

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Reformation
Sunday, October 27, 2024

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Sunday 9am Worship

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Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal



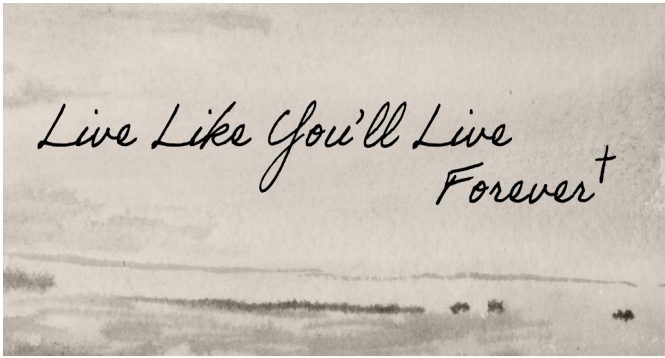
Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

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



“Live each day like it’s your last.” You have probably heard that advice. It sounds wise—an encouragement to take advantage of the time you have. However, that advice is completely backwards. Because the reality is, thanks to Jesus, we have an unending amount of time. Let that sink in. Really think about it. Jesus has given you the gift of eternal life. You are going to live forever. If you really thought it was your last day, that belief would shape how you lived that day. As we begin this 5 week series, let us consider how the gift of eternal life shapes how we live each day. **Live like you’ll live forever!**

Oct. 27	LIVE A LIFE OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS
Nov. 3	LIVE KNOWING LIFE ONLY GETS BETTER
Nov 10	LIVE A LIFE OF STARTLING GENEROSITY

Nov 17	LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT
Nov 24	LIVE WITH YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES

LIVE A LIFE OF COURAGEOUS WITNESS



Jesus repeatedly told his followers that living as his disciples would bring hardship. Living life according to God’s Law is going to make one appear odd in the eyes of the world, perhaps even evil. Sharing a message of mankind’s sin and God’s gracious salvation can cause offense. So why not just stay silent if that makes life easier? Why not keep our faith private? Answer: because we are going to live forever. In gratitude for Christ saving us and giving us eternal life, we share the gospel with others, hoping that they will believe and be saved too. Since we know we are going to live forever in the perfection of heaven, we don’t worry if being a witness for Christ brings hardship or even death. Martin Luther wanted to reform the false teaching of the church. He stood firm in the truth of the gospel, knowing it might cost him his life. But Luther knew that, thanks to Christ, he would live forever. So will we. Therefore, like Luther, let us live a life of courageous witness.

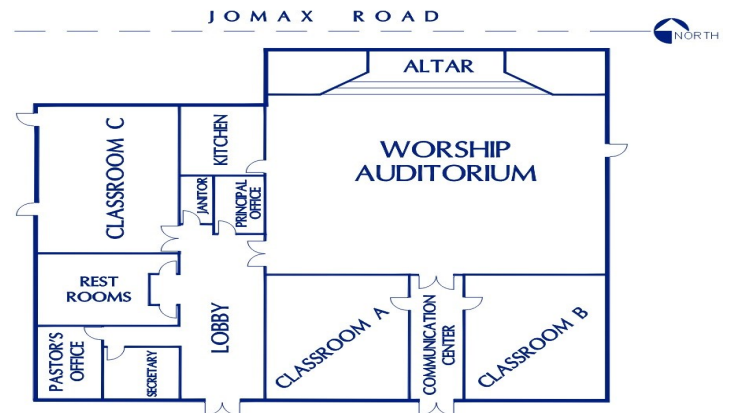
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Reformation Festival Service

Choir

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Words and Music by Martin Luther
Arranged by Henry Kihlken

*Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
curb those who by deceit or sword
would seek to overthrow your Son
and to destroy what he has done.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, your pow'r make known,
for you are Lord of lords alone;
defend your Christendom that we
may sing your praise eternally.*

*O Comforter of priceless worth,
send peace and unity on earth;
support us in our final strife
and lead us out of death to life. Amen, amen.*



Reformation is the celebration of the restoration of God's Word as the cornerstone of the church. Martin Luther calls to the triune God to keep us in his holy word.

Invocation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.



The greeting used by St. Paul perfectly summarizes Christianity.

Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

M: "When our Lord and Master Jesus Christ said, "Repent" (Matt. 4:17), he willed the entire life of believers to be one of repentance." Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions and my sin is always before me. Against you - you only - have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquity. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Psalm 51)



"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)



We recall how we have fallen short of the glory of God—how deeply we need a Savior who redeemed us on the cross.

Hymn of Confession: Lord, Have Mercy

CWH 652

1 For what we have done and left un - done we fall on your
(2 For) what you have done, your life of love you per - fect - ly

count - less mer - cies. For sins that are known and
lived, we praise you. Though tempt - ed and tried, you

those un - known we call on your name so ho - ly.
fixed your eyes; you fin - ished the work God gave you.

For en - vy and pride, for clos - ing our eyes; for
And there on the tree, a King a - mong thieves, you
(3 For) hearts that are cold, for seiz - ing con - trol; for

scorn - ing our ver - y neigh - bor. In
bled for a world's be - tray - al. You
scorn - ing our ver - y mak - er. In

thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how
loved to the end, our mer - ci - ful friend; how
thought, word, and deed we've failed you, our King; how

deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain I*
pure and for - ev - er faith - ful. *Refrain II*
deep - ly we need a Sav - ior. *Refrain II*

Refrain I
Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

Lord, have mer - cy on us. 2 For

Refrain II

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy

on us. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,

1 Lord, have mer - cy on us. 2 *Fine (last time)* on us. 3 For

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The Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: “Confession has two parts. The one is that we confess our sins.

C: “The other is that we receive absolution or forgiveness from the pastor as from God himself, not doubting but firmly believing that our sins are thus forgiven before God in heaven.”

M: Hear, then, the word of the Lord: “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool” (*Isaiah 1:18*). God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

M: “The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy,” (*Psalms 126:3*). Let us worship him.

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.



We praise God for the
free gift of salvation.

Hymn of Praise: Salvation Unto Us Has Come

CWH 558



1 Sal - va - tion un - to us has come by God's free grace and
6 Since Christ has full a - tone-ment made and brought to us sal -



fa - vor; good works can - not a - vert our doom, they help and
va - tion, each Chris-tian there - fore may be glad and build on



save us nev - er. Faith looks to Je - sus Christ a - lone, who
this foun - da - tion. Your grace a - lone, dear Lord, I plead, your



did for all the world a - tone; he is our one Re - deem - er.
death is now my life in - deed, for you have paid my ran - som.

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

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the church your saving peace; 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 Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Through the Word of God we have been born again into a living hope, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (*1 Peter 1:3*).

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.



In response to an evil command offered by a pagan king, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego lived lives of fearless witness.

¹⁶Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, “King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. ¹⁷If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us from Your Majesty’s hand. ¹⁸But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.”

¹⁹Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual ²⁰and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. ²¹So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. ²²The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, ²³and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace.

²⁴Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?”

They replied, “Certainly, Your Majesty.”

²⁵He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.”

²⁶Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!”

So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, ²⁷and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them.

²⁸Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: May the LORD our God be with us as he was with our ancestors; may he never leave us nor forsake us (1 Kings 8:57).



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

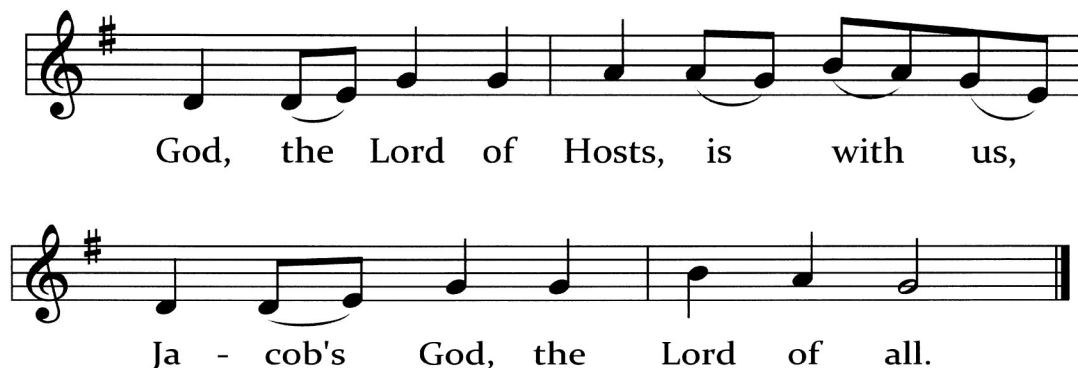
Choir

Psalm 46

Refrain: Hal Hopson; Verses: Michael Morgan

Choir sings refrain and Vs. 1-2; Congregation sings remaining refrains and Vs. 3

Refrain:



Choir: God, the Lord of Hosts, is with us, Jacob's God, the Lord of all.

