

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Lent 3
Wednesday, February 28, 2024

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1011 W Jomax Road
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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



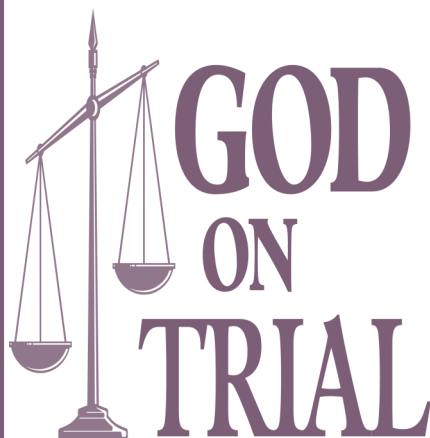
God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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.

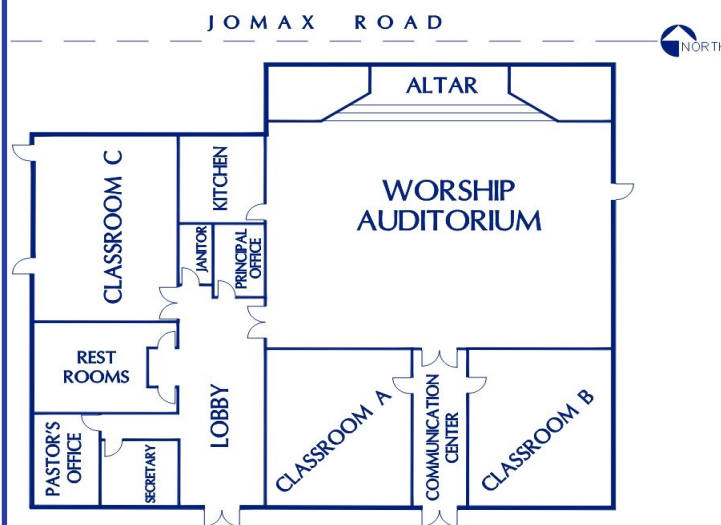
VISITOR INFORMATION

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: Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CWH 867



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 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -

gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -

lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain

Refrain

So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the
vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;
yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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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.



“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.

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.**

Psalm

Psalm 138A

1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is
4 All peo - ples shall ac - claim you, and wor - ship - ing shall

sing - ing its thanks for gifts out - poured.
name you the God of time and space.

Now, in your pres - ence kneel - ing, a - gain for grace ap -
And I will join my prais - es with hymns the whole world

peal - ing, in qui - et - ness I wait your word.
rais - es to you, the God of bound - less grace!

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Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, we bow down to you in thankful praise. You have made your ways known to both lowly and great on the earth. You have not abandoned the work of your hands, but instead you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passion History

The Trial before the High Priest



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

1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
 2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of
 3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing

tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
 life ar - rained. Oh, the worm - wood and the gall,
 at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,

watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his
 oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
 God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete. "It is fin - ished!"

griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
 pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
 hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

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Sermon

Sympathy

Luke 23:26–34

²⁶As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰Then

“ ‘they will say to the mountains, “Fall on us!”
 and to the hills, “Cover us!” ’

³¹For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

³²Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.



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: God Was There on Calvary

CWH 433



1 God was there on Cal - va - ry, God the Fa - ther's on - ly Son,
2 All the world on Cal - va - ry cru - ci - fied the Prince of life,
3 Sin was there on Cal - va - ry, all the sins of ev - 'ry - one,
4 Love was there on Cal - va - ry, stream - ing from the heart of God,



dy - ing that the world might live, there on Cal - va - ry.
pierced the hands of God's own Son, there on Cal - va - ry.
laid up - on God's sin - less Lamb there on Cal - va - ry.
reach - ing out for ev - 'ry - one there on Cal - va - ry.

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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.

