

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 9
Sunday, July 21, 2024

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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



In the ancient Middle East, a shepherd needed certain skills to do his job well: knowledge of edible grasses, ability to trim hooves, capacity to fend off predators, competency to birth lambs. However, the greatest qualification of a shepherd is much simpler. A good shepherd needed to care for his sheep. Without that, none of those other skills would be fully utilized. In Scripture meaningful ministry is often pictured as a compassionate shepherd caring for his sheep: Jesus' care for us; a spiritual leader's care for his "flock."

Certainly, gospel ministry requires specific skills: ability to actively listen to people, aptitude for applying the gospel to someone's situation, etc. But ultimately, meaningful ministry requires a compassionate heart—a profound caring for others. An individual might know God's Word backwards and forwards. But if they lack compassion, they will not fully perform meaningful ministry. Today, we ask the Spirit to see how Jesus models a compassionate shepherd's heart so that we might be filled with that same compassion.

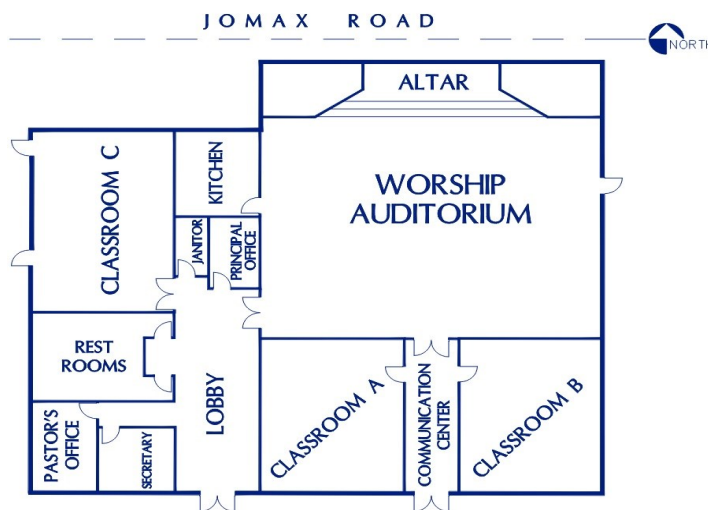
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 Sacrament

Opening Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd

CWH 554



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)



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



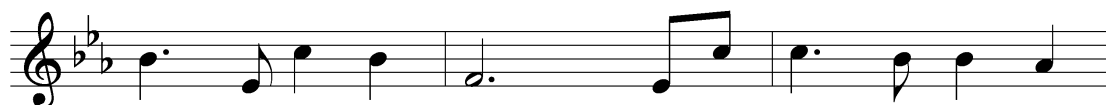
lie in pas - tures green. He leads me by the still, still
noints my head with oil, and my cup, it o - ver -
fear the e - vil one, for you are with me, and your



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



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



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



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

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Invocation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



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 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.



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



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

Confession and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister, Sung by Congregation)

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Congregation Sings:



3
Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life

3
with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;

you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your

Refrain
on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,

how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of

God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;

you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in

your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!

Refrain
O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

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Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness, and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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.



The LORD chastises spiritual shepherds for not bestowing care and compassion on their flock and promises to raise up good shepherds who would tend God's people.

First Reading

Jeremiah 23:1-6

¹"Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ²Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD. ³"I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing," declares the LORD.

⁵"The days are coming," declares the LORD,
 "when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
 a King who will reign wisely
 and do what is just and right in the land.
⁶In his days Judah will be saved
 and Israel will live in safety.
 This is the name by which he will be called:
 The LORD Our Righteous Savior.



