

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 2
Sunday, June 2, 2024

623-224-8839 www.crossofglory.org

10111 W Jomax Road

Peoria, AZ 85383

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.

Today's Worship Focus



After a long day of work, you have earned the right to sit down in your favorite chair, put your feet up, and watch your favorite program. After a hard week on the job, you have earned the opportunity to relax a bit that weekend. After doing your job well for many months, you have earned those two weeks of vacation at the beach. This is how everyone thinks: rest is something you earn through hard work. We even teach that to our kids: no gaming until homework is done, no playing with friends until chores are complete. Since that concept of rest being earned is so deeply engrained in us, to properly understand spiritual rest requires a top-down faith. God needs to send us the Spirit so that we can grasp this truth. True spiritual rest cannot be earned. In fact, the harder you try, the more restless and the less peaceful you become. Spiritual rest is a gift that God gives. The rest we need most—from guilt, from worry, from shame, from hopelessness—is graciously given to us by the Lord of the Sabbath.

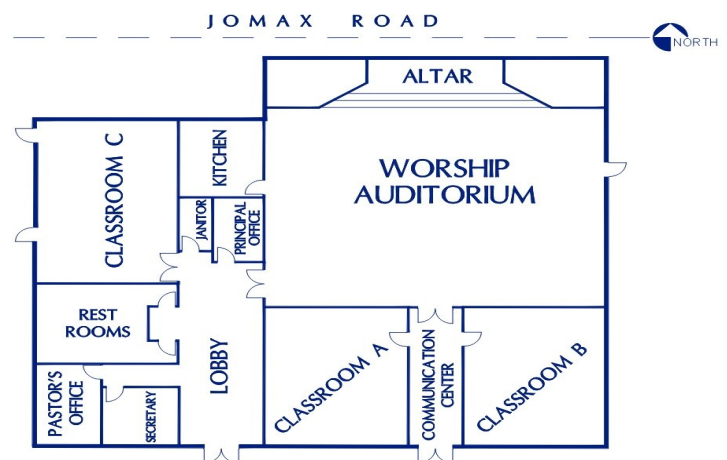
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

The Service and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: Come Away from Rush and Hurry CWH 913 (Melody: CWH748)



1. Come a - way from rush and hur - ry to the
2. In the pas - tures of God's good - ness we lie
3. Come, then, chil - dren, with your bur - dens— life's con -

still - ness of God's peace; from our vain am - bi - tion's
down to rest our soul. From the wa - ters of God's
fu - sions, fears, and pain. Leave them at the cross of

wor - ry, come to Christ to find re - lease.
mer - cy we drink deep - ly, are made whole.
Je - sus; take in - stead his king - dom's reign.

Come a - way from noise and clam - or, life's de -
At the ta - ble of God's pre - sence all the
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them— he a -

mands and fren - zied pace; come to join the peo - ple
saints are rich - ly fed. With the oil of God's a -
lone will sat - is - fy. All our long - ings find at -

ga - thered here to seek and find God's grace.
noint - ing in - to ser - vice we are led.
tain - ment when to self we glad - ly die.

Text: Marva J. Dawn, b. 1948 Tune: Natalie Sleeth, 1930–1992
Text: © 1999 Marva J. Dawn. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 711716
Tune: © 1986 Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 711716

Invocation

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

C: Amen.



Hymn of praise, prayer,
or reflection on the
season of the church
year.

We follow the advice of
the Apostle Paul to
“teach and admonish
one another with all
wisdom through
psalms, hymns, and
songs from the Spirit,
singing to God with
gratitude in your
hearts.”

(Colossians 3:16)



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 disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.*



*The title of this prayer
is "Kyrie" in Greek
meaning "O Lord". It is
a cry to the Lord for
help and strength.*

Confession

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Je-
sus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole
world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you
all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: *MISSIONARY HYMN*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;

for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.

Al - might-y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,

we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

Text: Michael D. Schultz
Text: © 2021 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 711716



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

The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Eternal God, your Son, Jesus Christ, is our true Sabbath rest. Help us to keep each day holy by receiving his Word of comfort that we may find our rest in him, who lives and reigns with you 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

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

¹²“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. ¹⁵Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.



