

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Easter 2
Sunday, April 7, 2024

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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Zachary Pudlo
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

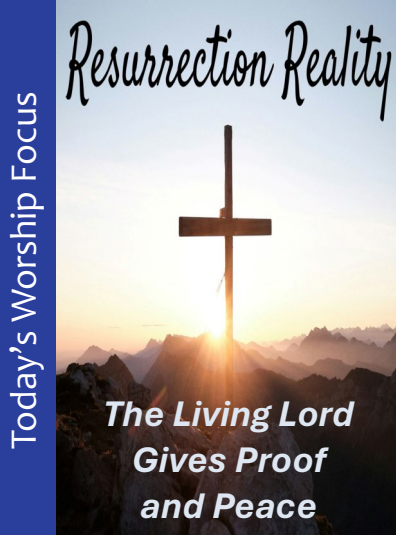


God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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.



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!**

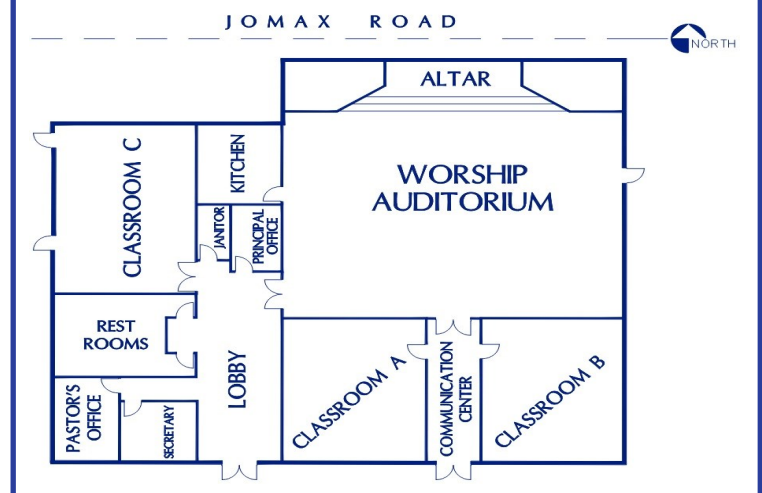
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 coffee time .

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 Setting 3 and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won

CWH 444



1 Je - sus lives! The vic - t'ry's won! Death no long - er
2 Je - sus lives! To him the throne high o'er heav'n and
3 Je - sus lives! For me he died; hence will I, to
4 Je - sus lives! I know full well noth - ing me from



can ap - pall me. Je - sus lives! Death's reign is done!
earth is giv - en. I shall go where he is gone,
Je - sus liv - ing, pure in heart and act a - bide,
him shall sev - er. Life nor death nor pow'rs of hell



From the grave Christ will re - call me. Bright - er
live and reign with him in heav - en. God is
praise to him and glo - ry giv - ing. All I
part me now from Christ for - ev - er. God will



scenes will then com - mence; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
faith - ful; doubt - ings, hence! This shall be my con - fi - dence.
need God will dis - pense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.
be a sure de - fense; this shall be my con - fi - dence.

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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

M: We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



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



*"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.



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

Confession and Absolution

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ. with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the



The Word

Prayer of the Day

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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

First Reading

Acts 18:1–11

¹After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. ²There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, ³and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. ⁴Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.

⁵When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. ⁶But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.”

⁷Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. ⁸Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized.

⁹One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. ¹⁰For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” ¹¹So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.



The promised presence of the living Lord gave Paul the courage to keep on speaking the gospel, even when Paul was facing harsh persecution.



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 16C

Congregation sings the refrain; soloist sings the verses

Refrain

You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shel-ter;
in your pres-ence is end-less joy, at your side is my home for - ev - er.

*Faithful God, I look to you,
you alone my life and fortune,
never shall I look to other gods,
you shall be my one hope. (Refrain)*

*From of old you are my heritage,
you my wisdom and my safety,
through the night you speak within my heart,
silently you teach me. (Refrain)*

*So my heart shall sing for joy,
in your arms I rest securely,
you will not abandon me to death,
you shall not desert me. (Refrain)*

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St. John reminds us that there were witnesses who saw and touched Jesus raised from the dead. This resurrection serves as proof that eternal life is ours.

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-4

¹That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. ²The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. ³We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. ⁴We write this to make our joy complete.

Children's Sermon

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

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (*John 20:29b*)



A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.

