

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost

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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Zachary Pudlo
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.

Today's Worship Focus



Jesus told his disciples that, though he was going to ascend into heaven, he wasn't going to leave them alone. He was going to send "the Advocate," a title for the Holy Spirit. But Jesus wasn't sending the Spirit just to keep us company. Jesus would have the Advocate give us spiritual power so that we might participate in Christ's saving work. Here is the final resurrection reality. The Spirit gives us the ability to raise the spiritually dead to life.

We see this happen on Pentecost. The festival of Pentecost was held fifty days after the Passover. (Pentecost is Greek for "fifty.") It was a time to thank God for the harvest. But on that day, through the Church at work, the Holy Spirit gathered another harvest, a harvest of souls. Therefore, Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. With the Festival of Pentecost, the festival half of the Church Year comes to a close.

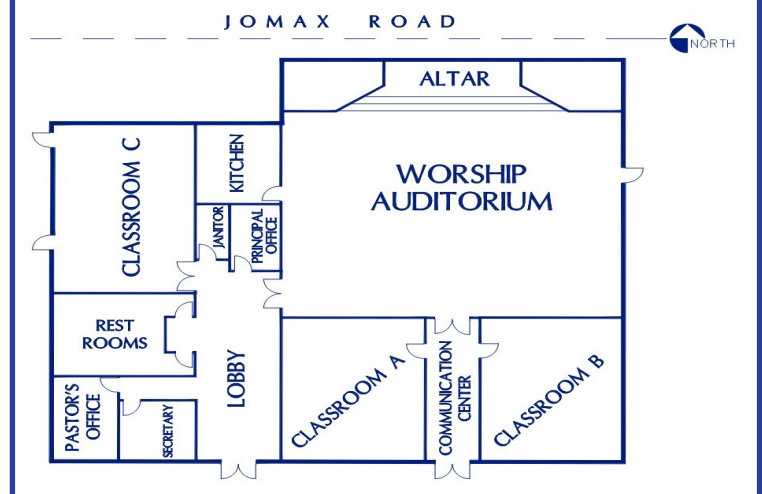
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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!

Pentecost Festival Service

Gathering Rite for Pentecost

CW229



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on Pentecost, the start of the New Testament church and the work of the Holy Spirit, the creator and maintainer of our faith.

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

1. This day at your cre - a - ting word
first o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day up - on us shine
and fill our souls with light di - vine.

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

C: **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

Congregation Sings:

2. This day the Lord for sin - ners slain
in might vic - to - rious rose a - gain:
O Je - sus, raise your peo - ple, too,
from death of sin to life in you.

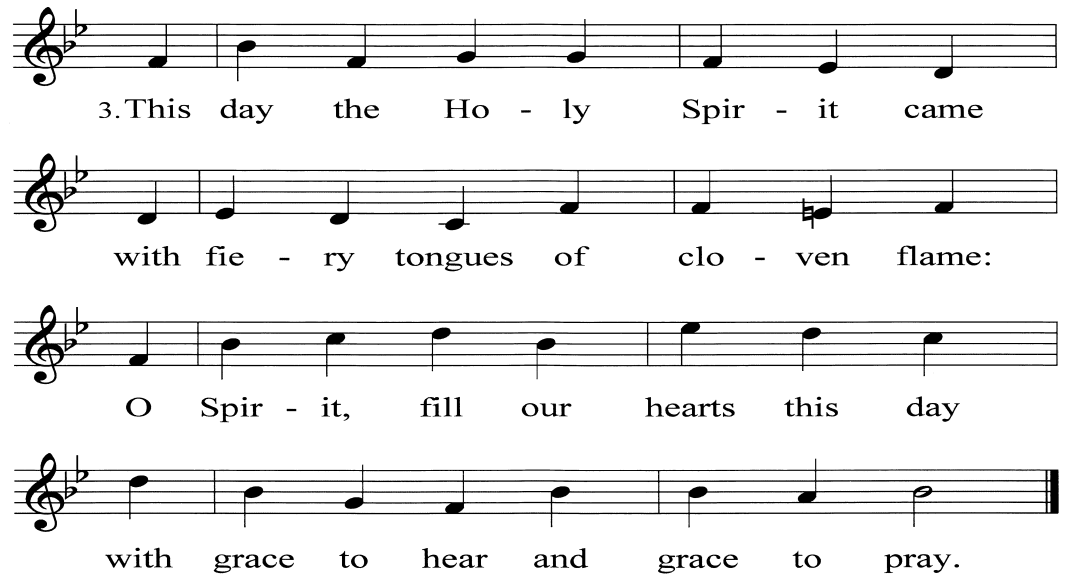
M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Congregation Sings:



3. This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came
with fie - ry tongues of clo - ven flame:
O Spir - it, fill our hearts this day
with grace to hear and grace to pray.

