

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday 9am Worship

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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



MEANINGFUL MINISTRY

“Ministry” is one of those churchy words that is often used, yet perhaps not fully understood. Ministry comes from the Latin word for “service.” Ministry involves serving others with love, compassion, and empathy. Helping someone with physical needs is sometimes called “compassion ministry.” Helping someone with their spiritual needs, sharing the good news of Christ, is generally called “gospel ministry.” We misunderstand ministry if we think of it as something only ministers do.

While pastors are called to perform gospel ministry on behalf of others, ultimately every believer is called by God to reflect Christ-like love and share the message of salvation as God provides those opportunities.

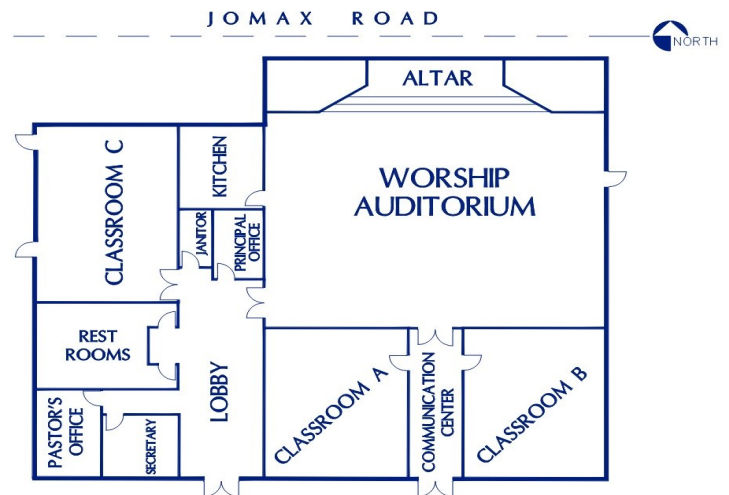
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at church.secretary@crossofglory.org

CHURCH MAP



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN


- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- **Children in Church Program:** Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Service of the Word and Lord's Supper


Opening Hymn: Lift High the Cross

CWH 900


Refrain



Lift high the cross; the love of Christ pro - claim till




all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.



1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our cap - tain trod,
2 All new - born sol - diers of the Cru - ci - fied
3 Let ev - 'ry race and ev - 'ry lan - guage tell
4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

Refrain



our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
bear on their brows the seal of him who died.
of him who saves our souls from death and hell.
praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

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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)

Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.



The greeting used by St. Paul perfectly summarizes Christianity.

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.



“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.

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.

Prayer and Praise

(Sung by Congregation)

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

Musical notation for the hymn 'O Taste and See' in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff across five lines. The lyrics are: 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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Text: n/a

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty, eternal and righteous God, you revealed your divine Word to teach us what we should do and what we should avoid. Strengthen and lead us by your Holy Spirit that we serve you in new obedience here until we come to complete holiness before you in that life to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

Ezekiel 2:1-7



The LORD sends Ezekiel to prophesy to the Israelites, knowing that most will not be grateful for the prophet's message but resentful.

¹He said to me, "Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you." ²As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me.

³He said: "Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. ⁴The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says.' ⁵And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. ⁶And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. ⁷You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.

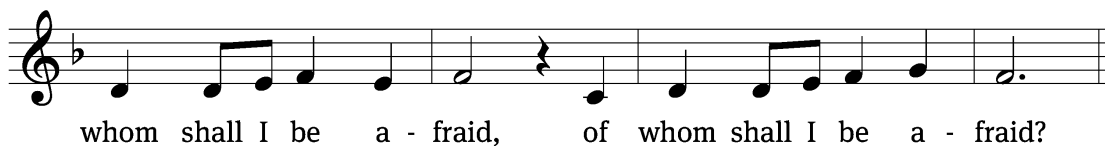
Psalm

Psalm 27C



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."

Refrain



Tone



Hear my voice when I / call, LORD;
be merciful to me and / answer me.
Do not hide your / face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
Do not reject me or for- / sake me,
God my / Savior. *Refrain*
Though my father and mother for- / sake me,
the LORD will re- / ceive me.
I remain confi- / dent of this:

I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
Wait / for the LORD;
be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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The Children's Sermon

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



St. Paul's ministry re-
sulted in him being
chained like a criminal.
Yet God's Word cannot
be chained.

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:1-13

¹You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. ²And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. ³Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. ⁵Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. ⁶The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. ⁷Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory.

¹¹Here is a trustworthy saying:

If we died with him,
we will also live with him;

¹²if we endure,
we will also reign with him.

If we disown him,
he will also disown us;

¹³if we are faithless,
he remains faithful,
for he cannot disown himself.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. *(Luke 8:15)*

Verse of the Day Response



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!



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.

Sermon Hymn: God Has Spoken by His Prophets

CWH 639



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



1 God has spo - ken by his proph-ets, spo - ken his un - chang - ing Word,
2 God has spo - ken by Christ Je - sus, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
3 God is speak - ing by his Spir - it, speak - ing to our hearts a - gain,



each from age to age pro - claim - ing God, the one, the right - eous Lord.
bright - ness of the Fa - ther's glo - ry, with the Fa - ther ev - er one;
in the age - less Word de - clar - ing his own mes - sage, now as then.