Congregation: Refrain

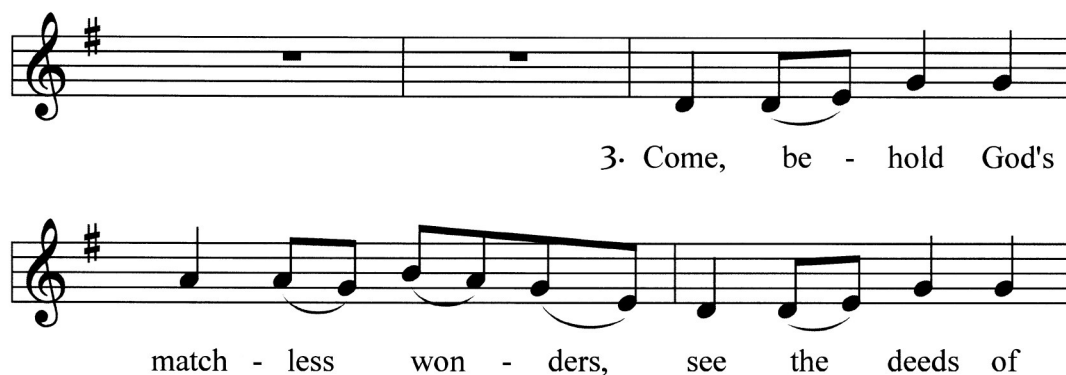
Choir: *God, our strength and mighty fortress, God our refuge day and night;
God, whose promise is deliv'rance. God, whose law is truth and light;
though the earth with fear may tremble,
none can shake God's boundless might.*

