

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Easter Sunrise Service
Sunday, March 31, 2024

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WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of

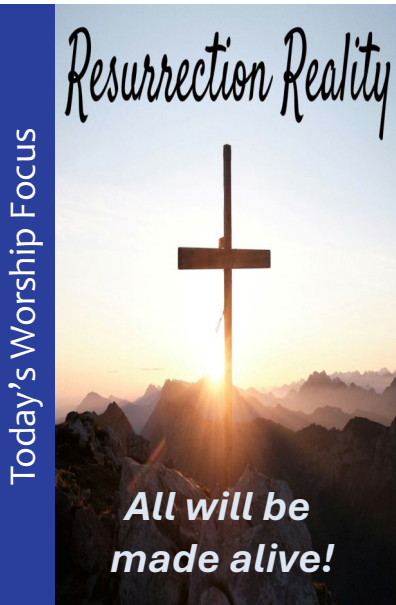


God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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.



Today's Worship Focus

Resurrection Reality

All will be made alive!

St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. **Easter is history.** On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

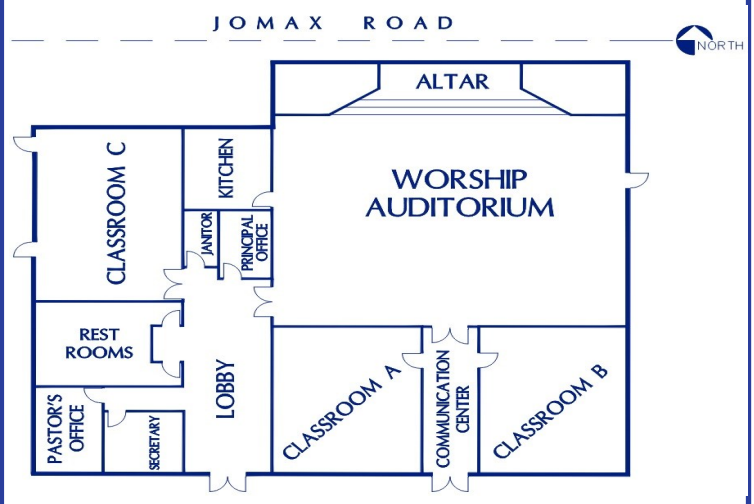
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 Easter breakfast followed by the Easter Festival Service.

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.

Easter Sunrise Service

Opening Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CWH 465



1 "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" saints on
2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, fought the
3 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Christ has
4 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O



earth and an - gels say. Raise your joys and
fight, the bat - tle won. Lo, our sun's e -
burst the gates of hell. Death in vain for -
death, is now your sting? Once he died our



tri - umphs high; sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
clipse is o'er; lo, he sets in blood no more.
bids his rise; Christ has o - pened par - a - dise.
souls to save; where your vic - to - ry, O grave?

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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)

Greeting

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.

Easter Proclamation

Text adapted from the ancient Easter Vigil service

M: Rejoice now, all you heavenly choirs of angels! Rejoice now, all creation!

C: **Sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.**

M: Rejoice, all the earth, in the radiance of the light now poured upon you and made brilliant by the brightness of the everlasting King.

C: **Know that the ancient darkness has been forever banished.**

M: Rejoice, O Church of Christ, clothed in the brightness of this light.

C: **Let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing, with the praises of all God's faithful people.**

M: This is the day when all who believe in Christ are delivered from bondage to sin and are restored to life and immortality.



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

The Easter Vigil is a liturgy held in traditional Christian churches as the first official celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus. It is held in the hours of darkness between sunset on Holy Saturday and sunrise on Easter Day and is the first celebration of Easter. The responsive reading declares the joy that salvation is ours through Christ's victory over death.

C: This is the day when Christ, the Life, arose from the dead. The seal of the grave is broken and the morning of the new creation breaks forth out of night.

M: How holy is this day when all wickedness is put to flight and sin is washed away.

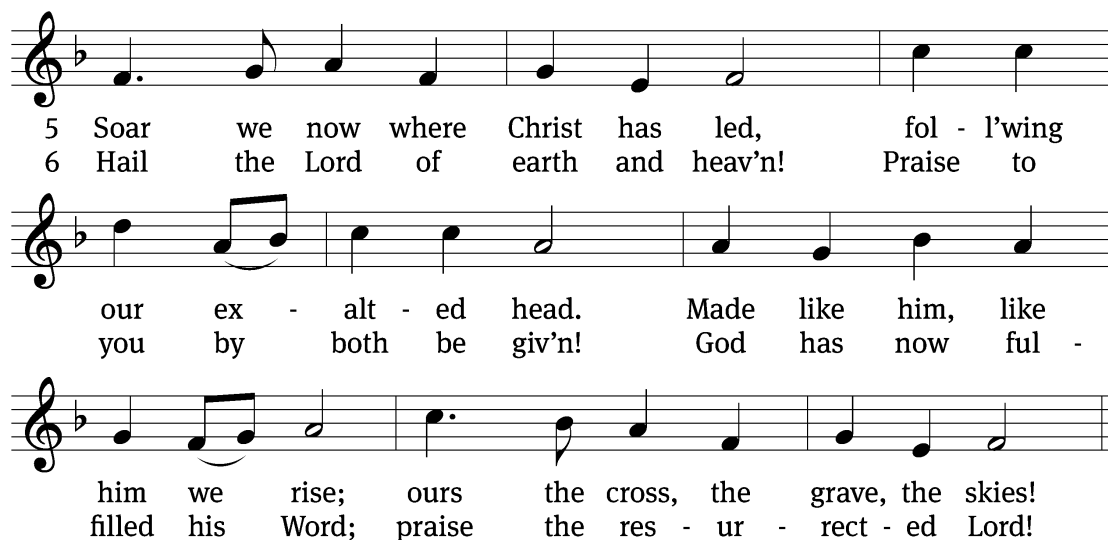
C: How holy is this day when innocence is restored to the fallen and joy is given to those downcast.

