

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Lent 3
Sunday, March 3, 2024

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Sunday 9am Worship

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Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

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."

Our theme this week is "**Rethinking the Worth of Worship**". Person A never attends worship. He can't see the point. Person B attends every week out of a slavish sense of obligation. Her mind wanders during the services, for she views the activities of worship merely as tasks for her to complete. Who is worse off? Rather than debating the point, let us just admit neither understand the true worth of worship. And that is exactly what Satan wants. Many think worship is about what we do for God. It is the other way around. As we gather around Word and sacrament, the Spirit moves us to love and trust in God above all things. Moved by the cross of Christ, we bow down before our God. We commune with him. And that's exactly what God wants.

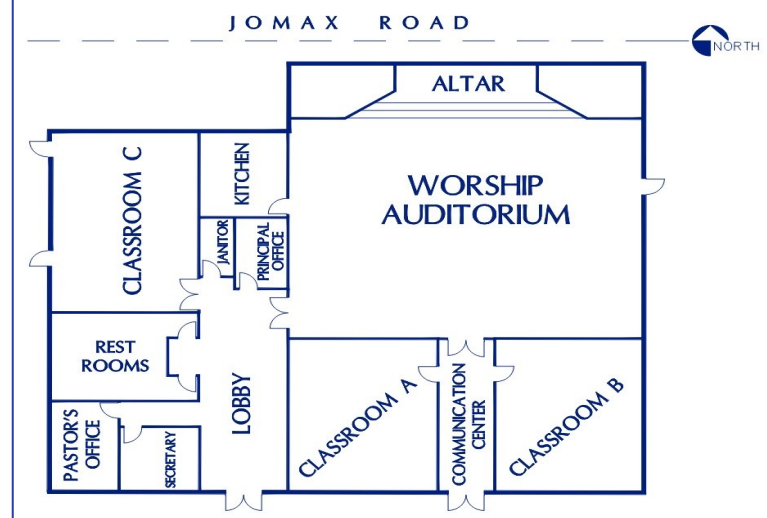
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 of the Word and Sacrament

Opening Hymn: Open, Lovely Doors

CWH 912



1 O - pen, love - ly doors, and let me come in - to God's
2 With a song I've come to greet you; come to me, dear
3 You de - serve my deep - est rev - 'rence; sanc - ti - fy me



house to - day! This is where great joys be - set me
Lord, I pray. Where you let your peo - ple meet you
through and through. Let my wor - ship in your pres - ence



more than I can sing or say. Here I view God's
heav - en's light is bright as day. Let my heart your
clear - ly show my love for you. Lord of mer - cy,



glo - rious face, see his light, re - ceive his grace.
heav - en be; Sav - ior, make your home in me.
hear my cry: lift my heart to you on high!

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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)

Invocation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the triune God, remembering our Baptism in his name.

Confession and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, 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)

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 title of this prayer is "Kyrie" in Greek meaning "O Lord". It is a cry to the Lord for help and strength.



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

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister, Sung by Congregation)

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Congregation Sings:

Refrain

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life

with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;

you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your

Refrain

on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of
 God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;
 you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in
 your own blood. You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!
Refrain
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

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Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Exodus 20:1–17

¹And God spoke all these words:

²“I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

³“You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴“You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.



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



The Ten Commandments teach us that God is to be worshiped above all. Why? He is the God who brought us out of slavery.

⁷“You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name.

⁸“Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹²“Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³“You shall not murder.

¹⁴“You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵“You shall not steal.

¹⁶“You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

¹⁷“You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”



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 19C

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain in G major, 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef staff. The lyrics are: Lord, you have the words of ev - er - last - ing life.

Lord, you have the words of
ev - er - last - ing life.

Tone

Musical notation for the Tone in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written on the treble clef staff, and the bass clef staff provides a harmonic accompaniment.

The heavens declare the glo- / ry of God;
the skies proclaim the work / of his hands.
Their voice goes out into / all the earth,
their words to the ends / of the world. *Refrain*

The law of the LORD is / perfect,
refresh- / ing the soul.

The commands of the LORD are / radiant,
giving light / to the eyes.

They are more pre- / cious than gold;
they are sweeter than / honey. *Refrain*

May these words of my mouth and this meditation / of my heart
be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my rock and my Re- / deemer.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18–25

¹⁸For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written:

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise;
the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. ²²Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.



Whatever it is you trust most, that is what you truly worship. Some worship intelligence. Others worship power. May we worship Christ for what he did on the cross.

Hymn of the Day: My Worth Is Not in What I Own

CWH 753



1 My worth is not in what I own, not
2 My worth is not in skill or name, in
3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the
win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the
youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



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

cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2
 blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain
 ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

Refrain

I re-joice in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,
 well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my
 soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

**I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom’s fleeting light.
 But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross. (Refrain)**

**Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.
 My value fixed—my ransom paid at the cross. (Refrain)**

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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).

Message: Hearts Consumed by Worship

John 2:13–22

¹³When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. ¹⁵So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶To those who sold doves he said, “Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father’s house into a market!” ¹⁷His disciples remembered that it is written: “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

¹⁸The Jews then responded to him, “What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?”

¹⁹Jesus answered them, “Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days.”

²⁰They replied, “It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?” ²¹But the temple he had spoken of was his body. ²²After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)



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.

**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

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.


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.



1 Je - sus, who for my sake walked the road to Cal - va - ry,
 2 Je - sus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,
 3 When in clouds of glo - ry you come back to earth a - gain,

Refrain



with each step has marked the im - print of his love for me.
 with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heav - y cost.
 Je - sus, with your love, em - brace and claim me as your friend.

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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,
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 of the Altar

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

Greeting

(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:



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.

