

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 21**  
**Sunday, October 13, 2024**

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**Sunday 9am Worship**

Pastor Zachary Pudlo  
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal



**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:

Oct. 13      **Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities**

Oct. 20      Followers of Christ Make Selfless Sacrifices

**Followers of Christ Maintain Proper Priorities:** People think that establishing priorities is about ranking things in order of importance. But it is more than that. We do not have unlimited time and energy. So, establishing priorities enables us to say “no” to things which might be good yet not truly important. Without proper priorities, one inevitably will pursue that which is nice while downplaying that which is needed.

Throughout Scripture believers are urged to prioritize. It is the heart of the First Commandment: “You shall have no other gods before me” (Exodus 20:3). Jesus calls for prioritization when he says, “Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness” (Matthew 6:33). Good news: followers of Christ maintain proper priorities. Even better news: followers of Christ receive his forgiveness for all the times their priorities have been improper.

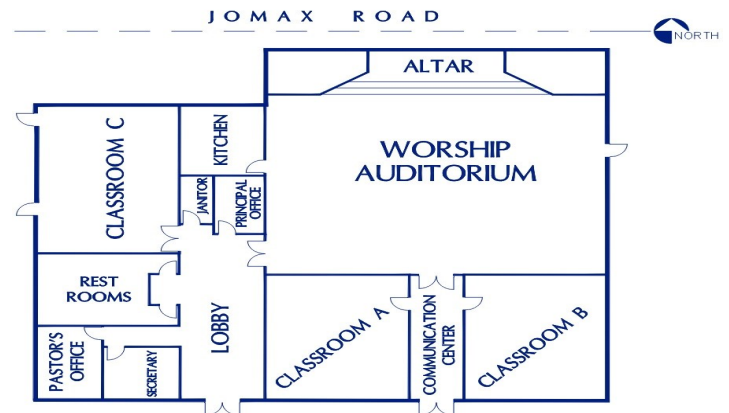
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 Worship and Praise

### Opening Hymn: My Worth Is Not in What I Own

CWH 753



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.”

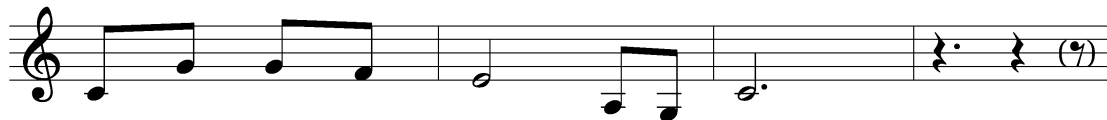
(Colossians 3:16)



1 My worth is not in what I own, not  
2 My worth is not in skill or name, in  
3 As sum - mer flow'rs we fade and die; fame,



in the strength of flesh and bone, but in the  
win or lose, in pride or shame, but in the  
youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by. But life e -



cost - ly wounds of love at the cross. v. 2  
blood of Christ that flowed at the cross. Refrain  
ter - nal calls to us at the cross. v. 4

#### Refrain



I re-joice in my Re - deem - er— great - est trea - sure,



well-spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no oth - er; my



soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

**I will not boast in wealth or might,  
or human wisdom's fleeting light.**

**But I will boast in knowing Christ  
at the cross. (Refrain)**

**Two wonders here that I confess:  
my worth and my unworthiness.**

**My value fixed—my ransom paid  
at the cross. (Refrain 2x)**



We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the triune God, remembering our Baptism 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)



The song of confession is taken from Isaiah which reminds us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags", but along with Isaiah we acknowledge that through his Word our God is able to mold us into the humble servants he wants us to be.

