

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 25**  
**Sunday, November 10, 2024**

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**Sunday 9am Worship**

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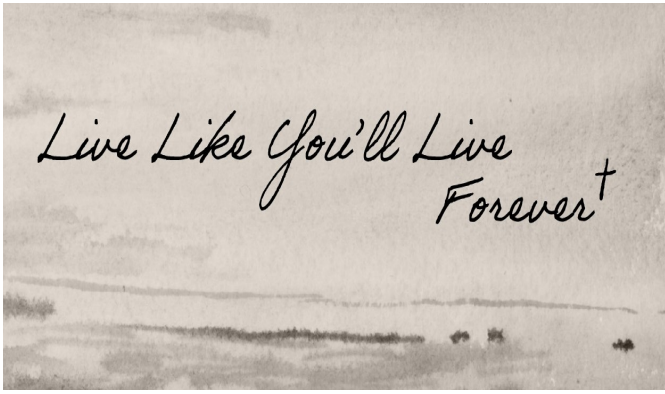
**Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory**

**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



“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 continue 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!**

Nov 10	LIVE A LIFE OF STARTLING GENEROSITY
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Nov 17	LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT
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Nov 24	LIVE WITH YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES
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### LIVE A LIFE OF STARTLING GENEROSITY

Perhaps you have heard the axiom, “Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die.” In other words, while you still can, use what you have in order to enjoy life to the fullest. If this life is all there is, St. Paul agrees that would be a good philosophy. Paul wrote, “If the dead are not raised, ‘Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die’” (1 Corinthians 15:32). However, note the “if.” Paul was saying that the epicurean approach to life makes sense only if this life is all we have. But it isn’t. Jesus will raise us from the dead and take us to live in his home, a place of perfect comfort and beauty. Knowing that, we are set free from the need to live a self-indulgent life now. Instead, we can be generous people, using the wealth that God has given us to serve both him and others. We can live a life of startling generosity.

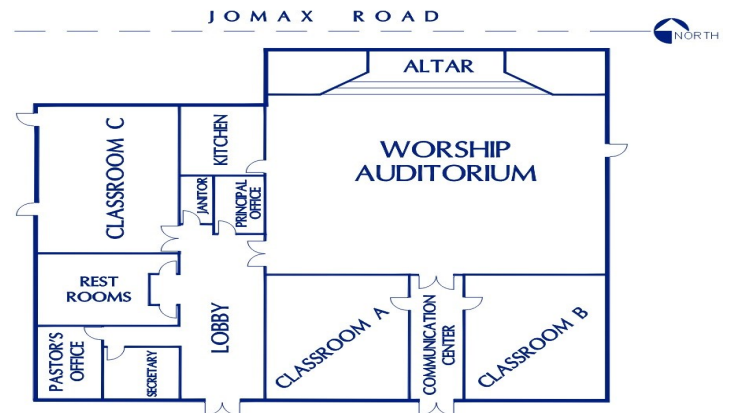
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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!

## Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism

(CWH679 Sung Responses)

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

C: Amen.

### Congregation Sings:

1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my  
full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?  
I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -  
va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.  
(*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

### Congregation Sings:

2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service reminds us of the continual blessings of Baptism.

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

(*Romans 6:3,4*)



"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)



M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

### *Congregation Sings:*



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: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.**

**Congregation Sings:**



4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long  
in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven  
her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es  
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,  
faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized  
strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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**Catechism Review: Conclusion of the 10 Commandments** (Spoken Responsively)

**M:** What does God say about all these commandments?

**C:** He says, “I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

**M:** What does this mean?

**C:** God threatens to punish all who transgress these commandments. Therefore we should fear his anger and not disobey what he commands. But he promises grace and every blessing to all who keep these commandments. Therefore we should love and trust in him and gladly obey what he commands.

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 life-long 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.



A widow generously offers up the last bit of food she has to serve the prophet Elijah.