The LORD commanded that the Sabbath day be observed so that we might rest and remember all that he has done for us.



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 62C

1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
 2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -

va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
 ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll

I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
 cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and

hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
 rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the

fix my heart on right-eous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
 fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.

Refrain

O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de - light and my re - ward;
 ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

Text: Stuart Townend; Aaron Keyes Tune: Stuart Townend; Aaron Keyes
 Text and tune: © 2008 Thankyou Music (PRS), admin. CapitolCMGPublishing.com. Used by permission: CCLI no. 3555946

The Children's Sermon

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



All God's commands about religious festivals and the Sabbath day were meant to point us to the spiritual rest found in Christ.

Second Reading

Colossians 2:13-17

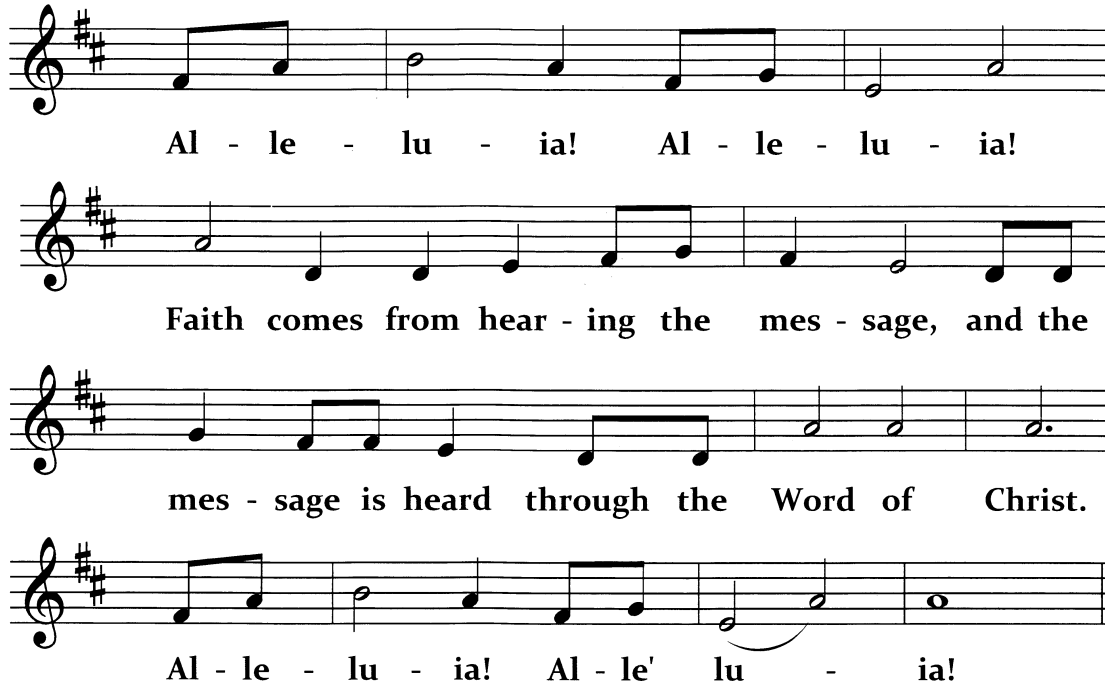
¹³When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

¹⁶Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. (*Psalm 119:105*)



A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service. The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17

Hymn of the Day: I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

CW338



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

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Come unto me and rest;
 lay down, O weary one, lay down
 your head upon my breast."
 I came to Jesus as I was,
 so weary, worn, and sad;
 I found in him a resting place,
 and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "Behold, I freely give
 the living water, thirsty one;
 stoop down and drink and live."
 I came to Jesus, and I drank
 of that life-giving stream;
 my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
 and now I live in him.

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.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
 "I am this dark world's light.
 Look unto me; your morn shall rise
 and all your day be bright."
 I looked to Jesus, and I found
 in him my star, my sun;
 and in that light of life I'll walk
 till trav'ling days are done.

Sermon

Lord of the Sabbath

Mark 2:23—3:6

²³One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?"

