

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 16
Sunday, September 8, 2024

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1011 W Jomax Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

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

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



a worship series

Power is neither inherently good nor bad. Fire is powerful. The chef uses fire to create meals. But the arsonist uses fire to destroy homes. Nuclear fission is a powerful force. The engineer harnesses it, producing abundant electricity. The tyrant harnesses it, threatening others with nuclear weapons. What matters is the purpose of the one who has that power. Jesus has limitless power, as the numerous accounts of his miracles demonstrate. Those who witnessed those miracles understood that Jesus used his power for good. That doesn't mean they all understood Jesus' true purpose. Some thought Jesus' purpose was to make this temporal life better.

And while Jesus did that at times, his ultimate purpose was to save us from sin and give us the gift of eternal life. Followers of Christ see the true purpose of his power.

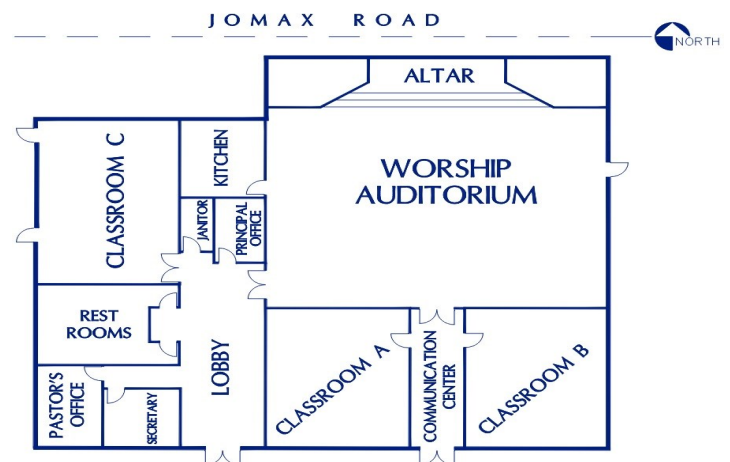
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 Celebration and Reverence

Opening Hymn: Bring Forth the Kingdom



1. You are salt for the earth, O peo - ple:
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo - ple:
3. You are a seed of the Word, O peo - ple:
4. We are a blest and a pil - grim peo - ple:



salt for the king - dom of God!
light for the cit - y of God!
bring forth the king - dom of God!
bound for the King - dom of God!



Share the fla - vor of life, O peo - ple:
Shine so ho - ly and bright, O peo - ple:
Seeds of mer - cy and seeds of jus - tice,
Love our jour - ney and love our home - land:



life in the king - dom of God!
shine for the king - dom of God!
grow in the king - dom of God!
love is the King - dom of God!

Refrain



Bring forth the king - dom of mer - cy, bring forth the



king - dom of peace; bring forth the king - dom of jus - tice,



bring forth the cit - y of God!



*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)



We are able to approach the eternal, almighty Triune God because he is the God of undeserved love—the God of Grace.

We confess our sins to God confident he will forgive us because he has promised, "If we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

We Approach God

(Spoken/Sung Responsively)

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

C: **There is no place we can flee from your sight.**

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.

C: **We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.**

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

C: **O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."**

(Sung by Congregation)

1. Tri - une God your love has found me; you have brought me to this
2. To your grace now I'm a debt - or; dai - ly I'm in need of

place. And you prom - ised you will lead me, safe - ly
you! Let your mer - cy like a fet - ter, bind my

home by your good grace. Je - sus sought me, a lost
wan - dr'ng heart to you. Prone to wan - der, such a

wand - er - er, cut off from the fold of God; He, to
sheep I am; prone to leave your shep - herd's love. So I

res - cue me from dan - ger, Bought me with his pre - cious blood.
pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life a - bove!"

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven. Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because our debt of sin was paid by Jesus, our victorious Savior.

Catechism Review: 7th and 8th Commandments

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

M: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.



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



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



Through the prophet Isaiah God promised that he would come, making the blind see and the lame leap. But the ultimate purpose of his coming was to save us.



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."

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

Isaiah 35:4-7a

⁴say to those with fearful hearts,
"Be strong, do not fear;
your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;
with divine retribution
he will come to save you."

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened
and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer,
and the mute tongue shout for joy.
Water will gush forth in the wilderness
and streams in the desert.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool,
the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

Psalm 146

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I will praise the LORD all my life;

C: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

M: Do not put your trust in princes,

C: in human beings, who cannot save.

M: Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,

C: whose hope is in the LORD their God.

M: He upholds the cause of the oppressed

C: and gives food to the hungry.

M: The LORD sets prisoners free,

C: the LORD gives sight to the blind.

M: The LORD reigns forever,

C: your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD.

Second Reading

Acts 3:1-10

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. ²Now a man who was lame from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. ⁴Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, “Look at us!” ⁵So the man gave them his attention, expecting to get something from them.

⁶Then Peter said, “Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.” ⁷Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him.



Christ gave his follower Peter the power to heal a man who was lame from birth. When healed, the man does not go first to family and friends but to the temple to praise God.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. Let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. (Isaiah 25:9)

(Sung by the 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.



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.

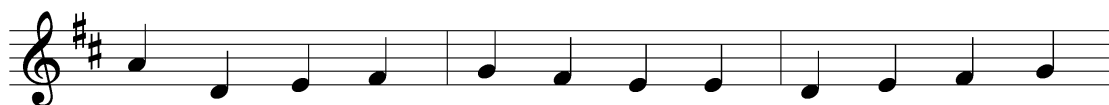
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le' lu - ia!