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: Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

1 Kings 17:8–16

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

<sup>12</sup>“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’ ”

<sup>15</sup>She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup>For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

## Psalm 111

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Great are the works of the LORD;

C: **they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

M: Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

C: **and his righteousness endures forever.**

M: He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

C: **the LORD is gracious and compassionate.**

M: He provided redemption for his people;

C: **holy and awesome is his name.**



## Second Reading

2 Corinthians 8:1-9

<sup>1</sup>And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. <sup>5</sup>And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup>But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

<sup>8</sup>I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.



*The believers in Macedonia demonstrate startling generosity in collecting an offering to help fellow Christians in need.*

## Sermon Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

CWH 695



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;  
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease-less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

**Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.**



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

In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The 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.

## Sermon

## A Life of Generosity

Mark 12:38–44

<sup>38</sup>As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.

<sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

<sup>41</sup>Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup>But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup>Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup>They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

## 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.**



## Song of the Season: Our God Will Go Before Us

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



This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.

*Our God will go before us and guide us by his presence.*

*What confidence this promise is; we will never walk alone.*

*Through unknown paths, through shadows, our hearts fear not tomorrow.*

*For every step, his faithfulness is the truth that lights our way.*

*Refrain:*

*Our God will go before us; the Lord of Hosts is with us.*

*Oh, praise the one who leads us on for his grace will bring us home.*

**Congregation sings:**



3. Though e - vil forms a - gainst us, all hea - ven will de -



fend us. The gates of hell shall not pre - vail, for the



bat - tle is the Lord's. Our God will go be - fore us; the



Lord of hosts is with us. O, praise the one who



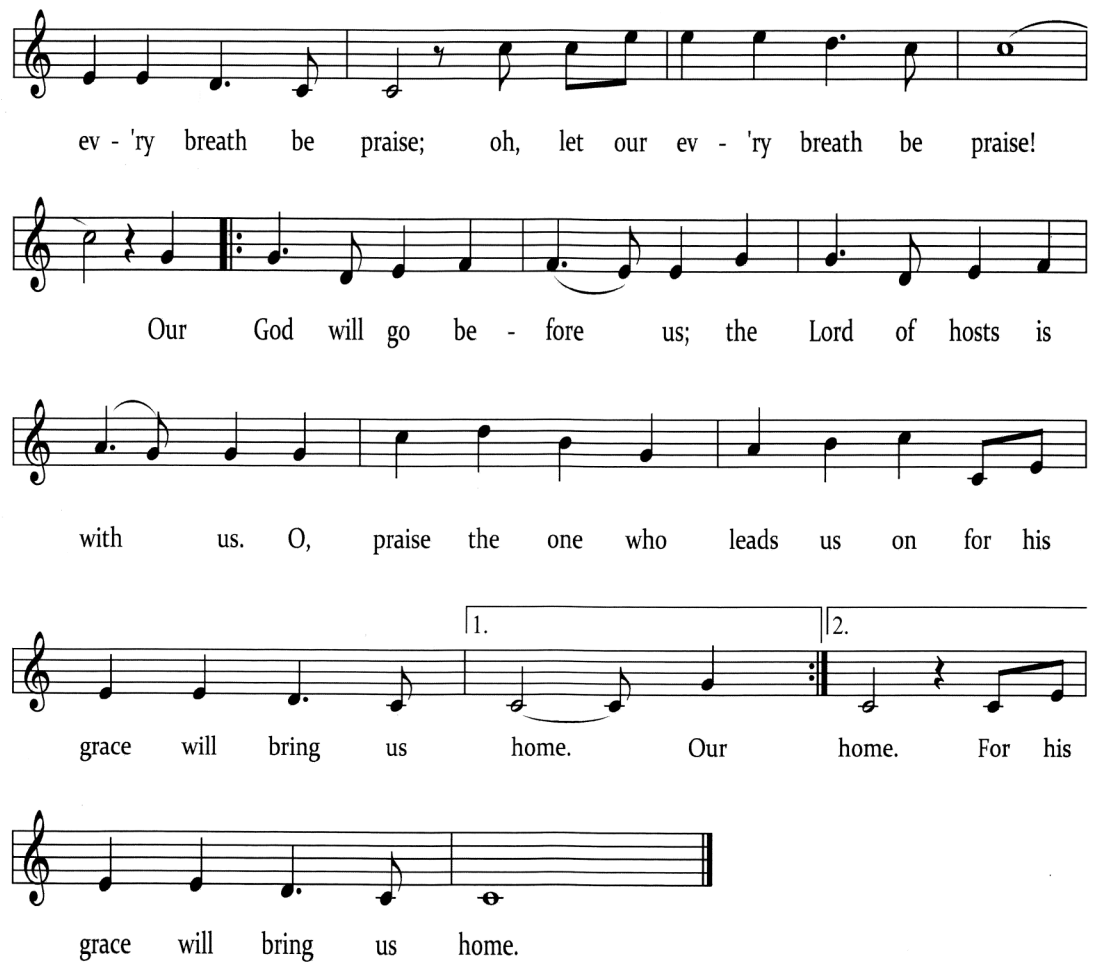
leads us on for his grace will bring us home.