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

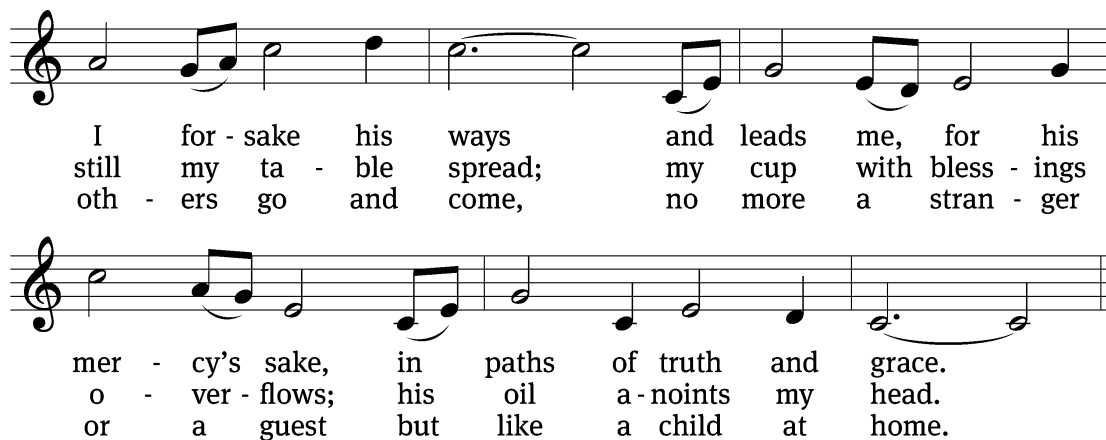
Psalm 23F

1 My shep - herd will sup - ply my need, Je -
 2 When I walk through the shades of death, his
 3 The sure pro - vi - sions of my God at -

ho - vah is his name; in pas - tures fresh he
 pres - ence is my stay; one word of his sup -
 tend me all my days; oh, may his house be

makes me feed be - side the liv - ing stream.
 port - ing breath drives all my fears a - way.
 my a - bode and all my work be praise.

He brings my wan - d'ring spir - it back when
 His hand, in sight of all set - tled my foes, will
 There would I find a set - tled rest while



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The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 13:7-8,17-21

⁷Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

¹⁷Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account. Do this so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no benefit to you.

¹⁸Pray for us. We are sure that we have a clear conscience and desire to live honorably in every way. ¹⁹I particularly urge you to pray so that I may be restored to you soon.

²⁰Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



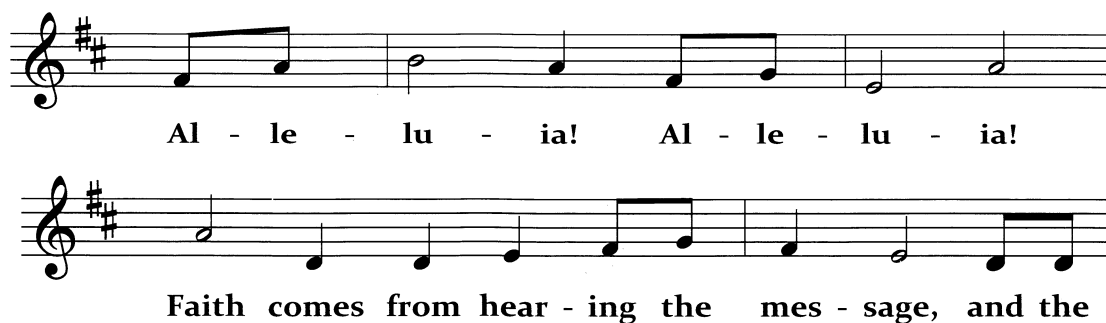
In the first reading, the Lord promised to raise up faithful shepherds. That promise is kept when the Lord provides spiritual leaders who point us to the great Shepherd.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. (*Isaiah 55:11b*)

Sung by Congregation:

