

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Lent 4
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Sunday 9am Worship

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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.

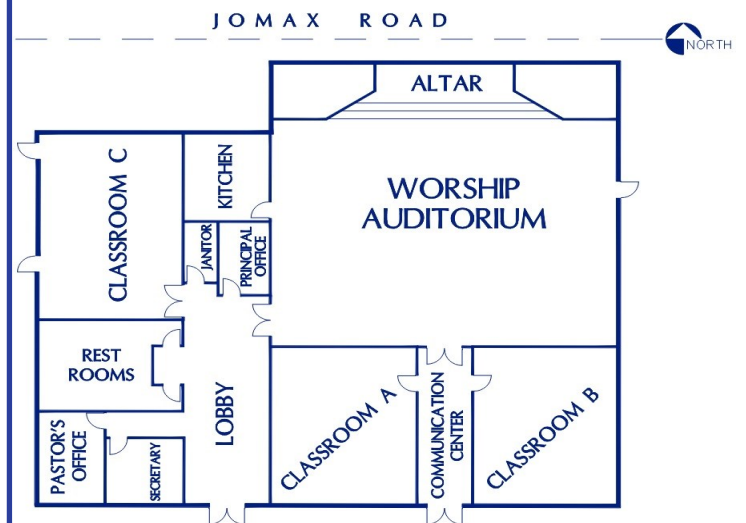
VISITOR INFORMATION

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: Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

CWH 394



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 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -

by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,

flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
 from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
 here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain

pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt. Tune: Ludvig M. Lindeman, 1812-1887
 Text and tune: Public domain

Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

C: I confess that I am by nature sinful.

I am guilty of many sins.

I am distressed by the sins that trouble me.

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

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

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

C: Yes, I believe.



"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: 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 51D

1 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I
 2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
 4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and

rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,
 soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace
 judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice

blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
 and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your
 and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O

pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
 judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.
 hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

Text: Psalter, 1912, alt. Tune: Richard Redhead Text and tune: Public domain

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passion History

The Trial before Pilate



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

1 He stood be - fore the court on trial in - stead of
 2 These are the crimes that tell the tale of hu - man
 3 The sen - tence must be passed, the un - known pris - 'ner
 4 Shall we be judged and tried? In Christ our trial is

us; he met its pow'r to hurt, con - demned to
 guilt; our sins, our death, our hell— on these the
 killed; the price is paid at last, the law of
 done; we live, for he has died, our con - dem -

face the cross— our King, ac - cused of treach - er -
 case is built. To this world's pow'rs the Lord stays
 God ful - filled. He takes our blame, and from that
 na - tion gone. In Christ are we both dead and

y; our God, a - bused for blas - phe - my!
 dumb. The guilt is ours, no an - swers come.
 day th'ac - cu - ser's claim is wiped a - way.
 raised, a - live and free— his name be praised!

Text: Christopher M. Idle, b. 1938, alt. Tune: Leland B. Sateren, 1913–2007
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Sermon

Accusations

Job 40:1, 2; 42:1–6

¹The LORD said to Job:

²“Will the one who contends with the Almighty correct him?
 Let him who accuses God answer him!”

¹Then Job replied to the LORD:

²“I know that you can do all things;
 no purpose of yours can be thwarted.
³You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’
 Surely I spoke of things I did not understand,
 things too wonderful for me to know.

⁴“You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak;
 I will question you,
 and you shall answer me.’

⁵My ears had heard of you



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.

but now my eyes have seen you.
⁶Therefore I despise myself
 and repent in dust and ashes.”

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: Christ, the Life of All the Living

CWH 396

1 Christ, the life of all the liv - ing, Christ, the death of
 4 Heart - less scof - fers did sur - round thee, treat - ing thee with
 death, our foe, who, thy - self for me once giv - ing
 cru - el scorn, and with pierc - ing thorns they crowned thee.

to the dark - est depths of woe: through thy suf - f'rings,
All dis - grace thou, Lord, hast borne that as thine thou

death, and mer - it I e - ter - nal life in - her - it.
might - est own me and with heav'n - ly glo - ry crown me.

Thou-sand, thou-sand thanks shall be, dear - est Je - sus, un - to thee.
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Text: Ernst C. Homburg, 1605–1681, abr.; (st. 1): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; (st. 4): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book, 1912, alt.
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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.