

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Lent 5**  
**Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

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***Sunday 9am Worship***

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Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

# WELCOME to our worship center



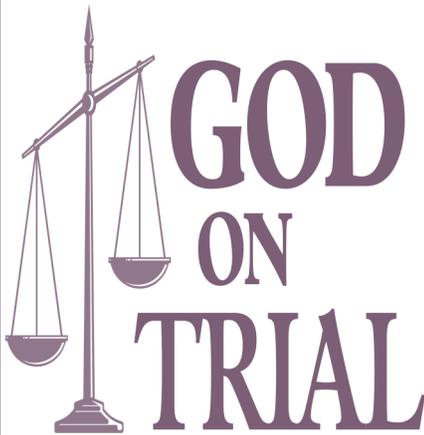
*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

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.*

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.

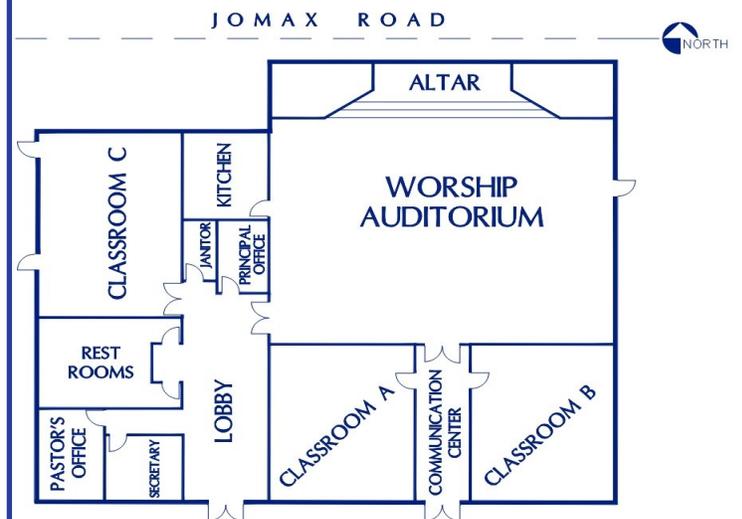
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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: Christ Is the World's Light

CW 343

Christ is the world's light, Christ and none other;  
born in our darkness, he became our brother.  
If we have seen him, we have seen the Father:  
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's peace, Christ and none other;  
no one can serve him and despise another.  
Who else unites us, one with God the Father?  
Glory to God on high!

Christ is the world's life, Christ and none other;  
sold once for silver, murdered here, our brother.  
He who redeemed us reigns with God the Father:  
Glory to God on high!

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.

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.



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)



"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.

## Psalm 71

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In you, LORD, I have taken refuge;

**C: let me never be put to shame.**

M: In your righteousness, rescue me and deliver me;

**C: turn your ear to me and save me.**

M: Be my rock of refuge,

**C: to which I can always go.**

M: Since my youth, God, you have taught me,

**C: and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds.**

M: Even when I am old and gray,

**C: do not forsake me, my God,**

M: till I declare your power to the next generation,

**C: your mighty acts to all who are to come.**

## Psalm Prayer

M: Lord God, support us all the years of our lives that we may follow your gracious will both in good times and bad, that our lives may be an unending testimony to your love and faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Passion History

*The Crucifixion*



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

*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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**Sermon**

**Restraint**

Luke 22:47-53

<sup>47</sup>While he was still speaking a crowd came up, and the man who was called Judas, one of the Twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him, <sup>48</sup>but Jesus asked him, “Judas, are you betraying the Son of Man with a kiss?”

<sup>49</sup>When Jesus’ followers saw what was going to happen, they said, “Lord, should we strike with our swords?” <sup>50</sup>And one of them struck the servant of the high priest, cutting off his right ear.

<sup>51</sup>But Jesus answered, “No more of this!” And he touched the man’s ear and healed him.

<sup>52</sup>Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple guard, and the elders, who had come for him, “Am I leading a rebellion, that you have come with swords and clubs? <sup>53</sup>Every day I was with you in the temple courts, and you did not lay a hand on me. But this is your hour—when darkness reigns.”

**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.*



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.

## 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 **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.

## 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: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CWH 766



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of  
2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry  
4 Sent from wor - ship as your ser - vants, forth in your dear



hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;  
name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,



of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants,  
still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your  
love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good -



bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -  
deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the  
will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your



crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.  
love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.  
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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.