

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday, September 1, 2024

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Sunday 9am Worship

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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

Do we need better leadership or do we need better followership?



a worship series

A loving father gives his son and daughter a list of rules and regulations. Chores, curfews, civilities, dress code—the father makes his will clearly known. The son strives to follow the rules for two reasons. 1) He wants to get his allowance. 2) He is afraid that if he breaks the rules, his father will punish him. The daughter strives to follow the rules, also for two reasons. 1) She believes her father established those rules not to control her but for her safety and blessing. 2) She wants to demonstrate how much she loves and trusts her father. Those two children's actions might look almost identical. Their hearts are very different!

Likewise, following Christ is not simply a matter of outward observance of laws. It is a matter of the heart. The Law was given so we could see God's heart and demonstrate how his heart has affected our own. The followership Christ seeks flows from hearts that have been radically transformed by God's law and gospel. Christ wants his followers to be less like the son described above, and more like the daughter. This week we see that followers of Christ obey his law from the heart.

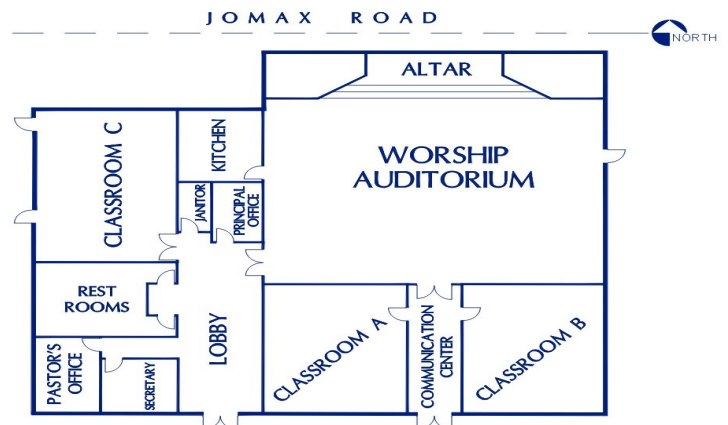
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

The Service and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

CWH 626



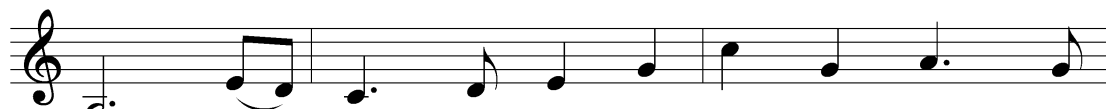
Hymn of praise, prayer,
or reflection on the
season of the church
year.

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 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who bore my
2 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who walks be -
3 My heart is filled with thank-ful - ness to him who reigns a -



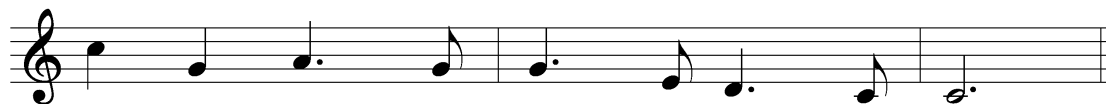
pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -
caus-es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -
ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of
nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with
earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

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Invocation

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

C: Amen.



We call upon God to be
present with us. We
worship the triune God,
remembering our Bap-
tism in his name.



*"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. "
(1 John 1:9)*

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



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

Confession

(Spoken Responsively)

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

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

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

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

Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: **Amen.**

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

C: **Amen.**

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: *MISSIONARY HYMN*



1 To God on high be glo - ry and peace to all the earth,
2 O Lamb of God ex - alt - ed, you take all sin a - way;
for God has shown his fa - vor in Je - sus' ho - ly birth!
ex - tend to us your mer - cy and hear us as we pray.
Al - might - y God and Fa - ther, our hum - ble thanks we bring;
With God the Ho - ly Spir - it, at God the Fa - ther's throne,
we wor - ship you, we bless you, Lord God, our heav'n - ly King.
you reign, O Christ, for - ev - er, for you are Lord a - lone!

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-9

¹Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. ²Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.

⁶Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." ⁷What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? ⁸And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today?



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



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



God is serious about his law because he knows that when his children follow the law carefully, the result is blessing and honor.

⁹Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them fade from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 119E



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.”

M: Your statutes are wonderful;

C: therefore I obey them.

M: The unfolding of your words gives light;

C: it gives understanding to the simple.

M: Turn to me and have mercy on me,

C: as you always do to those who love your name.

