

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday 9am Worship

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Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

Welcome to our Worship Center

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.

Worship Focus

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



a worship series

“We need better leadership!” Have you ever said that? Perhaps you were frustrated with the direction being taken by some elected official or by management at your workplace or by the coach of your favorite team. You were frustrated because you know that no matter how many resources an organization has, it will flounder if leaders do not lead well: providing direction, training, motivation, coordination, encouragement, and even grace. Leadership is extremely important. And so, there are times we lament, “We need better leadership!” Jesus Christ is the leader of our congregation, our home, our lives. And his leadership is perfect in every way. Therefore, when things are amiss in any of those arenas, what is needed is not better leadership, but better followership.

As we continue this eight week series, we ask Christ to empower us with his Spirit so that we might better follow his lead. May we better reflect the beauty of his life, better make his priorities our own, and better serve our God and neighbor. The upcoming services follow the following path:

Sept. 29 Followers of Christ Have Powerful Allies

Oct. 6 Followers of Christ Know How to Love Their Families

Oct. 13 Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities

Oct. 20 Followers of Christ Make Selfless Sacrifices

Followers of Christ Have Powerful Allies : Green Berets. Rangers. SEALs. Delta Force. These special forces groups are part of the United States military. They are elite: highly trained with unique skill sets. Many of their important missions are carried out in total secrecy. Two weeks ago, we acknowledged that we are in the middle of a massive spiritual war. Today, we thank God that we fight this war with the protection of special forces. Since the fifth century, Christians have observed the Festival of St. Michael and All Angels.

We commemorate that God has sent Michael, one of the great archangels described in Scripture, and countless of his fellow angels to protect and serve mankind. Let us rejoice that followers of Christ have powerful allies!

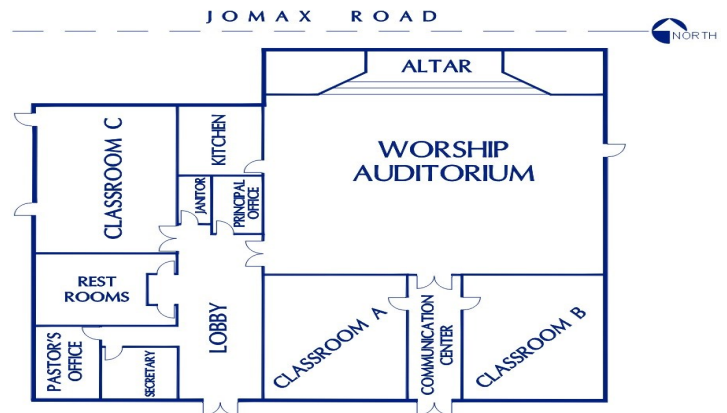
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 Setting 3

Opening Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

CWH 770



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 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils



pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry,
sail his ways. From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion



bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,



grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age lest we miss your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -



hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss your king - dom's goal.
dore, serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

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Invocation

M: We gather 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 Baptism in his name.



Confession and Absolution

"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.

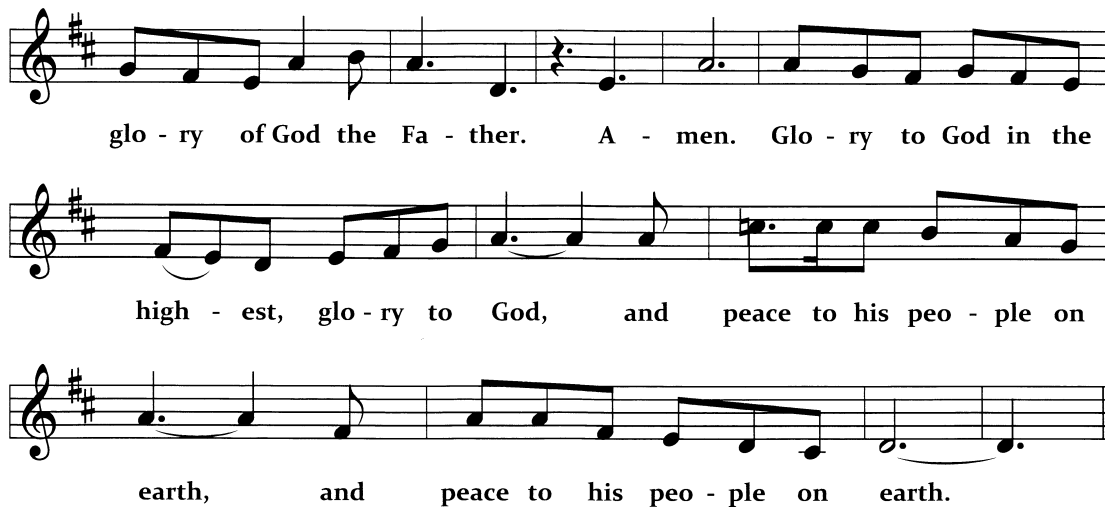
M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**
M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.
C: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**
M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.
C: **Amen.**