## We Gather in God's Name

(Read/Sung Responsively)

**M:** We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

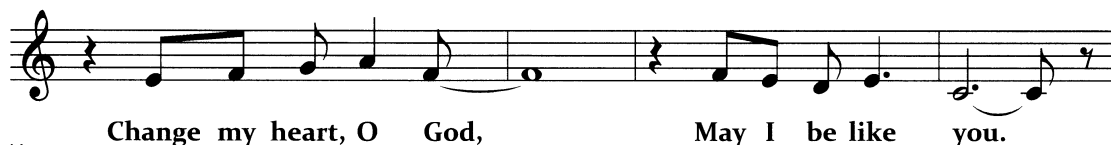
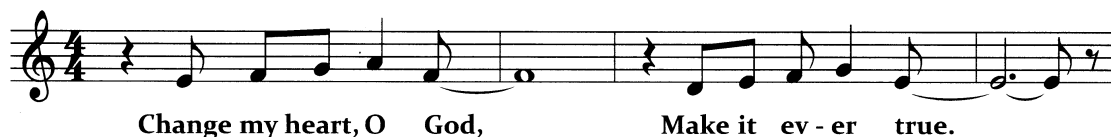
**C: Amen.**

**M:** As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

**C:** Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

### Congregation Sings:

Refrain



Verse



**M:** We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, "He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord." God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

**C: Amen.**

## Congregation Sings:



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your  
 praises. I'm so glad you're in my life;  
 I'm so glad you came to save us.  
 You came from hea - ven to earth to show the  
 way; from the earth to the cross my debt to  
 pay From the cross to the grave; From the grave to the  
 sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.



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: 9th & 10th Commandments

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

*What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.**

M: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

*What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.**



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 prophet Elisha's servant, Gehazi, prioritized riches over his walk with God.

## First Reading

2 Kings 5:14–27

<sup>14</sup>So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

<sup>15</sup>Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel.”

“So please accept a gift from your servant.”

<sup>16</sup>The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused.

<sup>17</sup>“If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. <sup>18</sup>But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.”

<sup>19</sup>“Go in peace,” Elisha said.

After Naaman had traveled some distance, <sup>20</sup>Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.”

<sup>21</sup>So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked.

<sup>22</sup>“Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.’”

<sup>23</sup>“By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. <sup>24</sup>When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left.

<sup>25</sup>When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?”

“Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered.

<sup>26</sup>But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? <sup>27</sup>Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.





**Choir sings 1st refrain and all verses; Congregation sings all remaining refrains**

*In ev'ry age, O Lord, you have been my refuge.*

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**Congregation sings refrain:**

In ev - 'ry age, O Lord,

you have been our ref - uge.

In ev - 'ry age, O Lord,

you have been our ref - uge.

*You turn man back to dust, saying, "Return, O children of men."*

*For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday,*

*now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.*

**Congregation sings refrain**

*You made an end of them in their sleep;*

*the next morning they are like the changing grass*

*which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.*

**Congregation sings refrain**

*Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.*

*Return O Lord! How long? Have pity on your servants!*

**Congregation sings refrain**

*Fill us at daybreak with your kindness,*

*that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days.*

*And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours;*

*prosper the work of our hands for us!*

*Prosper the work of our hands!*

**Congregation sings refrain**

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."



God's Word is like a sword. It cuts through our pretensions and pride and exposes our true priorities.



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

## Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-13

<sup>12</sup>For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. <sup>13</sup>Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

## Sermon Hymn: Where Your Treasure Is

CWH 828

*Refrain*

Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.

All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.

Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.

Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.

1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,  
 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.  
 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;

what you should eat or what to wear?  
 They do not work their whole life through,  
 yours is the king - dom of the Lord.

There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.  
 and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.  
 Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;





Refrain

Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?  
 So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?  
 ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

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## Sermon

Mark 10:17-27

<sup>17</sup>As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>18</sup>"Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone.

<sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'"

<sup>20</sup>"Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

<sup>22</sup>At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.

<sup>23</sup>Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

<sup>24</sup>The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

<sup>26</sup>The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?"

<sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."



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, we respond with our confession of faith.

## The 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed (Sanctification) *(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** 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.

*What does this mean?*

**C:** I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith.

Today, we confess the third article of The Apostles' Creed, which focuses on the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit who creates faith in our hearts through the gospel, keeps us in the faith and motivates us to do good works.

The explanation is taken from Luther's Small Catechism.

M: In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

C: **On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.**

**This is most certainly true.**



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: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CWH 564

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

*My hope is built on nothing less  
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare to make no other claim,  
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (Refrain)*

*Refrain:*

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;  
all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.*

*When darkness veils his lovely face,  
I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in ev'ry high and stormy gale  
my anchor holds within the veil. (Refrain)*

**Congregation joins:**

Musical notation for the hymn 'My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less'. It consists of three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes.