4. Now send us with your pre - sence and lead us on to



hea - ven, where songs of sor - row strain no more and our



ev - 'ry breath be praise; oh, let our ev - 'ry breath be praise!

Our God will go be - fore us; the Lord of hosts is

with us. O, praise the one who leads us on for his

1. grace will bring us home. 2. Our home. For his

grace will bring us home.



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

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers,

intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people".

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

## 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)

## 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.

## Blessing



The Lord bless you, and keep you.



Make his face shine up - on



you and be gra - cious to you.



The Lord turn his face toward you



and give you peace.



A - - men, a - men, a -



men. A - - men, a -



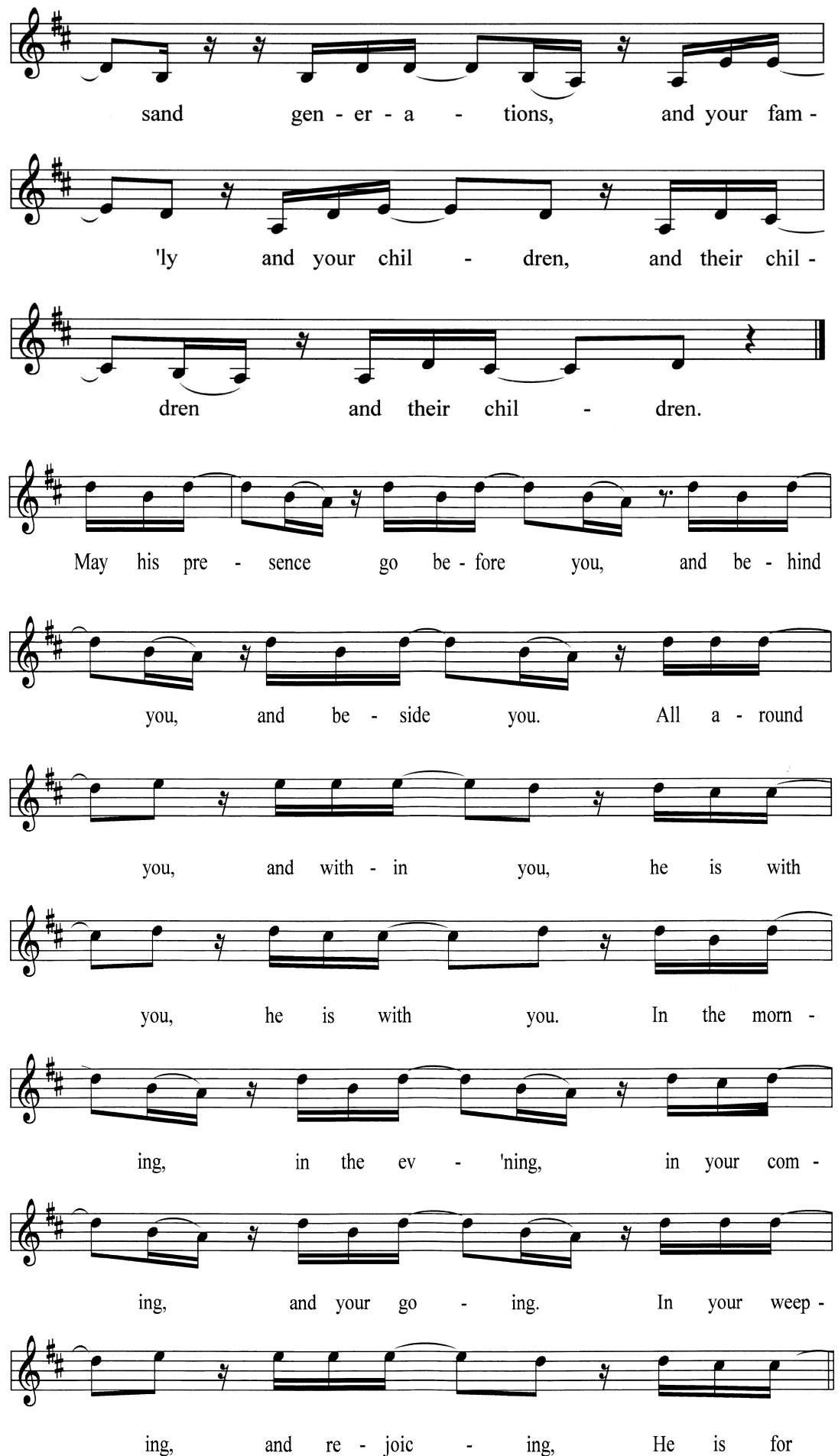
men, a - men.