Hymn of the Day: We Walk by Faith

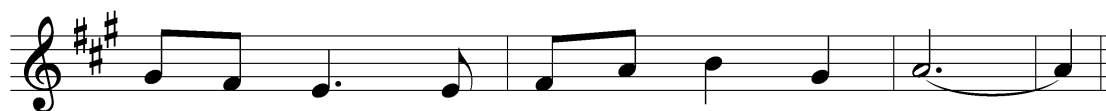
CWH 830



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are



gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter



none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice and cry "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.

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

Sermon: The Proof and Peace of Easter

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you."
²²And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

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).

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

Nicene Creed



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: Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

CWH 447

Soloist sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-5



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.

*How can it be, the One who died has borne our sin through sacrifice,
 to conquer ev'ry sting of death? Sing, sing "Hallelujah!" (v. 2)*

*For joy awakes as dawning light when Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
 Alive he stands, their friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is risen! (Refrain)*

Refrain:

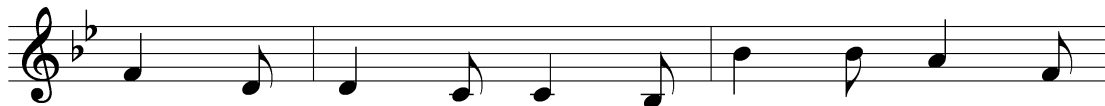
Christ is risen, he is risen indeed! Oh, sing "Hallelujah!"

Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed: "Christ is risen, he is risen indeed."

Congregation Sings:



3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him
 4 Once bound by fear, now bold in faith, they preached the
 5 The pow'r that raised him from the grave now works in



and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who
 truth and pow'r of grace and pour - ing out their
 us to pow'r - f'ly save. He frees our hearts to



have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!" v. 4
 lives they gained life, life ev - er - last - ing.
 live his grace; go, tell of his good - ness.



Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed! Oh, sing "Hal - le -



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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)

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

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 Sacrament

Preface

(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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

We speak to God as our Father as Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)

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 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.



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.

Word of Institution

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

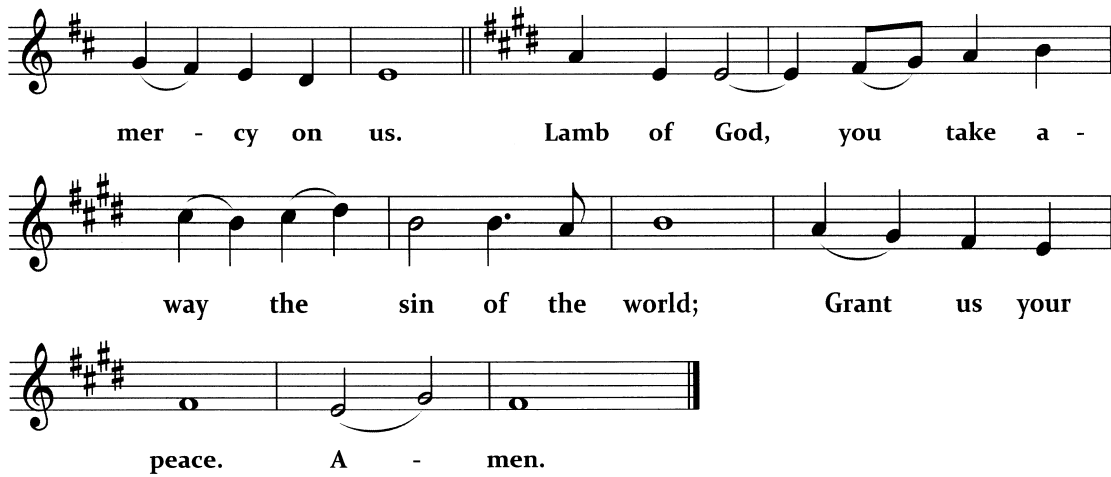
C: Amen.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have

The musical notation consists of three staves of music in G major. The first staff is in 4/4 time and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics, including a key signature change to A major. The third staff continues the melody for the third line of lyrics.



