

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**VBS Sunday**  
*Sunday, June 9, 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.*



Welcome to VBS Sunday! Last week we traveled on a **Great Jungle Journey: An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation**. We cruised through jungle rivers, making stops along the way—each starting with a C. These represent seven key biblical events of history.

**Day 1: Creation**—Our first C takes us back to the beginning of time and the creation of the universe when it was all good.

**Day 2: Corruption and Catastrophe**—Next, Adam sinned, and God formed a plan to save Adam and all his descendants. Everything God did from that point forward was to save us including sending a global flood.

**Day 3: Confusion**—The fourth C checks out the events that began at the tower of Babel.

**Day 4: Christ and the Cross**—At these stops, we realized once again that man is sinful and needs a Savior. Because of his great love, God provided one in his Son!

**Day 5: Consummation**—The last C shows the thrilling conclusion to history when all goes back to very good again, and God wins against sin and Satan.

In our service today, we will review the Bible readings and the important truths we learned this week. In addition, we will view videos of the VBS participants singing some of the songs they learned. May God bless the children who learned God's truths this week and we who worship this morning as we praise our God for his perfect plan to save mankind.

Today's Worship Focus

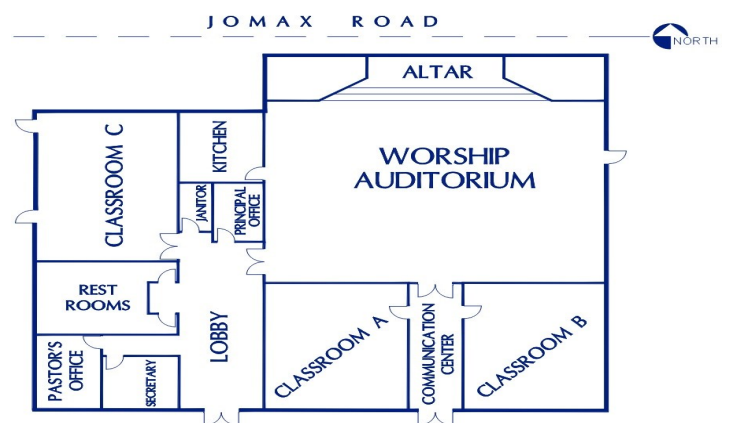
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**New to Cross of Glory?** We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at [church.secretary@crossofglory.org](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. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



## Gathering Rite on the Word of God

(CWH633 Sung Responses)

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

C: Amen.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey for my mouth.

### Sung by Congregation:

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of  
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on the Word of God and its power to bring us to faith.

“And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe.”

(1 Thessalonians 2:13)



*"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)*

**C:** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**M:** Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

**Sung by Congregation:**

2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic  
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
nev - er fail, let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.

*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.*

**M:** God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name". The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

## Sung by Congregation:



3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights  
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the  
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.  
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your  
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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## Catechism Review: 1st & 2nd Commandment

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You shall have no other gods.

*What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.**

M: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

*What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.**



*For five centuries, Martin Luther's Small Catechism has served as the basic instruction book for the church. It directs us to God's Word and points to the only source for spiritual life, the Means of Grace: the Word and Sacraments. As lifelong students of the Catechism, we review these important truths from God's Word as we continue to grow in a deep appreciation for all that Jesus has done as our Savior.*



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

## Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Gracious God, you nourish my faith with the good news that you have forgiven my sins in Christ. Let the gospel be proclaimed by all who come to worship today: by ministers called to preach the gospel, by musicians who adorn the gospel with beauty, and by all who proclaim the gospel in song and prayer. Let the miracle of your forgiving love touch my heart and the hearts of all.

C: Amen.



Our journey begins at the first week of history, when God created everything in heaven and the earth as well as the crown of his creation, humankind. The triune God declared his complete and perfect creation good.



In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.

Genesis 1:1

## Hymn of Response: Across the Lands

CWH 549



1 You're the Word of God the Fa - ther from be - fore the  
2 Yet you left the gaze of an - gels, came to seek and  
3 With a shout you rose vic - to - rious, wrest - ing vic - t'ry



world be - gan. Ev - 'ry star and ev - 'ry plan - et has been  
save the lost, and ex - changed the joy of heav - en for the  
from the grave, and as - cend - ed in - to heav - en, lead - ing



fash - ioned by your hand. All cre - a - tion holds to -  
an - guish of a cross. With a prayer you fed the  
cap - tives in your way. Now you stand be - fore the

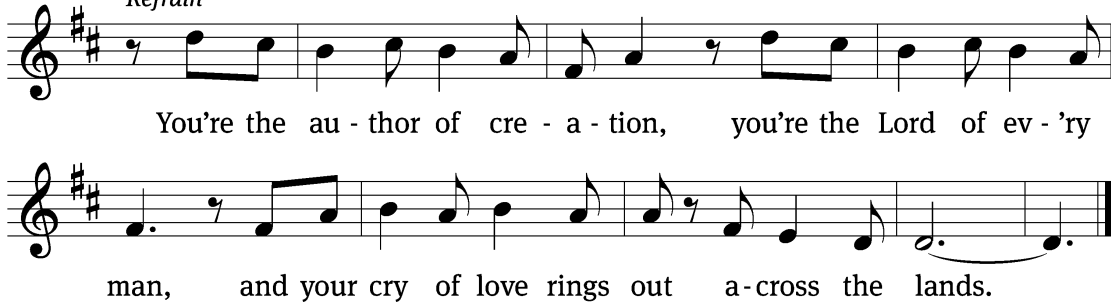


geth - er by the pow - er of your voice. Let the skies de -  
hun - gry, with a word you calmed the sea, yet how si - lent  
Fa - ther, in - ter - ced - ing for your own; from each tribe and



clare your glo - ry, let the land and seas re - joice!  
ly you suf - fered that the guilt - y may go free!  
tongue and na - tion you are lead - ing sin - ners home!