Glory to God in the Highest

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

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on
 earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
 Most High, Je - sus Christ. with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the



The Word

Prayer of the Day

M: Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals. Mercifully grant that as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by your direction they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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

First Reading

Revelation 12:7–12

⁷Then war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. ⁹The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

¹⁰Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say:

“Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God,
and the authority of his Messiah.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters,
who accuses them before our God day and night,
has been hurled down.

¹¹They triumphed over him
by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

¹²Therefore rejoice, you heavens



When war broke out in heaven, Michael and his angels defeated Satan and his demons.

and you who dwell in them!
 But woe to the earth and the sea,
 because the devil has gone down to you!
 He is filled with fury,
 because he knows that his time is short.”

Psalm

Psalm 91E

Chorus sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4



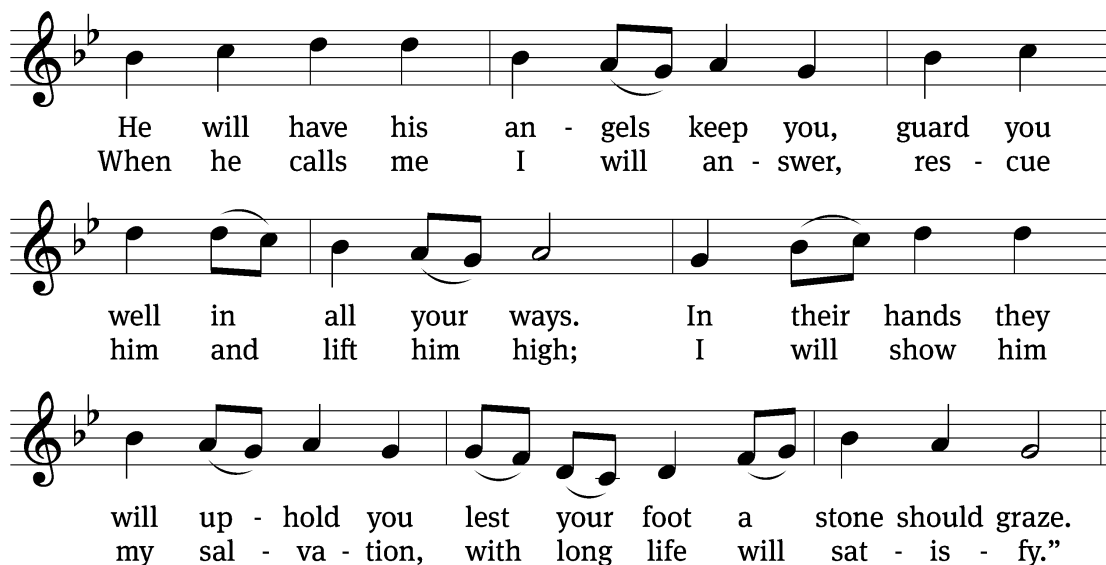
The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word “Psalm” comes from the Greek and means “a song sung to the accompaniment of a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

*Dwell in God Most High as shelter,
 rest within Almighty’s shade.
 To the LORD I say, “My refuge!”—
 all my trust, my God, my aid.
 He will save you from the fowler,
 from the deadly pestilence,
 cover you with outspread feathers,
 make his wings your confidence.*

*With God’s truth your shield and buckler,
 you will fear no ill by night,
 nor the daylight arrows flying,
 nor disease that shuns the light.
 None of this will venture near you,
 though beside you thousands fall;
 as he guards you, God will surely
 pay the wicked back for all.*

Congregation joins:

3 If you make the LORD your ref - uge, if you
 4 You will tram - ple co - bras, li - ons, tread on
 dwell in God a - lone, noth - ing e - vil
 snakes whose fangs in - flame. “For his love to
 will be - fall you; harm will not come near your home.
 me I’ll save him, keep him, for he knows my name.



He will have his an - gels keep you, guard you
When he calls me I will an - swer, res - cue
well in all your ways. In their hands they
him and lift him high; I will show him
will up - hold you lest your foot a stone should graze.
my sal - va - tion, with long life will sat - is - fy."