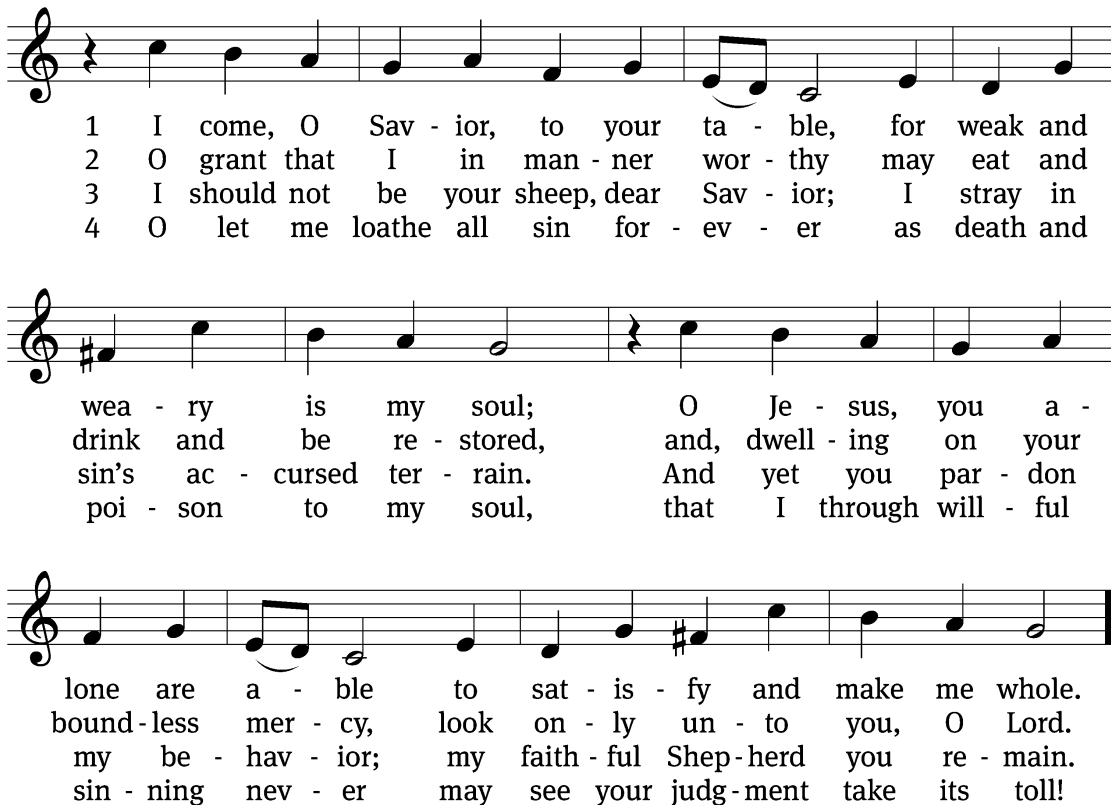
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
 way the sin of the world; Grant us your
 peace. A - men.

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.

Distribution Hymn: I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CWH 670



1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
 2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and
 3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in
 4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and
 wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
 drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your
 sin's ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don
 poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful
 lone are a - ble to sat - is - fy and make me whole.
 bound - less mer - cy, look on - ly un - to you, O Lord.
 my be - hav - ior; my faith - ful Shep - herd you re - main.
 sin - ning nev - er may see your judg - ment take its toll!



This is a hymn sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.



Lord, may your bod-y and your blood be for my soul the high-est good.

Your holy heart has one obsession, one blessed thing it burns to do—
to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
so I, a sinner, come to you. *(Refrain)*

My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me, by all this weight of sin oppressed!
Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
and feed me as your grateful guest. *(Refrain)*

Within me, Lord, your vision traces a heart of deep humility
that mourns its sin and yet embraces
the merit you have earned for me. *(Refrain)*

By faith I call your holy table the testament of your deep love,
for by your gift I now am able
to know the heart of God above. *(Refrain)*

This meal with blessing is abounding:
to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
to angels joy, to hell confounding,
and life for me in death's dark hour. *(Refrain)*

My heart has now become your dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, your praises telling,
shall live in joy eternally. *(Refrain)*

Text: Friedrich C. Heyder, 1677–1754, abr.; (sts. 1, Ref, 2, 4, 8–10): tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941; (sts. 3, 5–7): tr. Michael D. Schultz, b. 1963
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*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.*

Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: 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.



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.

Closing Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

CWH 511



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
but down-ward bends his won-d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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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.

Weekly Newsletter

Please scan the QR Code to view our weekly newsletter.

