

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Lent 1
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Sunday 9am Worship

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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.

Today's Worship Focus

Rethinking Religion

Everyone has assumptions about God. Likewise, everyone has assumptions about religion. Increasingly, those assumptions are negative. Americans are walking away from Christianity in breathtaking numbers. It raises the question. How do those people know if their assumptions about religion are correct? Do they really understand Christianity at all? Do we? Do we truly understand this religion? In the season of Lent, as much as any other, Jesus teaches things that turns the world's assumptions about religion completely upside down. We call it "Christianity." So, in this holy season, let us go straight to Christ and let him replace assumptions with truth. Jesus, help us to rethink religion!

Our theme this week is "**Rethinking Trials, Tests, and Temptations**". If God loves us, why doesn't he remove all the trials and tests and temptations that we face?" That question demonstrates the religious assumption that those things are bad. They aren't. In the hands of a loving God, they are tools by which he refines our faith. He uses tests as a way to compel us to be less self-reliant, and instead trust in his strength. He uses trials to teach us that this broken world is not our true home. God even takes Satan's temptations and uses them for our good. Trials, tests, and temptations are not exceptions to God's love. That's a false assumption! These are examples of God's love. Proof is that God allowed his beloved Son Jesus to face trials and temptations, so that he might be our perfect savior and substitute.

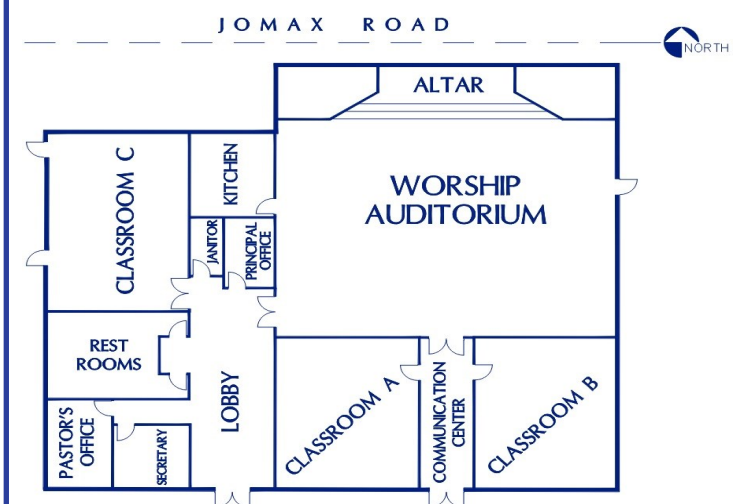
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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!

Service Setting 3 and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: Now Bless the God of Israel

CWH 973



1 Now bless the God of Is - ra - el, who comes in love and
2 Re - mem - ber - ing the cov - e - nant, God res - cues us from
3 In ten - der mer - cy God will send the Day - spring from on
pow'r, who rais - es from the roy - al house de -
fear, that we might serve in ho - li - ness and
high, our ris - ing sun, the light of life for
liv - 'rance in this hour. Through ho - ly proph - ets
peace from year to year; and you, my child, shall
those who sit and sigh. God comes to guide our
God has sworn to free us from a - larm, to
go be - fore to preach, to proph - e - sy, that
way to peace, that death shall reign no more. Sing
save us from the heav - y hand of all who wish us harm.
all may know the ten - der love, the grace of God Most High.
prais - es to the Ho - ly One! O wor - ship and a - dore!

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.



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)



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.



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

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and

peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the

Most High, Je - sus Christ. with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the

high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on

earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

The Word

Prayer of the Day

M: Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; 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

Genesis 22:1–18

¹Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

²Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you."

³Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. ⁴On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. ⁵He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you."

⁶Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, ⁷Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?"

"Yes, my son?" Abraham replied.

"The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?"

⁸Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together.

⁹When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. ¹¹But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!"

"Here I am," he replied.

¹²"Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son."



God gives Abraham a test which will demonstrate who Abraham loves and trusts most.

¹³Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”

¹⁵The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time ¹⁶and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, ¹⁷I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, ¹⁸and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”



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.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 25B



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.
 2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days

Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.
 to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.

Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;
 When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,

for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.
 to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

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The proof of God's love is not that he removes all our trouble. The proof of God's love is that he gave us his Son. If he did that, nothing can separate us from God's love.

