

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 14**  
***Sunday, August 25, 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



This week we are kicking off our building capital campaign under the theme "**Walking the Path Together**". At Cross of Glory, we've been blessed for 25 years of gathering together to share the good news that the cross of Christ gives us certainty and glory now and forever in heaven. As we continue with that mission, we have a challenge. Each year we have to turn away students who don't know the glory of the cross. So we are embarking on a plan to build so more and more in our community can hear about the glory of the cross. As we embark on this P.A.T.H. together, we ask you to **Pray, Act, Treasure, and Honor.**

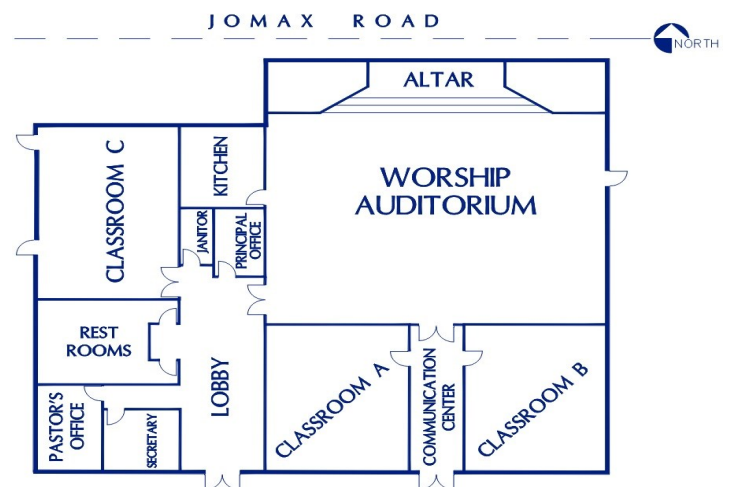
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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. 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

### Opening Hymn: We Walk by Faith

CWH 830



1 We walk by faith and not by sight, no  
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and  
4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are  
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as  
may our faith a - bound to call on you when  
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter  
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.  
you are near and seek where you are found.  
and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.  
as you are with full and end - less sight.

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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 sum-  
marizes 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.**

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.



“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.



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

## Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister; Sung response by Congregation)

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

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

## Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Dearest Jesus, you became poor so that we might become rich. In addition to forgiveness and eternal life, you have given us blessings far too numerous to count. Inspire us by your generosity that we devote all we have and all we are to the glory of your name and the well-being of others. Replace our fear and selfishness with the confidence that you will provide everything we need for doing good and will do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine; you live and reign, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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## RAY

Colossians 4:2-6

<sup>2</sup>Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup>And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup>Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup>Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup>Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

Chorus sings initial refrain and verses; Congregation sings remaining verses.



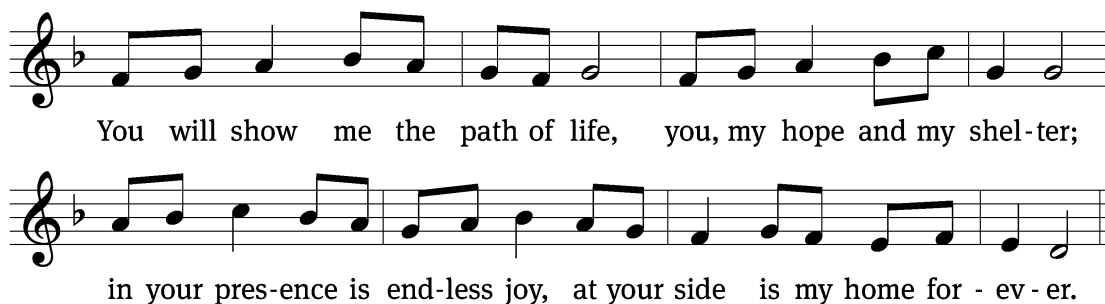
The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek and means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument."

Chorus:

*You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shelter;  
in your presence is endless joy, at your side is my home forever.*

Congregation sings:

Refrain



*Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune,  
never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope. (Refrain)*

*From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety,  
through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me. (Refrain)*

*So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely,  
you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me. (Refrain)*

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## The Children's Sermon

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

**A**CT

Romans 12:4–8

<sup>4</sup>For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, <sup>5</sup>so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

<sup>6</sup>We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; <sup>7</sup>if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; <sup>8</sup>if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex -  
am - ple pure, flee the world which would de - ceive us and to  
sin our souls al - lure. Ev - er in his foot - steps tread - ing,  
bod - y here, yet soul a - bove, full of faith and  
hope and love, let us do the Fa - ther's bid - ding. Faith - ful  
Lord, a - bide with me; Sav - ior, lead; I fol - low thee.