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

C: No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

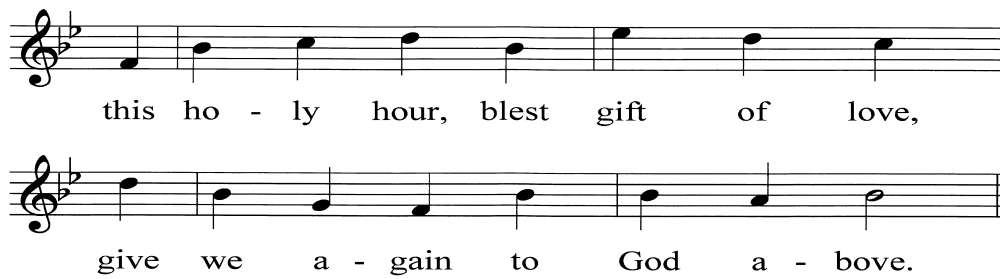
M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

C: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Congregation Sings:



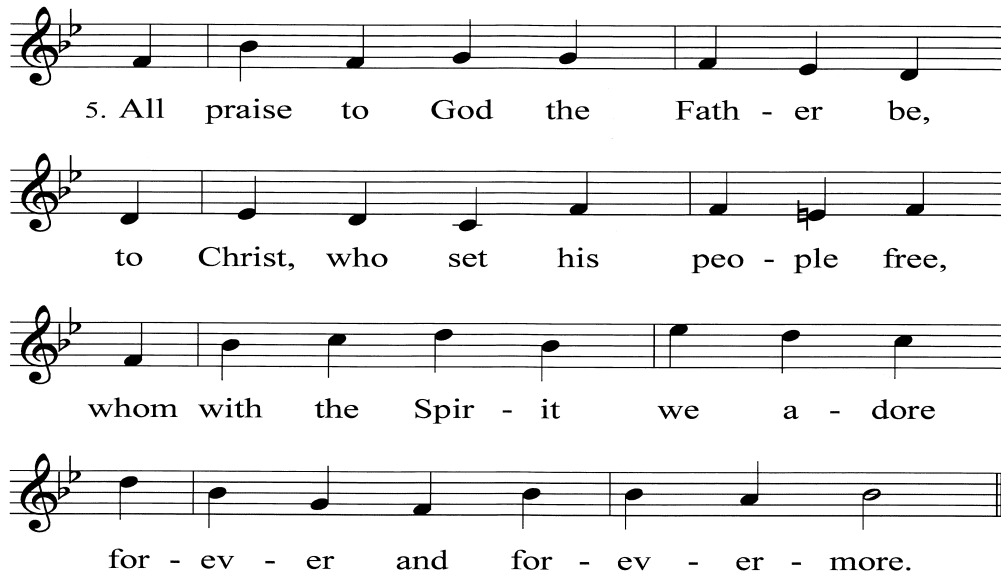
4. This day of light and life and grace
we gath - er in our wor - ship - place:



M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Congregation Sings:



Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Ezekiel 37:1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know."



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



The Lord allows Ezekiel to see that the Spirit would give that prophet's words the power to raise the dead to life.

⁴Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!’ ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.’ ”

⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’ ” ¹⁰So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ ¹²Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ¹⁴I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.’ ”



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 104

(Read Responsively)

M: How many are your works, LORD!

C: **In wisdom you made them all.**

M: All creatures look to you

C: **to give them their food at the proper time.**

M: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

C: **when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

M: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

C: **may the LORD rejoice in his works—**

M: he makes winds his messengers,

C: **flames of fire his servants.**

M: I will sing to the LORD all my life;

C: **I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

Second Reading

Acts 2:1–21



*The Day of Pentecost
was the fulfillment of
God's promise to pour
out his Spirit.*

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷"In the last days, God says,

I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy,

your young men will see visions,

your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,

I will pour out my Spirit in those days,

and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above

and signs on the earth below,

blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness

and the moon to blood

before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls

on the name of the Lord will be saved.'



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

Sermon Hymn : Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent From Heaven

CWS723



1. Ho - ly Spir - it, the dove sent from heav - en, ev - er
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, the fire ce - les - tial, who on
4. Ho - ly Spir - it, the wind of great pow - er, source of



one with the One who is three, from the
Pen - e - cost came as fore - told. To de -
strength and of peace and of love, tru - est



Fa - ther you came, words of peace to pro - claim, come and
scend from on high, and the Church oc - cu - py as the
Com - fort - er, plead as you bring all our need to the



com - fort us, speak ten - der - ly. You the
cloud filled the tem - ple of old; all the
throne of God's glo - ry a - bove. Be the



fra - grance of life we are seek - ing; fill your
bap - tized you seal with your prom - ise, all be -
light that en - light - ens the Scrip - tures; Keep our



tem - ple your al - tar make clean. Joy - ous
liev - ers your gift there re - ceive, so that
feet from each de - vil - ish snare; on - ly



shel - ter of love, gra - cious friend from a - bove, in your
all the e - lect all in Christ may ex - pect to en -
you can make whole all that trou - bles our soul; by your



care we are rest - ing, se - rene.
 joy what by grace they be - lieve.
 chris - m, Christ's tri - umph we share.