Second Reading

Romans 8:31–39

³¹What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the

love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long;
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children's Sermon

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

Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

CWH 404



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



1 Je - sus, grant that balm and heal - ing in your ho - ly
2 Should some lust or sharp temp - ta - tion fas - ci - nate my
4 Ev - 'ry wound that pains or grieves me by your wounds, Lord,



wounds I find, ev - 'ry hour that I am feel - ing pains of
sin - ful mind, let me think a - bout your pas - sion, and new
is made whole; when I'm weak, your cross re - lives me, grant - ing



bod - y and of mind. Should some e - vil thought with - in
cour - age I shall find. Or should Sa - tan press me hard,
new life to my soul. Yes, your com - fort ren - ders sweet



tempt my treach - 'rous heart to sin, show the per - il,
let me then be on my guard, say - ing, "Christ for
ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; for your all - a -



and from sin - ning keep me ere its first be - gin - ning.
me was wound - ed," that the tempt - er flee con - found - ed.
ton - ing pas - sion has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.

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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).



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.

Sermon

Mark 1:12–15

¹²At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, ¹³and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.

¹⁴After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵“The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

Nicene Creed

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

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Song of the Season: To My Precious Lord

CWH 542

Soloist sings Vs. 1 and 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3

Refrain:

*To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil;
kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.*

*Jesus, who for my sake walked the road to Calvary,
with each step has marked the imprint of his love for me. (Refrain)*

*Jesus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,
with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heavy cost.*

Congregation sings:

Refrain

To my pre-cious Lord I bring my flask of fra-grant oil;
kneel-ing down, I kiss his feet, a - noint them with the oil.

3 When in clouds of glo - ry you come back to earth a - gain,

Refrain
Je - sus, with your love, em - brace and claim me as your friend.

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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.

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.

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

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 Sacrament

The pastor and people prepare 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.

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

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

Word 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."



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.

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.

Lamb of God Agnus Dei

(Sung by Congregation)

The musical score is written on a single staff in treble clef. It begins with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a common time signature (C). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; Grant us your peace. A - men." The score ends with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; Grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution of Sacrament

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.*



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



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
me re - main - ing. My fears in-creased till sheer de - spair left
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

He spoke to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.

Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation.

**From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever."**

**The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother,
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.**

**No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore
to lead the devil captive.**

To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.

Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.

**For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.**

**"The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.**

**Life will from death the vict'ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.**

*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.*



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.

**“Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.**

**“What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause; this final word I leave you.”**

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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: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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.**

1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref-uge
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -

sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and
cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion

wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and
yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and

find a - bun - dant peace. "I too had tears," he
find my one de - fense. "I bore God's wrath," he

gent - ly speaks; thus joy and sor - row meet.
pleads my case—my ad - vo - cate and friend.

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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.



GOD ON TRIAL

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.

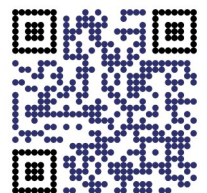
February 21: God on Trial: Truth (Pastor John Sprain, pastor at Shepherd of the Valley, Surprise)

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)



WinGs Volunteer Opportunity

Hi Everyone,

We are confirmed with St. Mary's Foodbank for Saturday, March 16th, from 8-10 AM to pack emergency food boxes. Please let me know ASAP if you'd like to volunteer that day. We'll be taking the first 15 people who volunteer. Thanks to those who have already reached out to me. You can email me at karin-wedeking@hotmail.com or text me at 712-660-0386.

Karin



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. Please use the QR code below to reserve your spot. 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.

LWMS Spring Rally

Please scan the QR code to view the information and register for the upcoming LWMS Spring Rally. It will be held on April 13th at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa, AZ



Weekly Newsletter QR Code

Please check your email or use this QR code for the weekly newsletter



Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	February 18	February 25	February 25
Counters	Nancy Murphy/Harry Novak	Judy Sasse/Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa
Communion	Sharon		Andrea
Church Cleaners	Kelley/Grams	Patterson	Koutia/Piepenbrink
Ushers	Cody Hall/Joel Ditter	Len Collyard/Nick Nickolai/Steve Semmann/Sharon Wilson	John Kull/Kim Moline/Dean Ellis
Refreshments	Stacey Aguilar/Karen Goelzer	Clara Naber/Connie Sauer	Kathy Collyard/Andrea Semmann
A/V	Shannon Gullerud/Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson/Isaac Patterson	Stacey Aguilar/Pedro Contreras

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. A voter's meeting will be held today following the service 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.

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.