M: Direct my footsteps according to your word;

C: let no sin rule over me.

M: Redeem me from human oppression,

C: that I may obey your precepts.

M: Make your face shine on your servant

C: and teach me your decrees.

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Romans 9:30—10:4



Followers of Christ obey the law, not to attempt to become righteous, but to show heartfelt love to the God who declares us righteous through faith in Jesus.

³⁰What then shall we say? That the Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have obtained it, a righteousness that is by faith; ³¹but the people of Israel, who pursued the law as the way of righteousness, have not attained their goal. ³²Why not? Because they pursued it not by faith but as if it were by works. They stumbled over the stumbling stone. ³³As it is written:

“See, I lay in Zion a stone that causes people to stumble
and a rock that makes them fall,
and the one who believes in him will never be put to shame.”

¹Brothers and sisters, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for the Israelites is that they may be saved. ²For I can testify about them that they are zealous for God, but their zeal is not based on knowledge. ³Since they did not know the righteousness of God and sought to establish their own, they did not submit to God’s righteousness. ⁴Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight. Alleluia. (Jeremiah 15:16)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le' lu - ia!



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

Hymn of the Day: O God, My Faithful God

CWH 740



1 O God, my faith - ful God, O Foun-tain ev - er flow - ing,
 2 Grant me the strength to do with read - y heart and will - ing
 3 Keep me from say - ing things that lat - er need re - call - ing;
 4 Lord, let me win my foes with kind - ly words and ac - tions,

who good and per - fect gifts in mer - cy are be - stow - ing,
 what - ev - er you com - mand, my call - ing here ful - fill - ing,
 grant that no i - dle words may from my lips be fall - ing,
 and let me find good friends for coun - sel and cor - rec - tion.

give me a health - y frame, and may I have with - in
 that I do what I should while trust - ing you to bless
 but when with - in my place I must and ought to speak,
 Help me, as you have taught, to love both great and small

a con - science free from blame, a soul un - hurt by sin.
 the out - come for my good, for you must give suc - cess.
 then fill my words with grace lest I of - fend the weak.
 and by your Spir - it's might to live in peace with all.



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

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 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

¹The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ²and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³(The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. ⁴When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.)

⁵So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?"

⁶He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:

"These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.

⁷They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.'

⁸You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to human traditions."

¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, "Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them."

²¹For it is from within, out of a person's heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and defile a person."

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken Responsively)

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

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

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

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand

of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of the Season: Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

CWH 812

Soloist sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation sings Vs. 3 & 4



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.

*Christ, the sure and steady anchor in the fury of the storm—
when the winds of doubt blow through me and my sails have all been torn,
in the suffering, in the sorrow, when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.*

*Christ, the sure and steady anchor while the tempest rages on—
when temptation claims the battle and it seems the night has won,
deeper still then goes the anchor, though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor; it shall never be removed.*

Congregation sings:

3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the
4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we
floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my
face the wave of death— when these trials give way to
soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,
This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his
we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -
Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er

love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the
hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the
faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the

an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

4th stanza repeat italics

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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)