3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup -  
4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,  
port me in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly  
may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -  
prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.  
ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore his throne.

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; all oth - er ground is  
sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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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 Lord's Prayer

*(Sung by Congregation)*

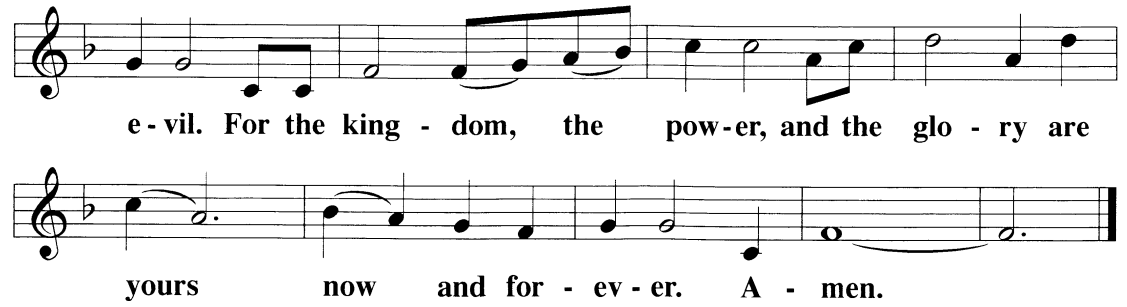
Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us  
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from

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)

Today we sing the prayer Jesus taught us.  
(Matthew 6)



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.



## 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.

## Ensemble

### Walk by Faith!

Music by Joel Raney

Words by J. Paul Williams

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## Ways to Serve

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>October 13th</b>	<b>October 20th</b>	<b>October 27th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
<b>Communion</b>		Andrea	
<b>Cleaners</b>	Kelley/Sterns	Coates/Simkauskas	Casper/Cape
<b>Greeters</b>	Stacey Aguilar Drew Aguilar	Bill Brooks Shannon Brooks	Verl Naber Clara Naber
<b>Ushers</b>	Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Grant Stern	Cody Hall Joel Ditter
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Stacey Aguilar Karen Goelzer	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson Sugirtha Samuel
<b>A/V</b>	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Rene Koutia

## Weekly QR Code

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## Memorial Service

### Memorial Service

for

**Norman Walter Voigt**

**1940 - 2024**

**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**10:00 a.m.**

A light lunch will follow the service.

Norm and Judy Voigt retired to the Phoenix area from Brookfield, Wisconsin. They joined Cross of Glory Church in its early years and immediately became actively involved in both the church and school and were generous supporters of both. Judy preceded Norm in death in 2007. Their only daughter, Tracey Plate, and her husband, Jeff, from Wisconsin, will be present for the service.

Any memorial donations may be designated to Cross of Glory Building Fund.

*Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his faithful servants  
(Psalm 115:15).*



The West Valley Area Reformation Service will be held on Sunday, October 27, 2024, at 4:00 pm at Emmaus Lutheran Church, 3841 W Sweetwater Ave, Phoenix, Arizona. This year we are celebrating the 500th anniversary of the first Lutheran hymnal, so the theme of the service will be "Singing in the Midst of Trial." All are invited to join in this special worship celebration! Pastor Peter Zaferos will be our guest preacher. Holy Communion will be celebrated in the service. We hope that all can join us for the meal following the service. Subs will be provided. If you'd like to bring something to share, last names A-M are asked to bring a dessert, and last names N-Z are asked to bring a side.



### Welcome to Fall!

We are looking for families to assist in making the Trunk or Treat event a success again this year. We need families that are willing to decorate a trunk. If you are planning to decorate a trunk, please avoid scary or demonic themes, as we are on church grounds. To make this event more exciting for the children, it would be nice to have a planned game or activity near each trunk. Some ideas are ring toss, bowling, or even a simple craft. If you need ideas for a trunk or an activity, please reach out to Brenda Grams, Ashley Scott, or Liz Simkauskas. Please scan the QR code to view the sign-up genius.





**Prayer Highlights** for members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today 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 has returned home.*



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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.*