Sermon

John 15:26–27; 16:4b-11

²⁶“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.

I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.



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 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.

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,



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.

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

Psalm 139G

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

O God, you search me and you know me.

All my thoughts lie open to your gaze.

When I walk or lie down, you are before me:

ever the maker and keeper of my days.

You know my resting and my rising.

You discern my purpose from afar,

and with love everlasting you besiege me:

in ev'ry moment of life or death, you are.

Congregation sings:



3 Be - fore a word is on my tongue, LORD,
4 Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5 For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



you have known its mean - ing through and through.
still I search for shel - ter from your light.
gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



God of my pres - ent, my past, and fu - ture, too.
E - ven the dark - ness is ra - dian - t in your sight.
Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

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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)

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 for Pentecost

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

C: **I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.**

M: Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

C: **In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.**

M: Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

~Silent prayer~

M: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts

C: and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)



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

**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.**

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 responsive reading from 1 Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.



As we approach the Lord's table, we are reminded that we are invited only because of the price Jesus paid on the cross.



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.



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

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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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.

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

Sung Response: What Is This Bread

CWH 665

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.

Gluten-free wafers are available. If you point at the tray of wafers, you will be presented with a tray of gluten free wafers which you are invited to take.

Alcohol-free white grape juice can be taken from the wine tray.

Distribution Hymn: Behold the Lamb

Ensemble sings Verses
and Congregation joins on Refrain

*Ensemble: Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.*

Congregation (Refrain):



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of his



sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace



a - round the tab - le of the King.

*Ensemble: The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
torn for you; eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us
life paid the price to make us one.*



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

Congregation: Refrain

*Ensemble: The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.*

Congregation: Refrain

*Ensemble: And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond, and to remember;
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.*

Congregation (Refrain):



As we share in his suf-fer-ing, we pro-claim Christ will



come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n



a - round the tab - le of the King.

*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

(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.

Ensemble

Holy Spirit

Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Congregation joins for Vs. 3

*Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.*

*Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

Congregation sings:



3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing



life to all that God has made. Show your pow - er once a -



gain on earth, cause your church to hun - ger for your ways.



Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise;

lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be
clear for all the world to see.

The image shows a musical score for three lines of lyrics. The music is written on a single treble clef staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The notes are as follows:
Line 1: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter).
Line 2: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter).
Line 3: G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (quarter), C4 (quarter), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter).

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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.

Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	May 19th	May 26th	June 2nd
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
Communion	Sharon		Shannon
Cleaners	Kelley/Grams	Patterson	TBD
Greeters	John Stevenson Maggie Stevenson	John Stevenson Maggie Stevenson	Leonard Freeman Maxine Freeman
Ushers	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Andrea Semmann Kathy Collyard	Rene Koutia Sharon Wilson	Clara
A/V	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter

Weekly QR Code



Get to Know Each Other

There are still members that I would love to get to know from Cross of Glory. Let's get together informally for a visit. We could meet at church, I could come visit you at your house, or I would be happy to treat for coffee. Please select the date, time and location of your choosing by using the QR code. Also Tracy will be in the school/church office following the service to assist as well.



Pastor Pudlo

United Portraits will be here today

United Portraits will be here today to get photos for our directory. We will need individual as well as family pictures. If you did not do individual pictures and/or group pictures please stick around that day so we can get a complete directory.

VBS Help Needed

Cross of Glory's annual Vacation Bible School is quickly approaching. During the week of June 3-7, we will welcome over 180 children from all over Peoria to our campus for Bible lessons, crafts, STEM, singing and games.

It takes a lot of volunteers (like you) to make this a success. Please contact the school/church office if you are able to help. We are still in need of a teacher for the science room and adult helpers to assist with leading the children from room to room.

Artificial plants for decorating areas in the jungle theme (bring on Sunday, June 2) and brown paper bags are needed. Please use the QR for additional items needed. Set-up will be after the service on June 2. All are welcome to help.



Note from Our Financial Secretary

The "Finish the Race Fund" is being retired and a new fund called the "Building Capital Fund" will replace it. The Finish the Race Fund was used as part of the capital campaign to provide funding for our new three-room preschool and kindergarten building. A total of \$209,145 was pledged, and offerings of \$211,422 have been received. As we embark on new building projects, the capital campaign will use the Building Capital Fund as the input for these funds. We'll be hearing more about a new building campaign in the not-too-distant future.

-John Kull

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 is receiving treatment for cancer that was discovered.

Prayers for all who are graduating from grade school, high school, or college.

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.