

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Lent 2**  
**Wednesday, February 21, 2024**

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***Sunday 9am Worship***

Pastor Zachary Pudlo  
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

# WELCOME to our worship center

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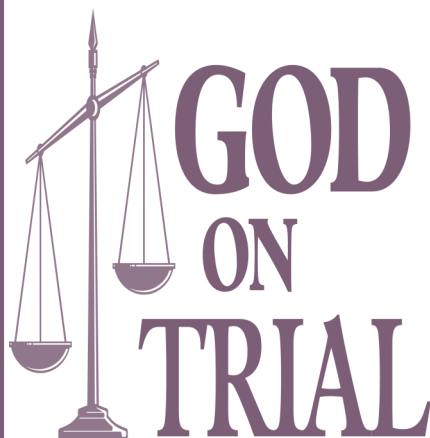
*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

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.*

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.

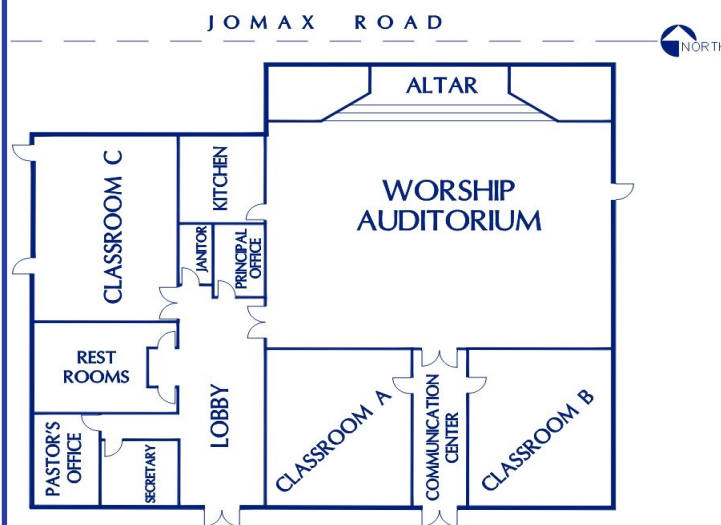
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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](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.

## Opening Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

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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 At the name of Je - sus ev - 'ry knee shall bow,  
2 At his voice cre - a - tion sprang at once to sight,  
3 Hum - bled for a sea - son to re - ceive a name  
4 Bore it up tri - um - phant with its hu - man light,



ev - 'ry tongue con - fess him King of glo - ry now;  
all the an - gel fac - es, all the hosts of light,  
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,  
thro' all ranks of crea - tures to the cen - tral height,



'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,  
cher - u - bim in heav - en, stars up - on their way,  
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,  
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,



who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.  
all the heav'n - ly or - ders in their great ar - ray.  
brought it back vic - to - rious when from death he passed;  
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.

Text: Caroline M. Noel, 1817-1877, abr., alt. Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958 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?



"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 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.

**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.**

## Psalm

Psalm 118

1 How tru - ly blest are they who shun the  
 2 But make the law of God their stud - y  
 3 They like a tree shall thrive with wa - ters  
 6 God knows and he ap - proves the way the

sin - ners' ways, a - mong their coun - sels  
 and de - light a - mid the la - bors  
 near the root. Fresh as the leaf their  
 right - eous go, but sin - ners and their

nev - er stand, nor take the scorn - ers' place,  
 of the day and watch - es of the night.  
 name shall live; their works are heav'n - ly fruit.  
 works shall meet a dread - ful o - ver - throw.

Text: Isaac Watts, alt. Tune: Trente quatre Pseaumes de David, Geneva, 1551, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

## Psalm Prayer

**M:** Lord, let your Word so saturate our souls that we grow into lush trees bearing fruit for you. When the voices of the wicked tempt us to stray down other paths, keep us on the way that leads to our heavenly home. We ask this, confident that you watch over the way of the righteous; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Passion History

Gethsemane



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



1 O Je - sus, King most won - der - ful,  
2 When once you vis - it dark - ened hearts,  
4 May ev - 'ry heart con - fess your name,  
5 Oh, may our tongues for - ev - er bless



O Maj - es - ty re - nowned, O Con - quer - or in -  
then truth be - gins to shine, then earth - ly van - i -  
for - ev - er you a - dore, en - kin - dled with the  
and hon - or you a - lone, and may we in our



vin - ci - ble, in whom all joys are found,  
ty de - parts, then kin - dles love di - vine.  
Spir - it's flame to love you more and more.  
lives ex - press the im - age of your own!