²⁵He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions."

²⁷Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

¹Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, "Stand up in front of everyone."

⁴Then Jesus asked them, "Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?" But they remained silent.

⁵He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: 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.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: 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

Psalm 13B

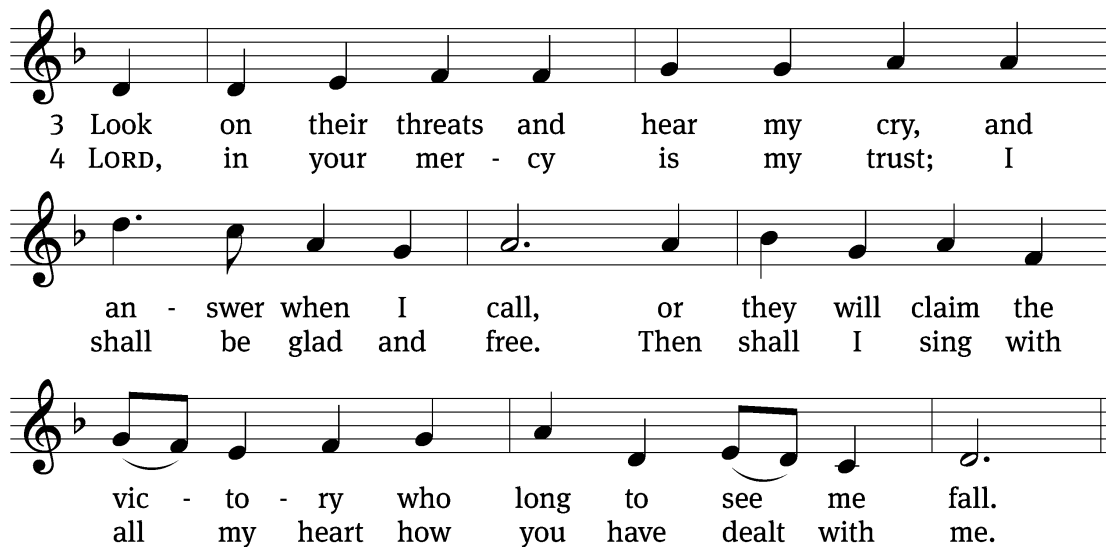
Soloist sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-4

How long will you forget me, LORD, and hide your face away?

How long shall evils tear my heart and troubles fill my day?

*Look on my need, O LORD my God, who grants my ev'ry breath;
give light that I may see your light, not sleep the sleep of death.*

Congregation sings:



3 Look on their threats and hear my cry, and
4 LORD, in your mer - cy is my trust; I
an - swer when I call, or they will claim the
shall be glad and free. Then shall I sing with
vic - to - ry who long to see me fall.
all my heart how you have dealt with me.



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.

Text: Christopher Idle Tune: Kurt J. Eggert
Text: © 1990 The Jubilate Group, admin. Hope Publishing Co. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 711716
Tune: © 1993 Kurt J. Eggert, admin. Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 711716



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 get ready to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal.



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.

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 promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. 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

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: WEBB

1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
 your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro-claim.

Text: Michael D. Schultz Tune: George J. Webb

Text: © 2021 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 711716 Tune: Public domain

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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

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.**

Words 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.



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.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: ST. CRISPIN

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will
took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Text: Michael D. Schultz Tune: George J. Elvey
Text: © 2021 Northwestern Publishing House. Used by permission: OneLicense no. 711716 Tune: Public domain



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.

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.



This hymn is sung by
the congregation dur-
ing the distribution of
the Lord's Supper.

