

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Easter 4**  
**Sunday, April 21, 2024**

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**Sunday 9am Worship**

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# 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

## Resurrection Reality



*The Risen Savior  
Provides Good  
Shepherding*

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!**

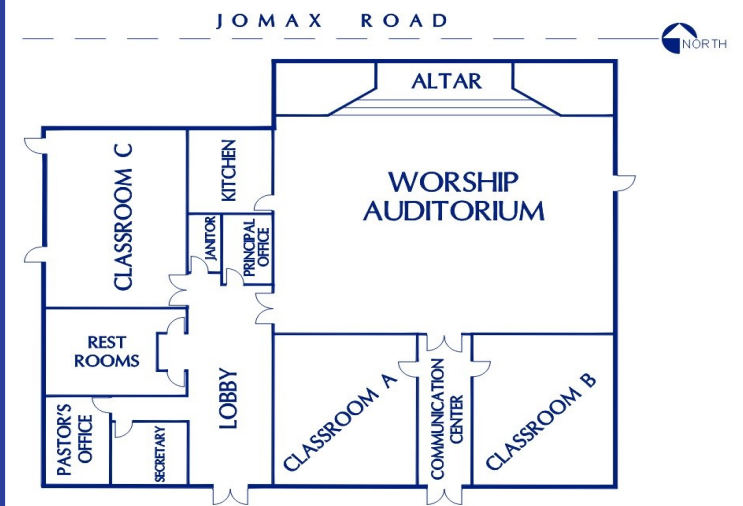
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 followed by 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](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. 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 Lord's Supper

## Opening Hymn: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CWH 551



1 Je - sus, shep - herd of the sheep, who your  
 2 In your prom - ise firm we stand, none can  
 3 By your blood our souls were bought, by your  
 4 Fa - ther, draw us to your Son; we with  
 5 We, in robes of glo - ry dressed, join th'as -



Fa - ther's flock does keep, safe we wake and  
 take us from your hand; speak— we hear— at  
 life sal - va - tion wrought; by your light our  
 joy will fol - low on till the work of  
 sem - bly of the blest, gath - ered to e -



safe we sleep, guard - ed still by you.  
 your com - mand, we will fol - low you.  
 feet are taught, Lord, to fol - low you.  
 grace is done, there to live with you.  
 ter - nal rest in the fold with you.

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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)



The greeting used by St. Paul perfectly summarizes Christianity.

## Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

## Confession and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.



“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.

## Prayer and Praise

(Sung by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take  
 ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
 stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
 tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
 Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

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Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949



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

## Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O Lord Jesus Christ, you are the Good Shepherd who laid down your life for the sheep. Lead us now to the still waters of your life-giving Word that we may abide in your Father's house forevermore; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**



The good shepherd asks his sub-shepherds to keep watch over the flock.

## First Reading

Acts 20:28-32

<sup>28</sup>Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. <sup>29</sup>I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. <sup>30</sup>Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. <sup>31</sup>So be on your guard! Remember that for three years I never stopped warning each of you night and day with tears.

<sup>32</sup>Now I commit you to God and to the word of his grace, which can build you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified.

## Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

CWH 554



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he makes me  
2 He guides my ways in right - eous - ness, and he a -  
3 And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not



lie in pas - tures green. He leads me by the still, still  
noints my head with oil, and my cup, it o - ver -  
fear the e - vil one, for you are with me, and your

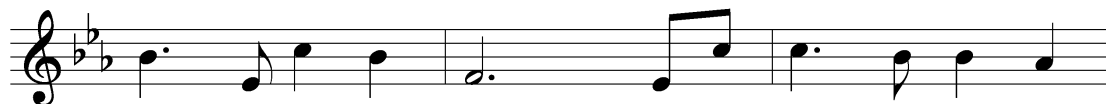


wa - ters, his good - ness re - stores my soul.  
flows with joy, I feast on his pure de - lights.  
rod and staff are the com - fort I need to know.

### Refrain



And I will trust in you a - lone, and I will



trust in you a - lone, for your end - less mer - cy



fol - lows me, your good - ness will lead me home.

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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 Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

1 John 4:1-6

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world.

<sup>4</sup>You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. <sup>5</sup>They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. <sup>6</sup>We



St. John encourages us to test all those who claim to have a spiritual message. Not all such individuals have been sent by God.

are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.



A verse from the holy scriptures is usually spoken in preparation for the reading of the Gospel which is read as the second reading or as part of the sermon.

### Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me. Alleluia. (*John 10:14*)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



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

### Sermon Hymn: The King of Love My Shepherd Is

CWH 552

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose  
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my  
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but  
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with

good - ness fails me nev - er; I noth - ing lack if  
 Sav - ior gent - ly leads me, and where the ver - dant  
 yet in love he sought me and on his shoul - der  
 you, dear Lord, be - side me, your rod and staff my

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.  
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feeds me.  
 gent - ly laid and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.  
 com - fort still, your cross be - fore to guide me.

**You spread a table in my sight,  
 a banquet here bestowing;**

**your oil of welcome, my delight;  
my cup is overflowing!**

**And so through all the length of days  
your goodness fails me never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing your praise  
within your house forever!**

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## Sermon

## The Ultimate Shepherd

John 10:11–18

<sup>11</sup>“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  
<sup>12</sup>The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. <sup>13</sup>The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep.