Refrain



You're the au - thor of cre - a - tion, you're the Lord of ev - 'ry  
man, and your cry of love rings out a - cross the lands.

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All have turned away, all have become corrupt;  
there is no one who does good, not even one.

Psalm 14:3



Adam and Eve fall into sin thereby bringing the curse of sin to all of humankind from this point forward. God responds with a plan of salvation and in the coming millennia guides the plan through the now sinful and corrupt creation.

Hymn of Response: Creator of the Stars of Night

CWH 323



1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, your peo - ple's  
2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse should doom to  
3 When earth drew on to dark - est night, you came, but  
4 At your great name, ma - jes - tic now, all knees must  
ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,  
death a u - ni - verse, you came to save a ru - ined race  
not in splen - dor bright, not as a king, but as the child  
bend, all hearts must bow; all things on earth with one ac - cord  
we pray you, hear us when we call.  
with heal - ing gifts of heav'n - ly grace.  
of Mar - y, vir - gin moth - er mild.  
join those in heav'n to call you Lord.

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At the Tower of Babel,  
self-glorifying pride got  
in the way of Lord ful-  
filling his will to fill the  
earth.

That is why it was called Babel—because there the Lord confused the language of the whole world. From there the Lord scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Genesis 11:9

## VBS Choir Video

## O God, Our Help in Ages Past

*O God, our help in ages past,  
Our hope for years to come.  
Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
And our eternal home.*

*Under the shadow of your throne,  
Your saints have been secure.  
All we need is you alone  
And our defense is sure.*

*O God, our help in ages past,  
God be our guide as long as life will last.  
Before the hills and mountains stood  
Or Earth received her frame,  
From everlasting you are God  
And forevermore the same.*

*O God, our help in years to come,  
God, be our guide and our eternal home.*





God sent Jesus to be our Savior. Jesus received the punishment for our sins. Those who believe in him receive the gift of salvation.



Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

John 1:12

Hymn of Response: Beneath the Cross

CWH 710



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to  
 2 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus his fam - 'ly is my  
 3 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the



stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that  
 own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; now,  
 crown, we fol - low in his foot - steps where



calls me as I am; for hands that should dis -  
 one thro' grace a - lone. How could I now dis -  
 prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -



card me hold wounds which tell me, "Come." Be - neath the  
 hon - or the ones that you have loved? Be - neath the  
 fore us to be his per - fect bride. Be - neath the



cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.  
 cross of Je - sus see the chil - dren called by God.  
 cross of Je - sus we will glad - ly live our lives.

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‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.”

Revelation 21:4

## Apostles' Creed

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



The book of Revelation gives us a glimpse into the perfection of our eternal home in heaven.



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Apostles' Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.



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

(Spoken by Minister)

**M:** Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**C: Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.**

**M:** You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

**C: Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

**M:** Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

**C: Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

**M:** Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

**C: Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.**

**M:** We thank you for enabling our congregation to provide elementary education for our children. We know our schools are your special blessing, and we pray for the resolve to establish and maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of education. Move us to be generous in our offerings so that teachers may teach and students may learn in fitting surroundings.

**C: Lead us to provide Christian schools that reflect the immensity of your love.**

**M:** Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that

Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

**C: Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.**

M: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

**C: Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.**

## 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.**



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

## 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.*

*Let's go to the jungle and this is our plan,  
 Discovering secrets made by the great I AM  
 Journey from Genesis to Revelation  
 To know where you're going and learn where we began.  
 Let's go!*

*Hey! Hey! Hey!  
 Can you hear our jungle jam?  
 Hey! Hey! Hey!  
 It began with the great I AM*

*We start with creation, then corruption, catastrophe, confusion,  
 Christ, the cross, then consummation  
 And Jesus reigns for eternity!*

## VBS Choir Video

## Peace, Love, Joy

*There'll be peace and love and laughter, no more sorrow and pain.  
 There'll be joy forever after under Jesus' reign.  
 That's where I'll be for eternity.*

*And there'll be so much peace.  
 And there'll be love, oh love, love, love.  
 And there'll be joy, so much joy.  
 No more crying, no more pain, no more brokenness and shame.*

*In a world full of sorrows where is joy to be found?  
 Who gives hope for tomorrow?  
 Then Jesus came and in his name salvation is found.*

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## *School Job Opportunities*

We are in need of someone to do before care from 7:30 - 8:00 and someone for aftercare from 3:15 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Monday-Friday. We are also looking for a preschool helper on Tuesday afternoon, Thursday full day, and Friday morning. Please have them contact me at [brenda.grams@crossofglory.org](mailto:brenda.grams@crossofglory.org).

## Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	June 9th	June 16th	June 23rd
<b>Counters</b>	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
<b>Communion</b>		Andrea	
<b>Greeters</b>	Carl Henkel Liz Henkel	Fred Piepenbrink Diana Piepenbrink	Brad Hotz Carolyn Hotz
<b>Ushers</b>	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan Gary Jeffers
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Mary PrimoFiore Shannon Gullerud	Paula Considine	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plitzuweit
<b>A/V</b>	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Kelly Simpson Bentley Ryan

## Weekly QR Code

Please scan the QR Code to view our weekly newsletter.



**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.