Hope Patterson & Kassi Aguilar

Hope Patterson and Kassi Aguilar, both members of Cross of Glory, are attending Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, Minnesota, to be trained for the teaching ministry in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We again have an opportunity to help them through our financial support for the next school year. The college will match Cross of Glory's gift, up to \$1,325 for each of them. It will go directly to their tuition accounts

If you wish to contribute, please use the **special envelope** located at each of the church's entrances. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it inside your own envelope to the church office. If you do not have access to the special envelope, please identify your gift on the check as going to the MLC tuition fund. Make your check out to **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**. Gifts that total more than \$2,650 will add even more to Kassi's and Hope's tuition accounts. Funds will need to be submitted by the end of July.

Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	April 7th	April 14th	April 21st
Counters	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell
Communion	Sharon		Andrea
Cleaners	Kelley/Grams	Koutia/Piepenbrink	Gullerud/Kugler
Greeters	Gary Jeffers Brenda Jeffers	Jennifer Paul William Paul	Bill Brooks Shannon Brooks
Ushers	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Kade Ehinger Bill Brooks	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plitzuweit	Nicole Brown Leslie Contreras Tracy Ditter
A/V	Stacey Aguilar Gus Koutia	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia

Grand Canyon West Spring Rally 2024

Just a reminder that the LWMS Spring Rally is coming up on Saturday, April 13, in Mesa. Please see use the QR code to sign up! Clara will be driving to the rally that day, so if anyone would like to carpool please reach out to her. Also, donations from any mission boxes you may have are due this week. Any questions on that I will also defer to Clara!



WELS Women's Ministry Conference

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On behalf of Women's Ministry, you're invited to get away and be "Empowered to Proclaim." The conference will be held July 28-30, 2024, at The Ingleside Hotel, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Please use this QR code for more information.



WELS Youth Night Phoenix—The Christian and Technology

Since the advent of the internet, social media, and smartphones, anxiety, self-harm ideation, and depression have been on the rise among teenagers. While on the internet, teens have been confronted with challenges of many kinds. Are they ready to stand firm during these times? At WELS Youth Night Phoenix, we will help the teens confront the challenges of navigating through current technology as a Christian. On Saturday, May 4, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., we will have our next WELS Youth Night. It will take place at Calvary Lutheran Church (1270 N Dobson Rd, Chandler, AZ 85224). With icebreaker activities, fun games, and spiritual growth opportunities, WELS Youth Night Phoenix is a great opportunity for high schoolers throughout the Valley. You can learn more and register at <https://sites.google.com/elstempe.org/welsyouthnight/home>. You can also use the QR code.



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Call Information

Brian Papenfuss has been called to teach the 7th- and 8th-grade homeroom and serve as our athletic director. Brian currently teaches in Lomira, Wisconsin. His wife, Laurel, is currently a calculus teacher at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. However, she has decided to stay home starting next school year to spend more time with their 8- and 11-year-old children. Note Brian Papenfuss spells his name slightly differently than our current Pappenfuss teachers. They are distant relatives.

Andrew Mildebrandt was called to teach the 5th- and 6th-grade homeroom and serve as our school music director. Mr. Mildebrandt has served in both Wisconsin and California. His and Cindi's children are grown and out of the house. Andy currently serves at Winnebago Lutheran Academy as an instructor of music and theater.

Please reach out to these men to give them your perspective on the Cross of Glory congregation and school ministry.

Brian Papenfuss: bpapenfuss@stjohnslomira.com - 715-412-3969 (cell)

Andrew Mildebrandt: amildebrandt@wlvikings.org - (920) 933-3368 (home # so no texts)

Below is Brian Papenfuss' acknowledgement letter:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church and School,

Paul writes to the Ephesian Christians, "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:11-12). Being a member and a part of God's church is truly a humbling experience. I am writing to inform you that I have received the divine call that you have issued to me to teach 7th and 8th grades and to serve as the athletic director. I look forward to finding out more information about the ministry in Peoria in the next few weeks. I ask for your prayers and support for my family and me as I prayerfully deliberate on where I can best serve our God. I welcome any input from your members and school families that wish to reach out to me to tell me more about Cross of Glory's ministry. My email is bpapenfuss@stjohnslomira.com. My cell phone number is (715)-412-3969. Please don't hesitate to contact me. May God bless you during this time as He leads His church to best serve His plans.

Prayer Highlights for members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers...

***Diane Lawrence**, who is learning to walk again.*

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

***Angela Hall**, who is starting physical therapy for her ankle replacement.*

***Judy Sasse**, who is recovering from surgery and will be undergoing radiation treatments for cancer that was discovered.*

***Phil Fidel**, as he mourns the death of his wife Fran*

***The family of Norm Voigt**, during this time of loss.*

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.