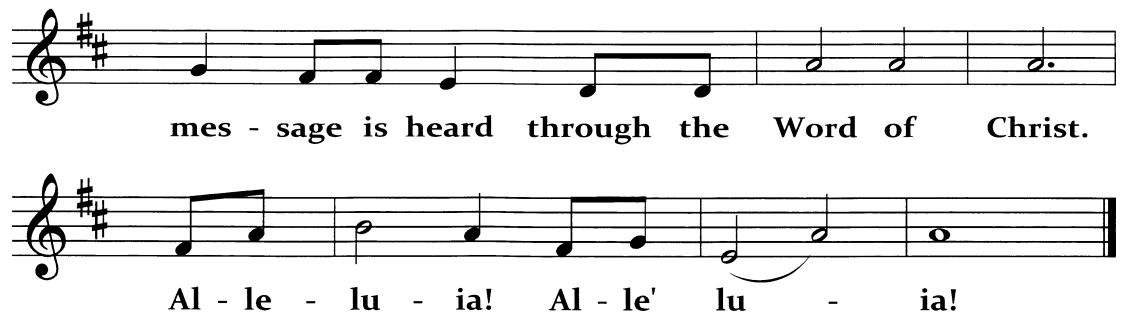


A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17



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



Hymn of the Day: Jesus, Shepherd of the Sheep

CWH 551



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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).

Sermon

Mark 6:30–34

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.”

³²So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)



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.

**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.**



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: All I Have Is Christ

CWH 580

1 I once was lost in dark - est night, yet thought I
2 But as I ran my hell - bound race in - dif - f'rent
3 Now, Lord, I would be yours a - lone and live so

knew the way. The sin that prom - ised joy and
to the cost, you looked up - on my help - less
all might see the strength to fol - low your com -

life had led me to the grave. I had no
state and led me to the cross. And I be -
mands could nev - er come from me. O Fa - ther,

hope that you would own a reb - el to your
held God's love dis - played— you suf - fered in my
use my ran - somed life in an - y way you

will, and if you had not loved me first
place. You bore the wrath re - served for me;
choose, and let my song for - ev - er be—

1 I would re - fuse you still.
now all I know is grace.
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)*

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

The pastor and people prepare to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal.

Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

The Sacrament of the Altar

Greeting

(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: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Sung by Congregation)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.

You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have be - come my sal - va -

tion. Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts.

The whole earth is full of your glo - ry.



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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us,
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.
O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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 box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.*



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



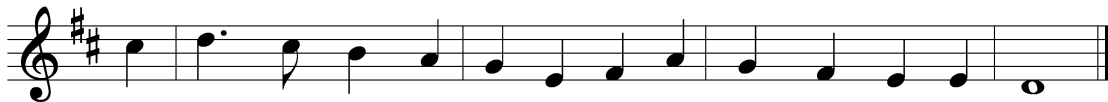
1 Christ the e - ter - nal Lord, whose prom - ise here we claim,
 2 Christ the un - chang - ing Word to ev - 'ry pass - ing age,
 3 Christ the re - deem - ing Son who shares our hu - man birth,
 4 Christ the un - fad - ing Light of ev - er - last - ing day,
 5 Christ the as - cend - ed King ex - alt - ed high a - bove,



whose gifts of grace are free - ly poured on all who name your name;
 whose time - less teach - ings still are heard set forth on Scrip - ture's page;
 and by his death sal - va - tion won for ev - 'ry child of earth;
 our Morn - ing Star in splen - dor bright, the Life, the Truth, the Way;
 whose praise un - end - ing a - ges sing, whom yet un - seen we love;



with thank - ful - ness and praise we stand be - fore your throne,
 trans - form our thought and mind, en - light - en all who read,
 in - spire our hearts, we pray, to tell your love a - broad,
 that light of truth you give to ser - vants as to friends,
 when mor - tal life is past your voice from heav - en's throne



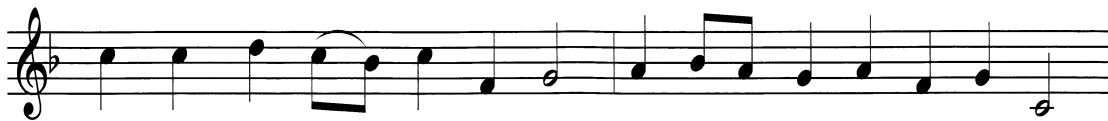
in - tent to serve you all our days and make your glo - ry known.
 with - in your Word by faith to find the bread of life in - deed.
 that all may hon - or Christ to - day and fol - low him as Lord.
 your way to walk, your life to live, till earth's brief jour - ney ends.
 shall call your chil - dren home at last to know as we are known.