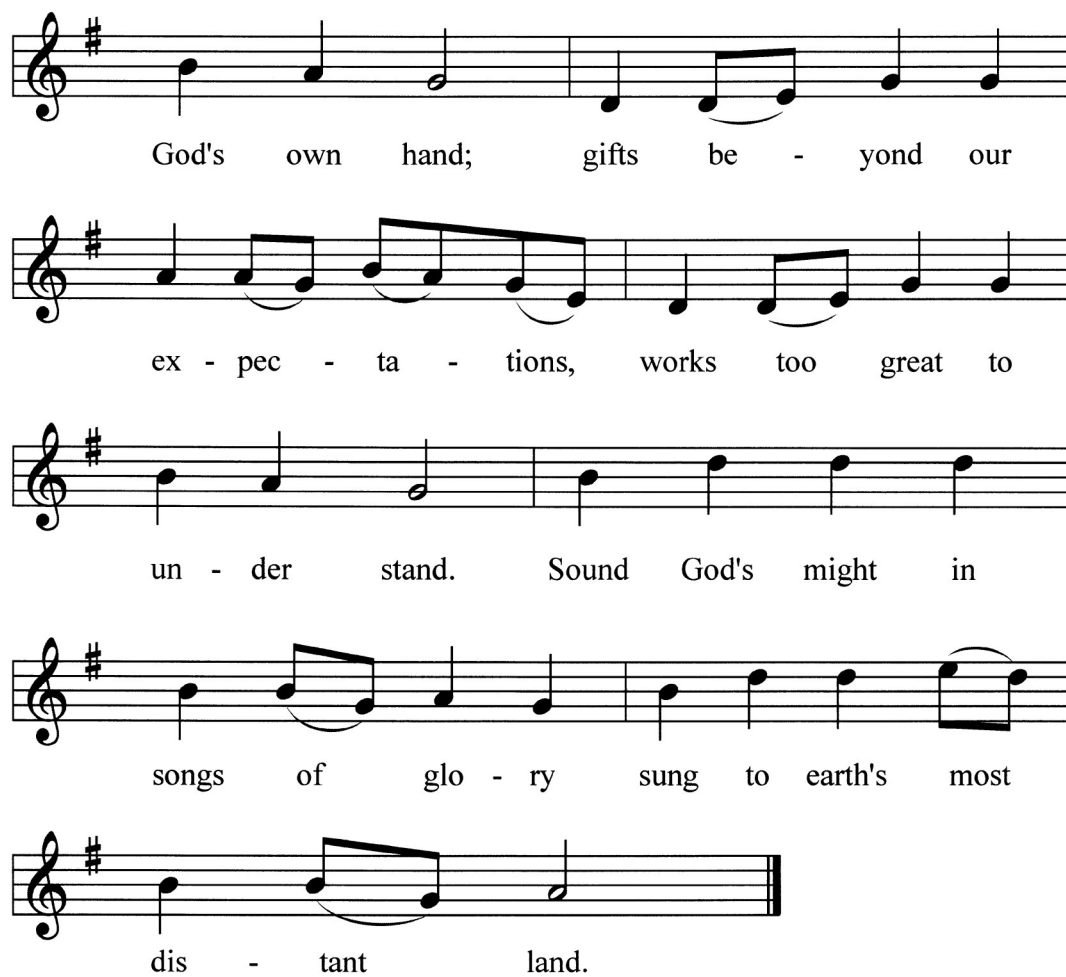
Congregation: Refrain

Choir: *In the city of the holy, rivers flow and streams run pure;
where you, Lord abide in splendor, there your people dwell secure.
In their hearts your love will flourish,
through the faith your word endures.*

Congregation: Refrain

Congregation sings:





Congregation: Refrain

Second Reading

Revelation 14:6-7

⁶Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. ⁷He said in a loud voice, “Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”



St. John sees God's messenger proclaiming the true gospel to all people. In 1546, this reading served as the text for the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther.

M: The word of the Lord.

C: May the Lord direct your hearts into God's love and Christ's perseverance.
(2 Thessalonians 3:5)



Written in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Our home in heaven is secured by scripture alone, faith alone, Christ alone, and grace alone.

LES Choir

Reformation Song

Words and Music by Bob Kauflin and Tim Chester

*Your Word alone is solid ground,
the mighty rock on which we build.*

*In ev'ry line the truth is found,
and ev'ry page with glory filled. (v. 2)*

*Thro' faith alone we come to you;
we have no merit we can claim.
Sure that your promises are true,
we place our hope in Jesus' name. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

*Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.*

*In Christ alone we're justified;
his righteousness is all our plea.
Your law's demands are satisfied;
his perfect work has set us free. (Refrain)*

*By grace alone we have been saved;
all that we are has come from you.
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved
now by your pow'r have been made new. (Refrain)*

Congregation joins:

**And on this Reformation Day
we join with saints of old to sing;
we lift our hearts as one in praise:
glory to Christ our gracious King.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

Children's Sermon

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

Gospel

Mark 13:5-11

⁵Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁶Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. ⁷When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁸Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

⁹"You must be on your guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. ¹⁰And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. ¹¹Whenever



Jesus encourages and empowers us that we might be bold in sharing the gospel in these end times.

you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

M: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. (1 Thessalonians 3:12)

Sermon Hymn: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

CWH 864



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

Martin Luther's hymn of the Reformation based on Psalm 46 is a comfort to Christians who daily battle sin. The God of grace and salvation is our strength and our fortress.



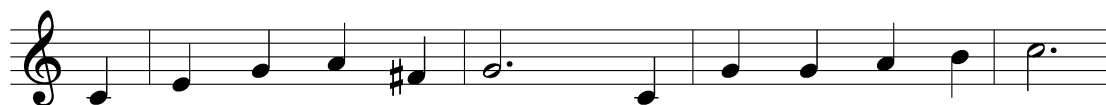
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
same, he holds the field for - ev - er.
done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!



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.

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.



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.

“The Demands of a King”

The Third Article (*Sanctification*)

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.