<sup>14</sup>“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— <sup>15</sup>just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup>I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to my voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. <sup>17</sup>The reason my Father loves me is that I lay down my life—only to take it up again. <sup>18</sup>No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from my Father.”

## Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**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.**



*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).*



*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.*

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.



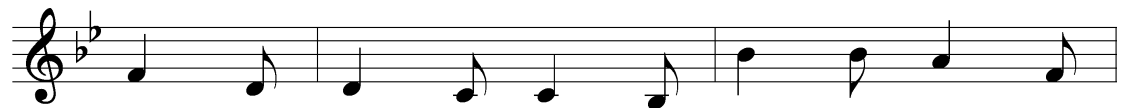
This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.

Song of the Season: Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

CWH 447



1 How can it be, the One who died has borne our  
 2 For joy a - wakes as dawn - ing light when Christ's dis -  
 3 Where doubt and dark - ness once had been, they saw him



sin through sac - ri - fice, to con - quer ev - 'ry  
 ci - ples lift their eyes. A - live he stands, their  
 and their hearts be - lieved. But blest are those who



	to Verses	to Refrain
sting of death? Sing, sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!"	v. 2	
friend and King; Christ, Christ, he is ris -		en!
have not seen, yet sing "Hal - le - lu - jah!"	v. 4	



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



lu - jah!" Join the cho - rus, sing with the re - deemed:





“Christ is ris - en, he is ris - en in - deed.”

v. 3/v. 5

**Once bound by fear, now bold in faith,  
they preached the truth and pow’r of grace  
and pouring out their lives they gained  
life, life everlasting. (Refrain)**

**The pow’r that raised him from the grave  
now works in us to pow’r’lly save.  
He frees our hearts to live his grace;  
go, tell of his goodness. (Refrain)**

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### **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 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 ".*

*(I Timothy 2:1)*



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

The responsive reading from I Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.

# Holy Communion

## The Preparation

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

**C:** so that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

**M:** Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

**C:** And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?

**M:** Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

**C:** for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

**M:** Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

**C:** A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)



the price Jesus paid on the cross.

## Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CWH 814

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to  
thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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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.

## Words of Institution

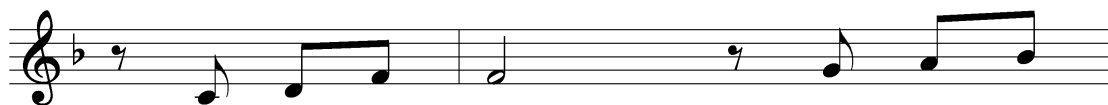
(Spoken by Minister)

**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. ~

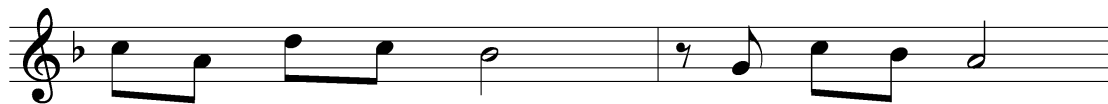
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



This hymn of response perfectly describes the blessings of this Sacrament - forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
 2 What is this wine? The blood of  
 5 Is this for me? I am for -



ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,  
 Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace  
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve



this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -  
 brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I  
 that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.  
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.  
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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### 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: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

CWH 668



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my  
 2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and  
 3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the  
 4 God de - scends with heav'n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.  
 wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,  
 Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,  
 me this hour— in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his  
 gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the  
 ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter  
 On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."  
 pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.  
 death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.  
 grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor,  
 whose own feast of love I savor,  
 bidden by his gracious call.

Wedding garments he provides me,  
 with a robe of white he hides me,  
 fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,  
 comfort in my tribulation,  
 balm to heal the troubled soul.  
 God, my shield from ev'ry terror,  
 cleanses me from sin and error,  
 makes my wounded spirit whole.

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## Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimitis*

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your  
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your  
word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the  
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple  
Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.



The *Nunc Dimitis* ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christ-child in his arms as God had promised, we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

## Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

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 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. Amen.

## 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.



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.



1 I am Je - sus' lit - tle lamb; ev - er glad at  
 2 Day by day, at home, a - way, Je - sus is my  
 3 Who so hap - py as I am, e - ven now the



heart I am, for my Shep - herd gent - ly guides me,  
 staff and stay. When I hun - ger, Je - sus feeds me,  
 Shep - herd's lamb? And when my short life is end - ed,



knows my need and well pro - vides me, loves me ev - 'ry  
 in - to pleas - ant pas - tures leads me; when I thirst, he  
 by his an - gel host at - tend - ed, he shall fold me



day the same, e - ven calls me by my name.  
 bids me go where the qui - et wa - ters flow.  
 to his breast, there with - in his arms to rest.

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## Monthly Newsletter

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### Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	April 21st	April 28th	May 5th
<b>Counters</b>		Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan
<b>Communion</b>	Andrea		Dawn
<b>Cleaners</b>	Gullerud/Kugler	Plitzuweit/Peterson/ Sterns	Martins/ Pappenfuss/Cape
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill Brooks Shannon Brooks	Nancy Murphy Sharon Wilson	Ryan Family
<b>Ushers</b>	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan Gary Jeffers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Nicole Brown Leslie Contreras Tracy Ditter	Linda Stern Clara Naber	Rene Koutia
<b>A/V</b>	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Kelly Simpson Bentley Ryan	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia

**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 has started 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.