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Song of Thanksgiving

(Sung by Congregation)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.

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.



Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

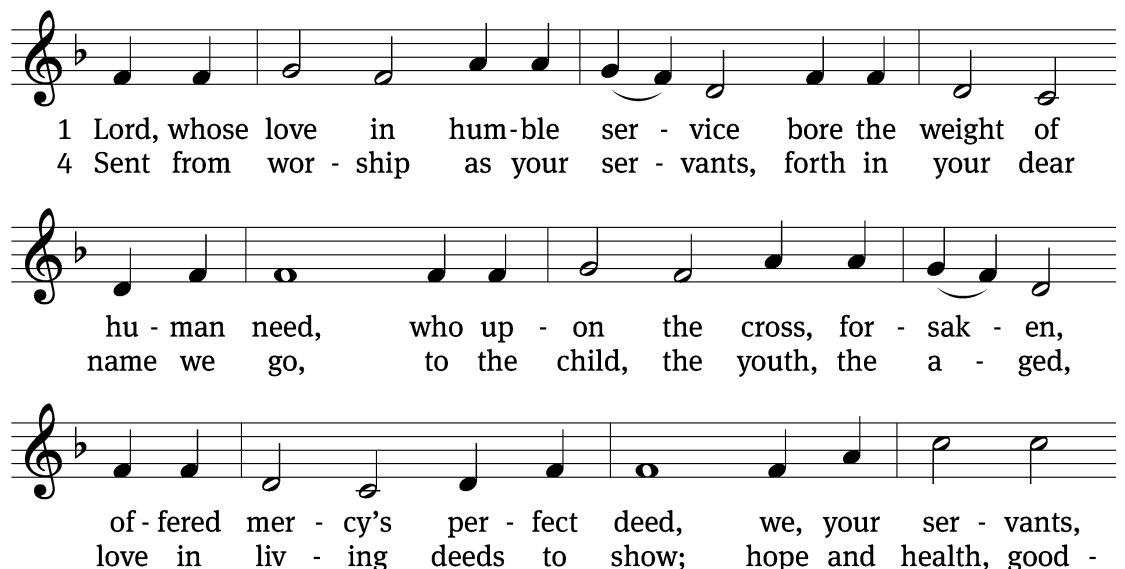
(Spoken by Minister)

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.

Closing Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CWH 766



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.



bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -
will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your

crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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.

Monthly QR Code

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	July 21st	July 28th	August 4th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nickolai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
Communion	Shannon		Sharon
Greeters	Fred Piepenbrink Diana Piepenbrink	Ryan Family	Patrick & Carla VanPoppelen
Ushers	Len Collyard Nick Nicholai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger
Sunday Refreshments	Karen Goelzer	Stacey Aguilar Rene Koutia	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann
A/V	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter



August 9th at 6:30pm

"Scoop up the Fun: Save the Date for Cross of Glory's Ice Cream Social"



SCHOOL PARTNERS! LET'S RALLY TOGETHER!

Mention your school at check-out.



THROUGH AUGUST!



Purchases supporting your school through August earns a chance to win a



Purchases anytime of the year count!
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INVITE OTHERS to participate. Friends and family can help too!
2% donation on any purchase; 4% on Beautyrest or Serta mattresses!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

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

***Diane Lawrence**, for good news from her eye biopsy and a speedy healing of her two broken ribs.*

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

***Nancy Schirripa**, prayers as she and her family celebrate the life of her mother in a special memorial service.*

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.