Distribution Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared

CWH 667

1 Lord Je - sus Christ, you have pre - pared this feast for
2 Al - though you did to heav'n as - cend, where an - gel
3 Yet, Sav - ior, you are not con - fined to an - y
4 We eat this bread and drink this cup, your pre - cious

our sal - va - tion; it is your bod - y
hosts are dwell - ing, and in your pres - ence
hab - i - ta - tion, but you are pres - ent
Word be - liev - ing that your true bod - y

and your blood, and at your in - vi - ta - tion
they be - hold your glo - ry, all ex - cel - ling,
ev - 'ry - where and with your con - gre - ga - tion.
and your blood our lips are here re - ceiv - ing.

as wea - ry souls, with sin op - pressed, we come to
and though your peo - ple shall not see your glo - ry
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, un - moved by
This Word re - mains for - ev - er true, and there is

you for need - ed rest, for com - fort, and for par - don.
and your maj - es - ty till dawns the judg - ment morn - ing,
an - y dar - ing hand or sub - tle craft and cun - ning.
naught you can - not do, for you, Lord, are al - might - y.

Though reason cannot understand,
yet faith this truth embraces:
your body, Lord, is even now
at once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be;
your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said;
help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust,
and let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears

refreshes me and stills my fears
and is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive
your supper, Lord, our Savior,
and, truly grieving for our sins,
may prove by our behavior
that we are thankful for your grace
and day by day may run our race,
in holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord,
be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place
the world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be
a blessed comfort unto me
when living and when dying.

Text: tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.; Samuel Kinner, 1603–1668
Tune: Peter Sohren, c. 1630–c. 1692, alt. Text and tune: Public domain

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: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.

*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.*



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 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's

joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,

O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Tune: Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879
Text and tune: Public domain

Acknowledgments

Unless otherwise indicated, Scripture quotations are from The Holy Bible, New International Version®, NIV®. Copyright © 1973, 1978, 1984, 2011 by Biblica, Inc.™ Used by permission of Zondervan. All rights reserved worldwide.
Software distributed in partnership with Northwestern Publishing House.
Created by Christian Worship: Service Builder © 2022 Concordia Publishing House.
All rights reserved. These and all other sources are used by permission under One License.net License # A-711716 and/or CCLI License # 1852086 and # CSPL136078 (Video).

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	June 2nd	June 9th	June 16th
Counters	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Joel Ditter Nancy Murphy	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan
Communion	Shannon		Andrea
Greeters	Leonard Freeman Maxine Freeman	Carl Henkel Liz Henkel	Fred Piepenbrink Diana Piepenbrink
Ushers	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Clara	Mary PrimoFiore Shannon Gullerud	Paula Considine
A/V	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia

Weekly QR Code

Please scan the QR Code to view our weekly newsletter.



Moving Help

We are looking for help loading a U-Haul on Saturday, June 8 from 8:00 to 1:00.

Our address is 18416 N 97th Drive, Sun City, AZ 85373.

The other would be asking if anyone knows anyone who would be interested in renting a two-bedroom, two-bathroom home in Sun City. You can call 507-720-2400.

Paul Pappenfuss

Call Acceptance Letter

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Cross of Glory

10111 W. Jomax Road

Peoria, AZ 85383

Dear members of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church,

On May 18, 2024, we received the divine call extended to us through the Assignment Committee to serve your congregation. With this letter, we wish to announce our formal acceptance of this call and express our joy and excitement that this incredible privilege has been granted to us.

Moving arrangements and installation date are being determined. We pray that the Lord will bring us to you safely and that he will bless our ministry among you.

We would also like to share that we are getting married on June 22 in Houston, TX. We are excited to begin our married life in Arizona and begin this new chapter at Cross of Glory!

In Christ,

Grace Brown & Tyler Holzhueter

News from New River

After prayerful consideration and discussions with the pastors who have been shepherding the New River Mission, we have decided not to accept the unfunded mission status offered by Home Mission Board. We are grateful that the Home Mission Board awarded the mission this status and thank the board for their efforts and support. Unfortunately, we can no longer continue services in the New River area without financial backing from the synod or Cross of Glory. Pastor Freeman will conduct our final service on June 16 at 9:30 AM. We are confident in the promise that all things work for the glory of God and pray that his will be done in the North Valley in his time.

Thank you to all who have supported New River Mission with your thoughts and prayers.

God's Blessings,
In Christ
Edward Taylor
602-739-1235



Cross of Glory's annual Vacation Bible School is happening this week. 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.

Set-up will be after the service on today. All are welcome to help.

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.*

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.