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

Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

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

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

The Sacrament

Preface

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

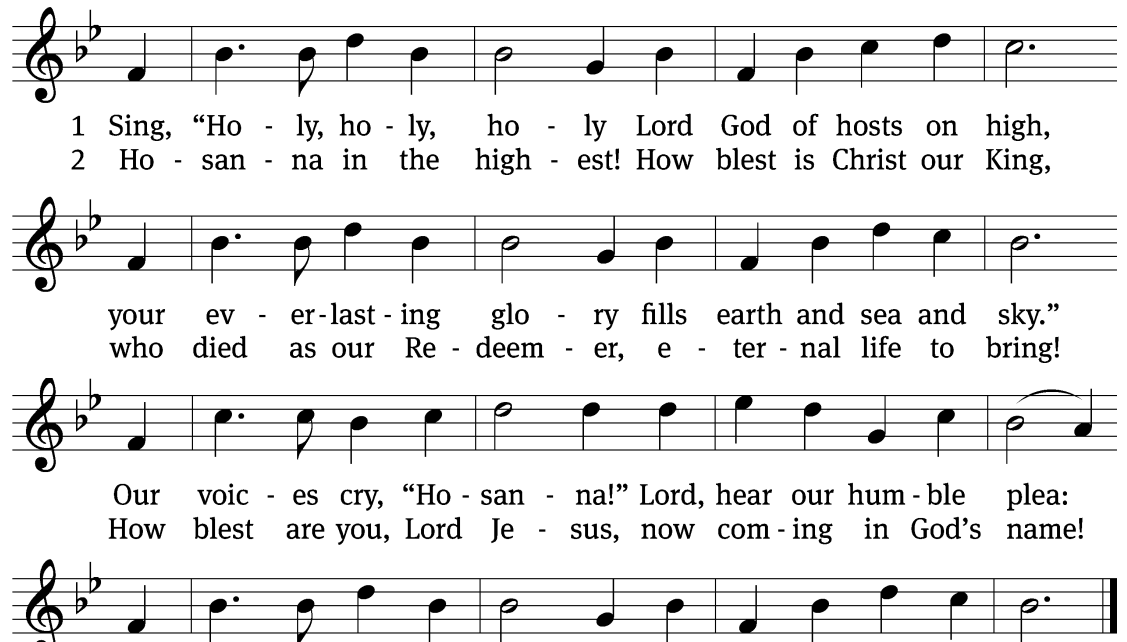


Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The *Sanctus* contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: WEBB



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
 your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!
 Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
 How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!
 in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro-claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

C: Amen.



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

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins,
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours
 now and forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

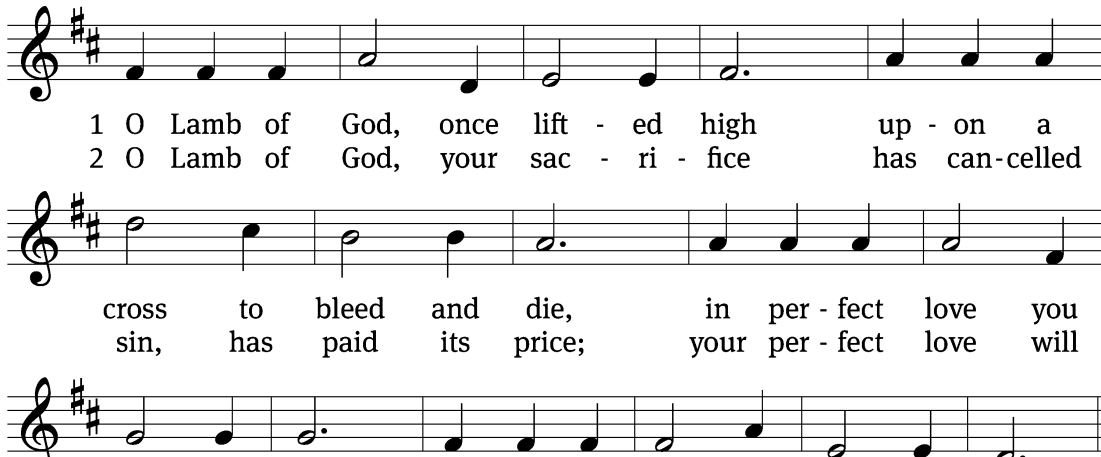


The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special meal.

O Christ, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: ST. CRISPIN



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
 2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled

cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
 sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
 nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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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.

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 Corinthe-

ans 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.



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

Distribution Hymn: Salvation unto Us Has Come

CWH 558



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
2 What God did in his law de - mand and none to him could
3 It was a false, mis - lead - ing dream that God his law had
4 From sin our flesh could not ab - stain, sin held its sway un -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
ren - der caused wrath and woe on ev - 'ry hand for man, the
giv - en that sin - ners could them-selves re - deem and by their
ceas - ing; the task was use - less and in vain, our guilt was



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
vile of - fend - er. Our flesh has not those pure de - sires the
works gain heav - en. The law is but a mir - ror bright to
e'er in - creas - ing. None can re - move sin's poi - soned dart or



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
spir - it of the law re - quires, and lost is our con - di - tion.
bring the in - bred sin to light that lurks with - in our na - ture.
pu - ri - fy our wick - ed heart, so deep is our cor - rup - tion.

**Yet as the law must be fulfilled or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed and thus the Father's vengeance stayed
which over us impended.**

**Since Christ has full atonement made and brought to us salvation,
each Christian therefore may be glad and build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead, your death is now my life indeed,
for you have paid my ransom.**

**Let me not doubt, but truly see your Word cannot be broken;
your call rings out, "Come unto me!" No falsehood have you spoken.**

Baptized into your precious name, my faith cannot be put to shame,
and I shall never perish.

The law reveals the guilt of sin and makes us conscience-stricken;
but then the gospel enters in the sinful soul to quicken.