M: How blessed is this day when man is reconciled to God in Christ.

C: Let Christ, the true Light and Morning Star, shine in our hearts, he who gives light to all creation.

Hymn of Response: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

CWH 465



5 Soar we now where Christ has led, fol - l'wing
6 Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to
our ex - alt - ed head. Made like him, like
you by both be giv'n! God has now ful -
him we rise; ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
filled his Word; praise the res - ur - rect - ed Lord!

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



The prophet foresees the resurrection reality. The LORD would destroy the shroud of death and dry every tear from the faces of his people.

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, through your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, you overcame death and opened the gate of everlasting life. We humbly pray that we may live before you in righteousness and purity forever; 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

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare
a feast of rich food for all peoples,
a banquet of aged wine—
the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy

the shroud that enfolds all peoples,
 the sheet that covers all nations;
⁸he will swallow up death forever.
 The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears
 from all faces;
 he will remove his people's disgrace
 from all the earth.
 The LORD has spoken.

⁹In that day they will say,
 "Surely this is our God;
 we trusted in him, and he saved us.
 This is the LORD, we trusted in him;
 let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Hymn of Response: Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

CWH 460



1 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heav'n and voic - es raise:
 2 Al - le - lu - ia, Christ is ris - en! Death at last has met de - feat:



sing to God a hymn of glad-ness, sing to God a hymn of praise;
 see the an-cient pow'rs of e - vil in con - fu - sion and re - treat;



he who on the cross a vic-tim for the world's sal - va - tion bled—
 once he died, and once was bur-ied: now he lives for - ev - er - more,



Je - sus Christ, the King of glo - ry, now is ris - en from the dead.
 Je - sus Christ, the world's Re-deem-er, whom we wor-ship and a - dore.

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Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12–20

¹²But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. ¹⁵More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not



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raised, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. ¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.



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

Hymn of the Day: Awake, My Heart, with Gladness

CWH 443



1 A - wake, my heart, with glad - ness— see what to -
 2 The foe in tri - umph shout - ed when Christ lay
 3 This is a sight that glad - dens— what peace it
 4 Now I will cling for - ev - er to Christ, my



day is done! Now, af - ter gloom and sad - ness, comes
 in the tomb; but lo, he now is rout - ed, his
 does im - part! Now noth - ing ev - er sad - dens the
 Sav - ior dear. My Lord will leave me nev - er; with



forth the glo - rious sun. My Sav - ior there was
 boast is turned to gloom. For Christ a - gain is
 joy with - in my heart. No gloom shall ev - er
 him I need not fear. He rends death's i - ron



laid where our bed must be made when to the
 free; in glo - rious vic - to - ry he who is
 shake, no foe shall ev - er take the hope which
 chain; he breaks through sin and pain. He shat - ters



realms of light our spir - it wings its flight.
 strong to save has tri - umphed o'er the grave.
 God's own Son in love for me has won.
 hell's dark thrall; I fol - low him through all.

Text: tr. John Kelly, 1833–1890, alt.; Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr.
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¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

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)

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

Closing Hymn: Like the Golden Sun Ascending

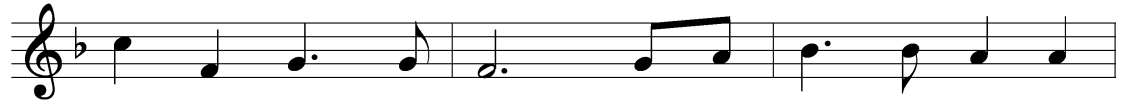
CWH 470



1 Like the gold - en sun as - cend - ing, break - ing through the
 2 Thanks to you, O Christ vic - to - rious! Thanks to you, O
 3 You have died for my trans - gres - sion, all my sins on



gloom of night, on the earth its glo - ry spend - ing so that
 Lord of life! Death has now no pow - er o'er us, you have
 you were laid. You have won for me sal - va - tion, on the



dark - ness takes to flight, thus my Je - sus from the
 con - quered in the strife. Thanks be - cause you did a -
 cross my debt was paid. From the grave I shall a -

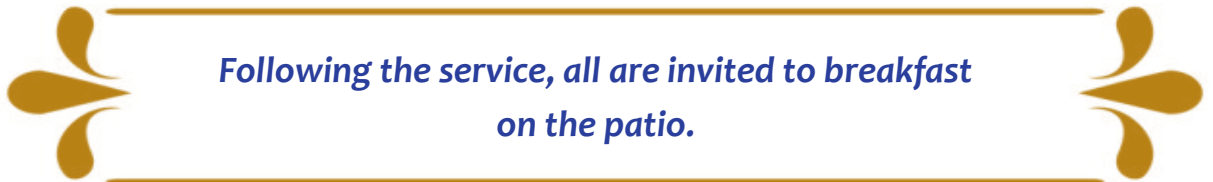


grave and death's dis - mal, dread - ful cave rose tri -
 rise and have o - pened par - a - dise! None can
 rise and shall meet you in the skies. Death it -



um - phant Eas - ter morn - ing at the ear - ly pur - ple dawn - ing.
 ful - ly sing the glo - ry of the res - ur - rec - tion sto - ry.
 self is tran - si - to - ry; I shall lift my head in glo - ry.

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**Following the service, all are invited to breakfast
 on the patio.**

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