Text: tr. Edward Caswall, 1814–1878, alt.; attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091–1153, abr. Tune: John B. Dykes, 1823–1876 Text and tune: Public domain

## Sermon

## Truth

John 18:33-40

<sup>33</sup>Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, “Are you the king of the Jews?”

<sup>34</sup>“Is that your own idea,” Jesus asked, “or did others talk to you about me?”

<sup>35</sup>“Am I a Jew?” Pilate replied. “Your own people and chief priests handed you over to me. What is it you have done?”

<sup>36</sup>Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

<sup>37</sup>“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

<sup>38</sup>“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him. <sup>39</sup>But it is your custom for me to release to you one prisoner at the time of the Passover. Do you want me to release ‘the king of the Jews’?”

<sup>40</sup>They shouted back, “No, not him! Give us Barabbas!” Now Barabbas had taken part in an uprising.



*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 **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.

## 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.**

## Blessing

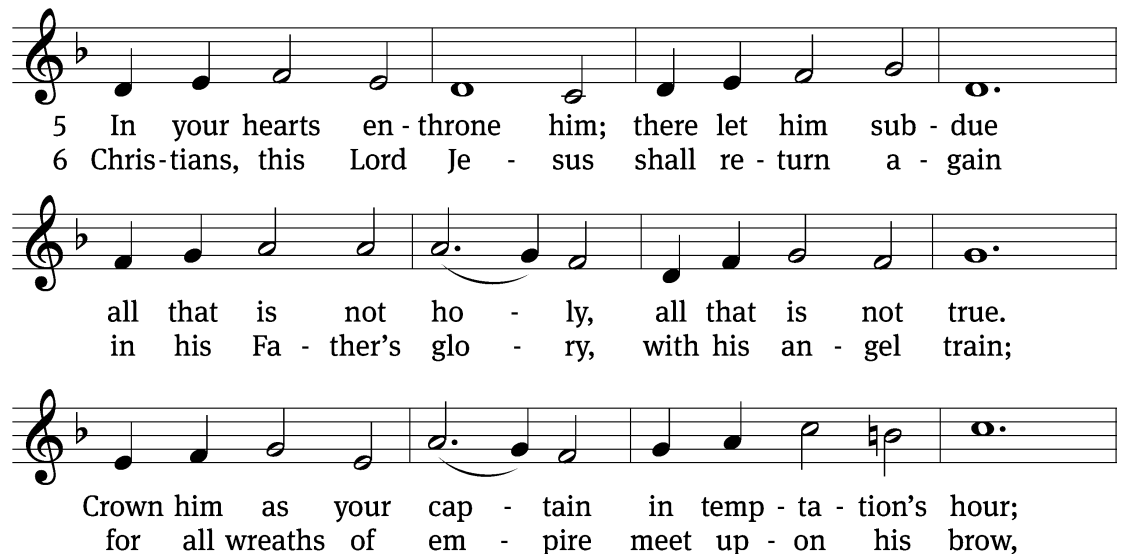
(Spoken Responsively)

**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: At the Name of Jesus

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5 In your hearts en - throne him; there let him sub - due  
6 Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain

all that is not ho - ly, all that is not true.  
in his Fa - ther's glo - ry, with his an - gel train;

Crown him as your cap - tain in temp - ta - tion's hour;  
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



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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.

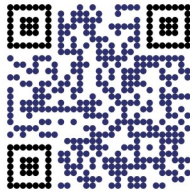
February 21: God on Trial: Truth (Pastor John Sprain, pastor at Shepherd of the Valley, Surprise)

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)



**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.