Come to the cross, trust Christ, and live; the law no peace can ever give,
no comfort and no blessing.

Faith clings to Jesus' cross alone and rests in him unceasing;
and by its fruits true faith is known, with love and hope increasing.
For faith alone can justify; works serve our neighbor and supply
the proof that faith is living.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise to Father, Son, and Spirit,
the God who saved us by his grace; all glory to his merit!
O triune God in heav'n above, you have revealed your saving love;
your blessed name be hallowed!

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Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our
love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives
and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

*We offer our thanks
and express our faith
in what God has
done for us and has
promised to do for
us in the future.*



*The **Aaronic Blessing** is
the blessing that Aaron
and his sons were to
speak over the people
of Israel, recorded in
Numbers 6:23–27. The
pastor offers the same
blessing to the congre-
gation as they are
about to conclude their
worship.*

1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,
2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,

and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,
and this grace which makes us what we are,

and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it
and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion

keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.
make us one in spir - it and in heart.

Refrain

And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign
from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

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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.

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	September 1st	September 8th	September 15th
Counters	Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Harry Novak Nancy Murphy
Communion	Shannon		Dawn
Greeters	Gary Jeffers Brenda Jeffers	Carl Henkel Liz Henkel	John Stevenson Margaret Stevenson
Ushers		Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson
Sunday Refreshments	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink Liz Henkel	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plizuweit	Nicole Brown Leslie Contreras Tracy Ditter
A/V	Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras

Cross of Glory T-Shirts

Would you like to represent Cross of Glory in your community? How about purchasing one of our school T-shirts? Email Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org by September 3 with your size and she'll be sure you get our newest school shirt. The cost is \$17.00.



Kick –Off Sunday Update

The kick-off for our "Walking the PATH Together" capital campaign was held on Sunday, August 25. The worship service focused on the four parts of the campaign theme: Pray, Act, Treasure, and Honor. Special hymns and prayers were offered to our gracious God, thanking him for the awesome blessings he has showered upon our church and school in the past and seeking his future blessing on our desire to expand our mission outreach. That expansion would involve eight new classrooms and renovation to our church facility.

Following the service, the details of the campaign were presented by two speakers, Principal Aguilar and building committee member Andrea Semmann. They reviewed the campaign booklet that was handed out to every household. It included the project timeline, architectural drawings, and project costs.

Thanks to all the building committee members for their excellent work the last several months and for presenting to the congregation a clear picture of the need the Lord has placed before us. Jesus fed 5,000+ people with just five loaves and two fish. So also, we know that as a family of believers, we can walk the path together with his help in meeting our hunger to present to our community Jesus as the Bread of Life.

To God be the glory!

For those who were unable to be in church last Sunday, the entire presentation will be made available again after the service today. Please plan to remain immediately after the service for a repeat of the 20-minute presentation and to receive your copy of the booklet.

Exciting Update on Our Building Campaign

Dear Cross of Glory Family,

We are thrilled to share an update on our "Walking the PATH Together" building campaign, which launched this past Sunday, August 25th. This campaign is a significant step in fulfilling our mission to grow and serve our community in gospel centered education and ministry.

Our goal is to raise \$2,000,000 to kickstart Phase 1—constructing an 8-classroom school building. We aim to begin this project in January. Additionally, we seek to raise another \$500,000 for Phase 1.5, which will focus on renovating our church facilities as soon as the classroom building is completed. Please note that the classrooms must be finished before we can begin the church renovations. The timeline for Phase 2, which includes a gym and office building, will be determined later.

PATH stands for Pray, Act, Treasure, Honor, and we invite each of you to walk this path with us. In the coming weeks, you will receive a commitment card in the mail. We kindly ask that you prayerfully consider your contribution and return your commitment card by September 15th.

To learn more about the campaign, please scan the QR code below and consider making a donation through our website www.crossofglory.org/give (choose Building Capital Fund).

Thank you for your continued prayers, support, and generosity as we work together to bring this vision to life.

In Christ,
The Cross of Glory Building Committee



Grand Canyon East/West Fall Retreat 2024

Hosted by LWMS Grand Canyon East

October 4-6, 2024

Emmanuel Pines Camp

3000 Spence Springs Rd

Prescott, AZ

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\$175 – Regular Registration **August 26 – September 20**

\$30 – Saturday Only (**lunch included, must register and pay before September 20**)



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.*

***Troy Pautz**, brother of Tracy Ditter who will be undergoing treatments for lymphoma.*



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.