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus* (Sung by Congregation)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va -



tion. Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.



The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

Words of Institution

(Spoken by Minister)

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 peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



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.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us,



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



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.



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.

Distribution Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

CWH 558



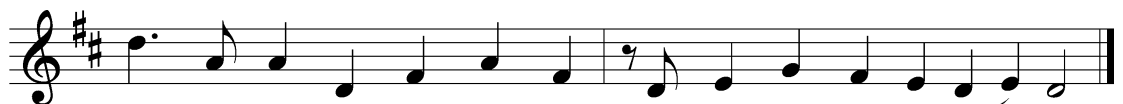
1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re - deem and by their
ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart or



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.

**Yet as the law must be fulfilled or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.**

Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.

Let me not doubt, but truly see your Word cannot be broken;
your call rings out, "Come unto me!" No falsehood have you spoken.
Baptized into your precious name, my faith cannot be put to shame,
and I shall never perish.

The law reveals the guilt of sin and makes us conscience-stricken;
but then the gospel enters in the sinful soul to quicken.
Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the law no peace can ever give,
no comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace; all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above, you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name be hallowed!

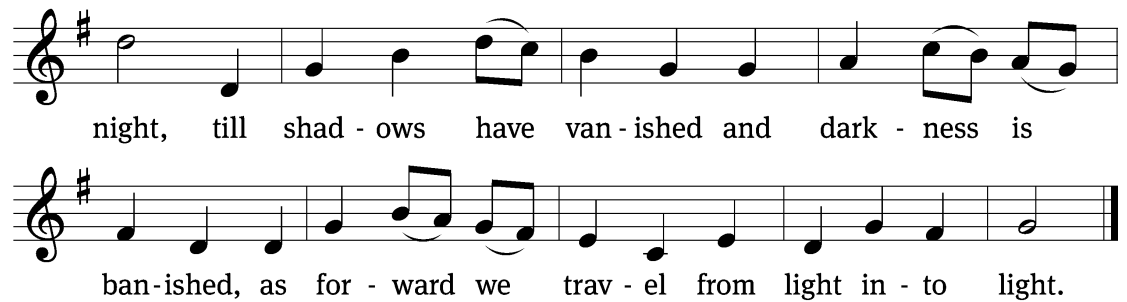
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Song of Thanksgiving: Let All Things Now Living

(CWH 507)

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
God the Cre - a - tor tri - um-phantly raise, who fash - ioned and
made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who still guides us
on to the end of our days. God's ban - ners are o'er us; his
light goes be - fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the

*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.*



night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is
banished, as forward we travel from light into light.

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Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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.

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.

Closing Hymn: Drawn to the Cross

CWH 808



1 Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed with heal - ing
3 Wash me and take a - way each stain; let noth - ing
gifts for souls dis - tressed, to find in you my
of my sin re - main. For cleans - ing through your
life, my rest, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.
cross and pain, Christ cru - ci - fied, I come.

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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.

Acknowledgments

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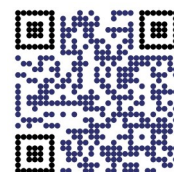


This year's theme is "**God on Trial.**" As in years past, we will have a soup supper served at 6:00 p.m. The service will follow at 7:00 p.m. Please use the QR Code below to sign up for the soup supper.

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, Good-year)



Holy Week Calendar

March 24, 9:00am

Palm Sunday

March 28, 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday w/ Communion

March 29, 7:00pm

Good Friday

March 31, 7:00am

Sunrise Easter Service

March 31, 9:30am

Celebration Easter Service

Member Visit Sign Up

There are still sign ups available for your member visit with Pastor Pudlo. Please use the QR code provided to select the date, time, and location of your choosing.



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 karinwedeking@hotmail.com or text me at 712-660-0386.

Karin

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



Baby Shower for Heidi Pudlo

The WinGS will be hosting a baby shower for Heidi Pudlo immediately after Bible class on Sunday, March 17. ALL women of the congregation are invited to attend. Any brand diapers (of varying sizes) and any brand wipes would be most appreciated. Please use the QR code to sign up for boys clothes of varying sizes so she doesn't end up with all the same size outfits. Light refreshments will be served.



Weekly Newsletter QR Code

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



Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	March 3	March 10	March 17
Counters	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy/Harry Novak
Communion	Andrea		Dawn
Church Cleaners	Koutia/Piepenbrink	Gullerud/Kugler	Plizuweit/Peterson/Sterns
Greeters	Andrew Aguilar/ Stacey Aguilar	Leonard Freeman/ Maxine Freeman	Verl Naber/Clara Naber
Ushers	John Kull/Kim Moline/Dean Ellis	Jon Naber/Rich Kugler/Kelly Simpson	Brian Ehinger/Trey Ehinger/Kade Ehinger/ Bill Brooks
Refreshments	Kathy Collyard/ Andrea Semmann	Ally Kelley/Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren/ Shannon Gullerud
A/V	Stacey Aguilar/Pedro Contreras	Hailey Ditter/Joel Ditter	Titus Patterson/Isaac Patterson

Call News

The voters have extended a call to James (Jamie) Roecker for grades 7-8 homeroom teacher and athletic director. His wife, Roberta Roecker, was extended a call for full-time grades 5-6 teacher and music director. Please keep them in your prayers as they deliberate. Please reach out and let them know about all of the wonderful happenings at Cross of Glory. Jaime's email address is jroecker@wlvikings.org and Roberta's email is robertaroecker@stpetersfdl.net

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.*

***Velta Larson**, as she recovers from eye surgery & is now recovering from a broken pelvis.*

***Angela Hall**, who is recovering from having surgery for a total ankle replacement.*

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.