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Children's Sermon

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

Verse of the Day

Psalm 103:20

M: Alleluia. Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding.
Alleluia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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

Gospel

Luke 10:17-20

¹⁷The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name."

¹⁸He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. ²⁰However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."



We rejoice that Christ enables us to overcome the work of demons. We rejoice even more that our names are written in heaven.



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

Hymn of the Day: Lord God, to You We Give All Praise

CWH 500

1 Lord God, to you we give all praise, with grate - ful
 2 They shine with light and heav'n - ly grace and con - stant -
 3 They nev - er rest nor sleep as we; their whole de -
 4 The an - cient drag - on is their foe; his en - vy

hearts our voic - es raise that an - gel hosts you did cre -
 ly be - hold your face. They heed your voice, they know it
 light is but to be with you, Lord Je - sus, and to
 and his wrath they know. It al - ways is his aim and

ate a - round your glo - rious throne to wait.
 well; in god - ly wis - dom they ex - cel.
 keep your lit - tle flock, your lambs and sheep.
 pride your Chris - tian peo - ple to di - vide.

**But watchful is the angel band
 that follows Christ on ev'ry hand
 to guard his people where they go
 and break the counsel of the foe.**

**O Lord, awaken songs of praise
 for angel hosts that guard our days;
 teach us to serve you and adore
 as angels do forevermore.**

Text: tr. Emanuel Cronenwett, 1841–1931, alt.; German version, Paul Eber, 1511–1569; Philipp Melanchthon, 1497–1560, abr.
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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

2 Kings 6:8–17

⁸Now the king of Aram was at war with Israel. After conferring with his officers, he said, “I will set up my camp in such and such a place.”

⁹The man of God sent word to the king of Israel: “Beware of passing that place, because the Arameans are going down there.” ¹⁰So the king of Israel checked on the place indicated by the man of God. Time and again Elisha warned the king, so that he was on his guard in such places.

¹¹This enraged the king of Aram. He summoned his officers and demanded of them, “Tell me! Which of us is on the side of the king of Israel?”

¹²“None of us, my lord the king,” said one of his officers, “but Elisha, the prophet who is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the very words you speak in your bedroom.”

¹³“Go, find out where he is,” the king ordered, “so I can send men and capture him.” The report came back: “He is in Dothan.” ¹⁴Then he sent horses and chariots and a strong force there. They went by night and surrounded the city.

¹⁵When the servant of the man of God got up and went out early the next morning, an army with horses and chariots had surrounded the city. “Oh no, my lord! What shall we do?” the servant asked.

¹⁶“Don’t be afraid,” the prophet answered. “Those who are with us are more than those who are with them.”

¹⁷And Elisha prayed, “Open his eyes, LORD, so that he may see.” Then the LORD opened the servant’s eyes, and he looked and saw the hills full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

Apostles’ Creed

**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.**



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.



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

CWH 812

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.



1 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor in the
2 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor while the
3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the
4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we



fu - ry of the storm— when the winds of doubt blow
tem - pest ra - ges on— when temp - ta - tion claims the
floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my
face the wave of death— when these trials give way to



through me and my sails have all been torn,
bat - tle and it seems the night has won,
soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my
deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I
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



sink - ing hopes are few, I will hold fast to the
just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the
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.
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
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.

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 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)

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.



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.

Closing Hymn: Rejoice, Angelic Choirs, Rejoice

CWH 957



1 Re - joi - ce, an - gel - ic choirs, re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce now, all cre -
3 Let all who gath - er round this flame, the sign of Christ's a -



a - tion! Let trum - pets loud - ly raise their voice to hail the
ris - ing, the death - less light of Christ ac - claim, his sav - ing



Lord's sal - va - tion. Let all Christ's ho - ly priest - hood sing the
mer - cy priz - ing; that all may live by faith in him who



tri - umph of their might - y King in fes - tive cel - e - bra - tion!
con - quered death, de - spair, and sin to make us his for - ev - er.

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Weekly QR Code



Worship Volunteers	September 29th	October 6th	October 13th
Counters	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Communion		Sharon	
Cleaners		Plitzuweit/Peterson	Coates/Simkauskas
Greeters	Ryan Family	Carla Van Poppelen Patrick Van Poppelen	Stacey Aguilar Drew Aguilar
Ushers	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan
Sunday Refreshments	Linda Stern	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Stacey Aguilar Karen Goelzer
A/V	Stacey Aguilar Bentley Ryan	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson

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

Diane Lawrence, as the carcinoma has spread so she will be undergoing treatments to shrink the tumor in her eye.

Mary Lou Cannon, who was hospitalized.

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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.