In the world's de - spair and tur - moil one firm an - chor holds us fast:
spo - ken by the Word in - car - nate, God from God, be - fore time was;
Thro' the rise and fall of na - tions one sure faith is stand - ing fast:



God is King, his throne e - ter - nal, God the first and God the last.
Light from Light, to earth de - scend - ing, he re - veals our God to us.
God a - bides, his Word un - chang - ing, God the first and God the last.

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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.

Sermon

Mark 6:1-6

¹Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

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,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Song of the Season: All I Have Is Christ

CWH 580

Soloist sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3



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.

*I once was lost in darkest night,
yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own
a rebel to your will,
and if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still. (v. 2)*

*But as I ran my hellbound race
indifferent to the cost,
you looked upon my helpless state
and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed—
you suffered in my place.
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
now all I know is grace. (Refrain)*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

Congregation joins:

3 Now, Lord, I would be yours a - lone and live so
all might see the strength to fol - low your com -
mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther,

use my ran-somed life in an-y way you
 choose, and let my song for-ev-er be—
 my on-ly boast is you.
Refrain
 Hal-le-lu-jah! All I have is Christ.
 Hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus is my life.

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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

(Spoken Responsively)

- M:** Almighty God, we acknowledge with thanks that all we have and enjoy is a gift from your gracious hand. We come before you today in heartfelt appreciation for our nation and its people.
- C:** **We thank you for enabling us to worship you in freedom and to serve you without fear.**
- M:** You have enriched us with the bounties of farm and factory, the beauty of forest and mountain, and the marvels of medicine and science.
- C:** **For all these blessings, we praise and glorify you.**
- M:** Look with favor upon our nation and preserve our cherished liberties. Enable our leaders to govern with wisdom, honesty, courage, and justice. Protect those who serve in the armed forces and those who maintain peace and safety in our communities.

C: Give us willingness to obey our nation's laws and to work for the common good.

M: Keep our financial institutions secure and our economy strong. Bless our fields that they may produce abundant harvests. Guard us from calamities of nature and accident and spare our land from the ravages of disease and epidemic.

C: Teach us not to worry but to cast all our cares on you.

M: Strengthen the homes of our nation. By your Spirit lead husbands and wives to love each other, parents to nurture their children, young adults to assume responsibility, and children to show respect.

C: Lead the citizens of our land to honor the useful foundations of society.

M: Care for those who are sick or have been injured. Calm those who are disappointed and depressed. Provide guidance to those who care for people in trouble or in need.

C: Lead us to provide help when we can and to pray at all times.

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

~Silent prayer~

M: To you, O Lord, we bring our thanks and our requests.

C: Hear our prayers for Jesus' sake. Amen.

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.**



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

Holy Communion

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.

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)**



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

Communion Cantic: 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. ~

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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.

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.



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 Dimittis*

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 Dimittis ("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 Be - fore you, Lord, we bow, our God who reigns a - bove and
 2 The na - tion you have blessed may well your love de - clare, from
 5 And when in pow'r he comes, oh, may our na - tive land from



rules the world be - low in bound-less pow'r and love. Our thanks we
 foes and fears at rest, pro - tect - ed by your care. For this bright
 all its rend - ing toms send forth a glo - rious band, a count - less



bring in joy and praise, our hearts we raise to you, our King!
 day, for this fair land—gifts of your hand—our thanks we pay.
 throng, with joy to sing to heav'ns high King, sal - va - tion's song!

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Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Weekly QR Code

Please use the QR code to view the weekly newsletter.



Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	July 14th	July 21st	July 28th
Counters	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nickolai Michael Ryan
Communion		Shannon	
Greeters	Nancy Murphy Sharon Wilson	Fred Piepenbrink Diana Piepenbrink	Ryan Family
Ushers	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec	Len Collyard Nick Nicholai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Linda Stern	Karen Goelzer	Stacey Aguilar Rene Koutia
A/V	Stacy Cornell Bentley Ryan	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud

Hope Patterson and Kassi Aguilar

Hope Patterson and Kassi Aguilar, both members of Cross of Glory, are attending Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, Minnesota, to be trained for the teaching ministry in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We again have an opportunity to help them through our financial support for the next school year. The college will match Cross of Glory's gift, up to \$1,400 for each of them. It will go directly to their tuition accounts

If you wish to contribute, please use the **special envelope** located at each of the church's entrances. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it inside your own envelope to the church office. If you do not have access to the special envelope, please identify your gift on the check as going to the MLC tuition fund. Make your check out to **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**. Gifts that total more than \$2,800 will add even more to Kassi's and Hope's tuition accounts. Funds will need to be submitted by the end of July.

Getting to Know You

Pastor Pudlo still has openings for members that he would love to get to know From Cross of Glory. You can get together informally for a visit, at church, he could come visit you at your house, or he would be happy to treat for coffee. Please select the date, time, and location of your choosing by using the QR code.



Job Opportunities at Cross of Glory School

We are in need of someone to do before-school care from 7:30 to 8:00 a.m. and someone for after-school care from 3:15 to 5:30 p.m. on Monday to Friday. We are also looking for a preschool helper on Tuesday afternoon, Thursday full day, and Friday morning. If interested, please contact Brenda Grams at this email address brenda.grams@crossofglory.org.

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

Judy Sasse, who is recovering from surgery and is receiving treatment for cancer that was discovered.

Mary Lou Cannon, who was in the hospital last week but is now at home recovering.

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.