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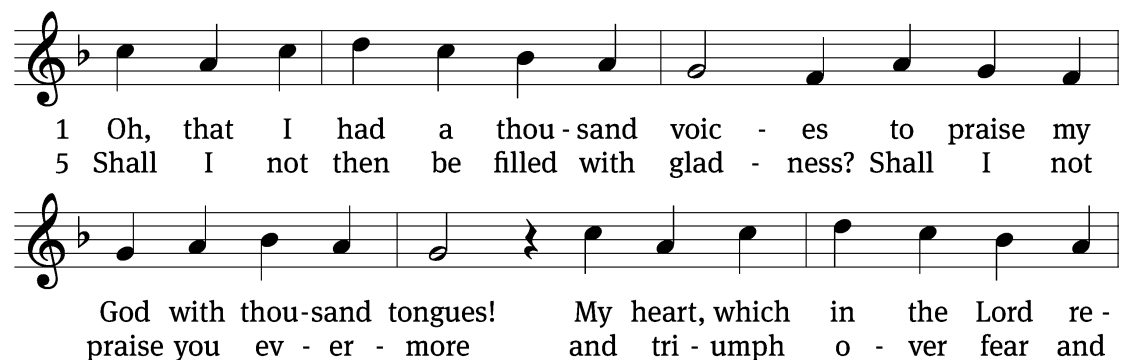
## TREASURE

*Ecclesiastes 5:19*

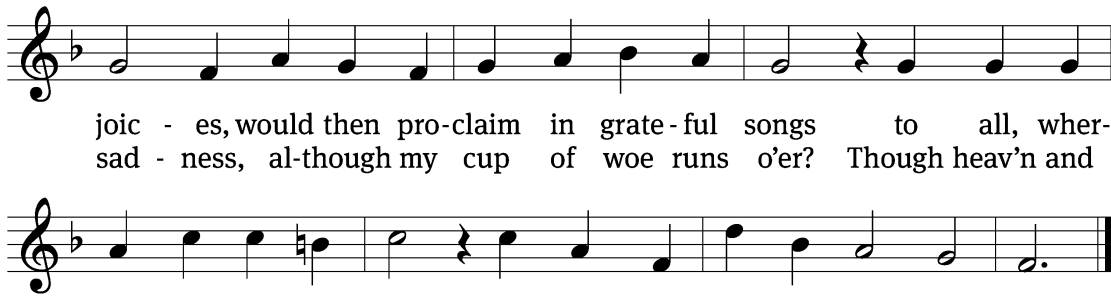
<sup>19</sup>Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God.

## Hymn of Response: Oh, That I Had a Thousand Voices

CWH 484



1 Oh, that I had a thou - sand voic - es to praise my  
5 Shall I not then be filled with glad - ness? Shall I not  
God with thou - sand tongues! My heart, which in the Lord re -  
praise you ev - er - more and tri - umph o - ver fear and



joic - es, would then pro-claim in grate-ful songs to all, wher-  
sad - ness, al-though my cup of woe runs o'er? Though heav'n and  
ev - er I might be, what great things God has done for me.  
earth shall dis - ap - pear, your end - less love is ev - er near.

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## ONOR

2 Corinthians 9:6–8

<sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

## Hymn of Response: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

CWH 749



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your  
end - less store: na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom,  
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred,  
cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door— gift - ed by you, we turn  
and to spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in  
to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise; thank - ful  
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing,  
songs shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

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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 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)

## Sermon

## Walking the PATH Together

Psalms 16:11

"You make known to me the path of life;  
you will fill me with joy in your presence,  
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

## 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.**

## 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:** Eternal God and Father, we thank you for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, and for fellowship with believers in our congregation and our synod.

**C: Help us rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and use them faithfully.**

**M:** Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of



the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, Lord Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

**C: Awaken us to opportunities to proclaim your message of love.**

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

**C: Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

*~Silent prayer~*

M: Keep in your care those who are enduring chronic pain and incessant unhappiness, those enduring rejection and struggling with poverty, those mourning the loss of someone they loved. Bring healing and help and comfort and calm to everyone in distress.

**C: Move us to act alone or join with others to provide help and support.**

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

**C: Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

**C: Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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,



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

but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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: By Faith

CWH 868




1 By faith we see the hand of God  
2 By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth  
4 By faith the church was called to go

in the light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign,  
with the pow'r of his prom-ise in their hearts,  
in the pow'r of the Spir - it to the lost

in the lives of those who prove his faith - ful - ness,  
of a ho - ly cit - y built by God's own hand,  
to de - liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news



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.



who walk by faith and not by sight. v. 2  
a place where peace and jus - tice reign. *Refrain*  
in ev - 'ry cor - ner of the earth. *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
We will stand as chil-dren of the prom-ise; we will fix our  
eyes on him, our soul's re - ward. Till the race is fin-ished and the  
work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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

**Diane Lawrence**, for blessings on the doctors who are performing her basal cell carcinoma removal and reconstruction on her eye.

**Reta Schmidt**, the grandmother of a student at Cross of Glory (Cooper Villarreal) who was recently diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor and has been given only a very short time left here on earth. Please join us in praying for Reta and her family.



**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.