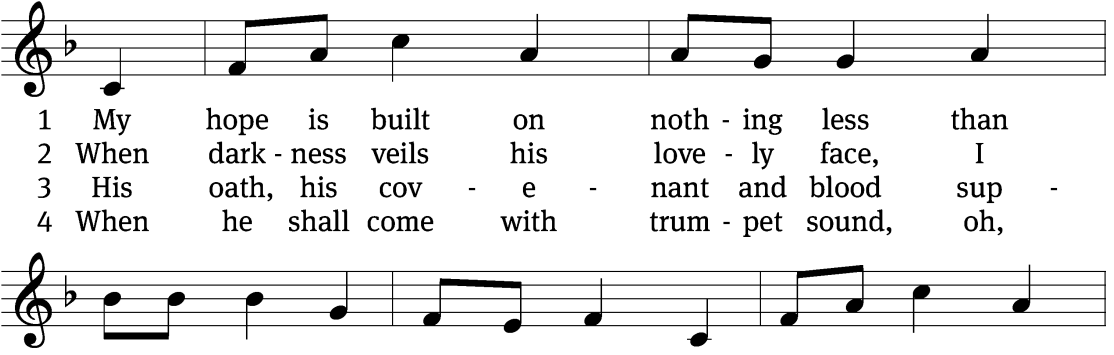
M: But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

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

Song of the Season: My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CWH 564



1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2 When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant and blood sup -
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, oh,

Je - sus' blood and right - eous - ness; I dare to make no
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace; in ev - 'ry high and
 port me in the rag - ing flood; when ev - 'ry earth - ly
 may I then in him be found, clothed in his right - eous -



oth - er claim, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
storm - y gale my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
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.

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken Responsively)

M: First, we pray that God our Father in heaven would look with mercy on all his children on earth. We ask him to give us grace that we might proclaim his Word faithfully and live our lives according to his will, for then we show that his name is precious to us. We also pray that he would keep us from any teaching and living which would dishonor his name.

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

M: We pray that his kingdom and the rule of his grace might come to us and grow in us each day; that all who are still captives in Satan's kingdom might be brought to know Jesus Christ, his Son, so that the Christian Church might grow and prosper.

C: Your kingdom come.

M: We pray that the Holy Spirit would strengthen us to do and accept God's will in life and death, in good times and in bad, and that we might have power to put down our own sinful will and its desires.

C: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

M: We pray that our Father would also give us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish desires, and help us to trust that he will provide for all our needs.

C: Give us today our daily bread.

We speak to God as our Father as 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.

M: We ask that God would forgive our sins as we forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may rest and rejoice in a good conscience before him, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us.

C: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

M: We pray that God would protect us from all temptations and help us by his Spirit to put down our sinful flesh, to despise the world and its vices, and to overcome the devil and all his trickery.

C: Lead us not into temptation.

M: And finally, we pray that God would deliver us from all evils of body and soul now and forever.

C: But deliver us from evil.

M: All those who sincerely desire these things will say from their hearts “Amen,” trusting without doubt that their prayers are answered in heaven, as Christ has promised: “Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.”

**C: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

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

God is our Refuge and Strength

Words by Jay Johnson

Music by Allen Pote

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Advent by Candlelight—Save the Date!

It's never too early to mark your calendar for this important event! Cross of Glory will be holding an Advent by Candlelight for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on December 8th, at 3pm in the church sanctuary. There is no charge for this event. This is a wonderful afternoon of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!

Advent by Candlelight—Calling all Hostesses and Readers!

If you'd like to be a table hostess or reader during the Advent by Candlelight program please email Karin Hansen at cog.wings@crossofglory.org

Thanks!

Karin

Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	October 27th	November 3rd	November 10th
Counters	Nancy Murphy	Nancy Schirripa Joel Ditter	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan
Communion		Andrea	
Cleaners	Casper/Cape	Koutia/Piepenbrink	Gullerud/Kugler
Greeters	Verl Naber Clara Naber	Gary Jeffers Brenda Jeffers	Fred Piepenbrink Diana Piepenbrink
Ushers	Cody Hall Joel Ditter	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann
Sunday Refreshments	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson Sugirtha Samuel	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink Liz Henkel	Paula Considine
A/V	Kelly Simpson Rene Koutia	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter

Weekly QR Code

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West Valley Area Reformation Service Today

The West Valley Area Reformation Service will be held today 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.

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.*



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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.