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

Sermon Hymn: Joyously I'll Praise My Savior

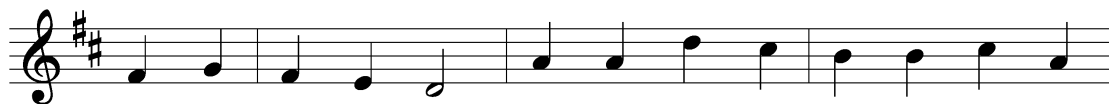
CWH 611



1 Joy - ous - ly I'll praise my Sav - ior; for my God I'll
2 God, with firm and clear con - vic - tion, gave for me his
3 God had seen my sad con - di - tion, gave me sight when
4 Since your love is nev - er - end - ing, far be - yond what



glad - ly sing, as I see his lov - ing fa - vor ev - i -
pre - cious Son, by whose blood - y cru - ci - fix - ion I from
I was blind; he will be my great phy - si - cian, heal - ing
words can say, up to you my hands ex - tend - ing, Fa - ther,



dent in ev - 'ry - thing. In his faith - ful heart is beat - ing
hell have now been won. O you spring of love pre - vail - ing,
bod - y, soul, and mind. When it seems it's not worth try - ing—
as your child, I pray: Let your grace to me be giv - en



love that's pure and wide and long, love that makes his
depth of which I'll nev - er know, cur - rent which will
all my skill gets noth - ing done— Je - sus helps me
that I may with all my might cling to you both



ser - vants strong. All I see on earth is fleet - ing; God's a -
ev - er flow. All I see on earth is fail - ing; God's a -
car - ry on. All I see on earth is dy - ing; God's a -
day and night till I see your face in heav - en where my



maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
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maz - ing love for me lasts for all e - ter - ni - ty.
praise and love will be yours for all e - ter - ni - ty.

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³³Then Jesus left the vicinity of Tyre and went through Sidon, down to the Sea of Galilee and into the region of the Decapolis. ³²There some people brought to him a man who was deaf and could hardly talk, and they begged Jesus to place his hand on him.

³³After he took him aside, away from the crowd, Jesus put his fingers into the man's ears. Then he spit and touched the man's tongue. ³⁴He looked up to heaven and with a deep sigh said to him, "Ephphatha!" (which means "Be opened!"). ³⁵At this, the man's ears were opened, his tongue was loosened and he began to speak plainly.

³⁶Jesus commanded them not to tell anyone. But the more he did so, the more they kept talking about it. ³⁷People were overwhelmed with amazement. "He has done everything well," they said. "He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

The 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.**

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.



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: Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

CWH 812

Ensemble sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-4

*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 joins:

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 -

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



Ensemble sings:

*Christ, the shore of our salvation,
ever faithful, ever true—
we will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.*

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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.



The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

*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 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)

Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



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.

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

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.

Ensemble: Still, My Soul, Be Still

CWH 834

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

*Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.*

Refrain:

God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be shaken.

Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me

to rest in you alone, to rest in you alone.

Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.

Hold on to his ways with shield of faith against temptation's flaming arrows.

(Refrain)

Congregation sings:

3 Still, my soul, be still; do not for - sake the truth you

learned in the be - gin - ning. Wait up-on the Lord

and hope will rise as stars ap-pear when day is dim-ming.

Refrain

God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be

shak - en. Lord of peace, re - new a stead-fast spir-it with-in

me to rest in you a-lone, to rest in you a-lone.

To rest in you alone, to rest in you alone.

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	September 8th	September 15th	September 22nd
Counters	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Harry Novak Nancy Murphy	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Communion		Dawn	
Greeters	Carl Henkel Liz Henkel	John Stevenson Margaret Stevenson	Brad Hotz Carolyn Hotz
Ushers	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plizuweit	Nicole Brown Leslie Contreras Tracy Ditter	Linda Stern Brie Cape
A/V	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter

Church Pictorial Directories

The church pictorial directories have arrived. If you placed an order for one they are in the communications hall with your name on it. We did order a few extra so if you would still like one please let Tracy or Liz know. The cost is \$15.00.



Stick around after church today for an opportunity to hear all about the ways you can grow as a disciples. People will be standing at tables after church with sign up sheets for various Growth Groups, service opportunities, and fellowship events. Please stick around, ask questions, and sign up to grow and use the gifts God has given you to serve here at Cross of Glory.

Paradise Valley Lutheran 50th Anniversary

Paradise Valley Lutheran Church would like to invite you to join in celebrating the 50 years of grace that God has given to our congregation. There will be a special service at 4:00pm on October 13, 2024. Pastor Phil Casmer, a son of the congregation and current pastor at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Brookfield, WI, will serve as a guest preacher. A light reception will follow the service. Please RSVP by sending an email to pastor@pvlutheran.org by October 1 so there is an accurate count for food. Thank you, and we look forward to praising God with you!

Thank you!

Pastor Dan Rodewald

Youth Group Night

Scavenger Hunt at Arrowhead Mall

OPEN FOR 6TH-12TH GRADERS

*You must come in and sign your child in and out with us before you leave please.

We will give each team (3-4 kids) a list of items to find (ex- mannequin wearing a hat).

When they find the items they will take a picture and send it to either Heather or Pastor (who will be at certain places in the mall).

First team to find all the items or the team who found the most items when time runs out- WINS!

After, we will get food. Please send money with your child to get food from the food court.

Please use the QR code to register.



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 starting 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.