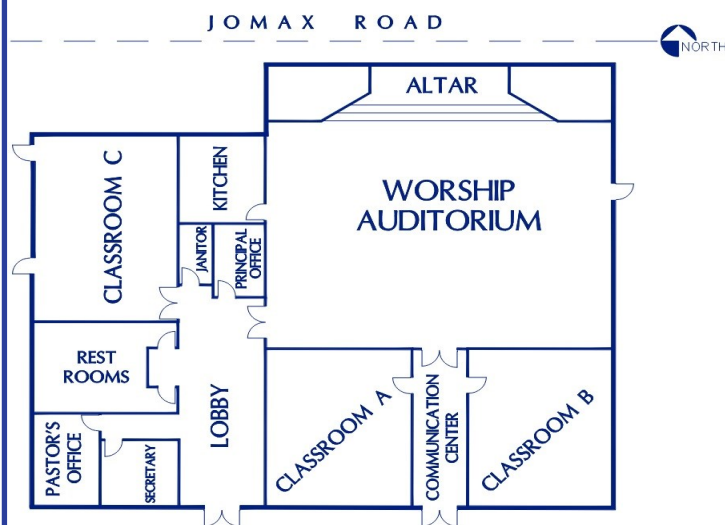
VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today!

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.

Opening Hymn: Sweet the Moments, Rich in Blessing

CWH 400



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 Sweet the mo - ments, rich in bless - ing, which be -
2 Here we rest in won - der, view - ing all our
3 Here we find the dawn of heav - en while up -
4 Oh, that, near the cross a - bid - ing, we may

fore the cross we spend, life and health and
sins on Je - sus laid; here we see re -
on the cross we gaze, see our tres - pass -
to the Sav - ior cleave, naught with him our

peace pos - sess - ing from the sin - ner's dy - ing friend.
demp - tion flow - ing from the sac - ri - fice he made.
es for - giv - en, and our songs of tri - umph raise.
hearts di - vid - ing, all for him con - tent to leave!

Text: alt. Walter Shirley, 1725–1786; James Allen, 1734–1804

Tune: Erbaulicher Musicalischer Christen-Schatz, Basel, 1745, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden.

C: Amen.

C: I confess that I am by nature sinful.

I am guilty of many sins.

I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.

For all this I am sorry. I pray for forgiveness.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.

M: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: By the authority of Christ, I forgive you 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 disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.



The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word “Psalm” comes from the Greek and means “a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument.”



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



Each week during the midweek Lent services, the minister reads from the Bible a portion of Jesus’ Passion history. The readings take us through the events of Holy Week—from Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion on the cross.

Psalm 2

(Read Responsively)

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: and the peoples plot in vain?

M: The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the LORD

C: and against his Anointed.

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: the Lord scoffs at them.

M: He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy mountain.”

M: I will proclaim the LORD’s decree:

C: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, keep us safe in the refuge of your anointed Son, so that when the nations rage against him, we are not terrified. You have begotten him from eternity and have seated him on your throne in heaven. Let us see him as he truly is, the One who lives and rules with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Passion History

The Passover and the Lord’s Supper



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



1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
 2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
 4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!
 6 What grace is this? How can it be?



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
 would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
 he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
 With com - mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin - less
 He wears this raw hu - mil - i - ty to lift me



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
 road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
 Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
 Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.
 to e - ter - ni - ty. Such grace—sweet grace— for me.

Text: Laurie F. Gauger, b. 1965 Tune: G. A. Hennig, b. 1966

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Sermon

Misconceptions

Luke 23:1–12

¹Then the whole assembly rose and led him off to Pilate. ²And they began to accuse him, saying, “We have found this man subverting our nation. He opposes payment of taxes to Caesar and claims to be Messiah, a king.”

³So Pilate asked Jesus, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

“You have said so,” Jesus replied.

⁴Then Pilate announced to the chief priests and the crowd, “I find no basis for a charge against this man.”

⁵But they insisted, “He stirs up the people all over Judea by his teaching. He started in Galilee and has come all the way here.”

⁶On hearing this, Pilate asked if the man was a Galilean. ⁷When he learned that Jesus was under Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him to Herod, who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

⁸When Herod saw Jesus, he was greatly pleased, because for a long time he had been wanting to see him. From what he had heard about him, he hoped to see him perform a sign of some sort. ⁹He plied him with many questions, but Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰The chief priests and the teachers of the law were standing there, vehemently accusing him. ¹¹Then Herod and his soldiers ridiculed and mocked him. Dressing him



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



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

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



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.

in an elegant robe, they sent him back to Pilate. ¹²That day Herod and Pilate became friends—before this they had been enemies.

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 Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

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

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 unto the Lord.

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

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

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.

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 Cor. 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: Jesus, I Will Ponder Now

CWH 420



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



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis - tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
3 Yet, O Lord, not thus a - lone make me see your pas - sion,
4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
but its cause to me make known and its ter - mi - na - tion.
let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,
Ah! I al - so and my sin wrought your deep af - flic - tion;
How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.
how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
this in - deed the cause has been of your cru - ci - fix - ion.
since for me God's on - ly Son suf-fered with - out mea - sure?

**If my sins give me alarm and my conscience grieve me,
let your cross my fear disarm, peace of conscience give me.
Help me see forgiveness won by your holy passion.
If for me he slays his Son, God must have compassion!**



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. The congregation responds with Psalm 67:7.

Graciously my faith renew; help me bear my crosses,
learning humbleness from you, peace mid pain and losses.
May I give you love for love! Hear me, O my Savior,
that I may in heav'n above sing your praise forever.

Text: tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.; Sigmund von Birken, 1626–1681
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Blessing

(Spoken Responsively)

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.
Amen.

Closing Hymn: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

CWH 789

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings
2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle
of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine
as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious
own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,
at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose
the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -
and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more
self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.
vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.

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