May his fa - vor be up - on you and a thou -



*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. We now sing the same blessing as we conclude our worship.*



sand gen - er - a - tions, and your fam -

'ly and your chil - dren, and their chil -

dren and their chil - dren.

May his pre - sence go be - fore you, and be - hind

you, and be - side you. All a - round

you, and with - in you, he is with

you, he is with you. In the morn -

ing, in the ev - 'ning, in your com -

ing, and your go - ing. In your weep -

ing, and re - joic - ing, He is for



you, he is for you.



A - - men, a - men, a -



men. A - - men, a -



men, a - men.



The Lord bless you, and keep you.



Make his face shine up - on



you and be gra - cious to you.



The Lord turn his face toward you



and give you peace.

1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's  
 2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the  
 3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in  
 4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -

gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -  
 con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er  
 your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall  
 flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -

lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2  
 flee, that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*  
 see that as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*  
 ty, still as your days your strength shall be. *Refrain*

*Refrain*  
 So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the

vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;

yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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## Thanksgiving Potluck

Our Thanksgiving Potluck is November 24 at 11:00 a.m. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. You may use this QR code to sign up..



## Advent by Candlelight

The women of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church invite you to participate in an afternoon of reflection, music, and fellowship celebrating the birth of Christ. This event is designed for women of all ages to share in the joy and meaning of the season. We hope you can join us!

Advent by Candlelight will take place Sunday, December 8th. 3:00 pm. Held in the church sanctuary. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.

R.S.V.P. by Friday, November 22nd to [cog.wings@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.wings@crossofglory.org) or text 623-279-8900. Please send your First and Last Name if you are able to join us

## Call Meeting Today

There is a CALL MEETING, today following the service. This call is for a 5-6th grade teacher for the 2025-2026 school year.

## Youth Group Night Friends-Giving Lock In

Join us on Friday Nov 15th 6pm-Saturday Nov 16th 9am, for a night of games, friends, movies, and fun. This event will be \$10 per child. Breakfast, snacks, and dinner will be provided. 6-12th graders welcome. Please use this QR code to sign up through the Band App.



## Weekly QR Code

Please use the QR code below to view the weekly newsletter.



## Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	November 10th	November 17th	November 24th
Counters	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Communion		Dawn	
Cleaners	Gullerud/Kugler	Plizuweit/Peterson	Casper/Cape
Greeters	Fred Piepenbrink Diana Piepenbrink	Patrick Van Poppelen Carla Van Poppelen	Sharon Wilson Nancy Murphy
Ushers	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann	Gary Jeffers Tyler Holzhueter Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Clara Naber Connie Sauer	Thanksgiving Potluck
A/V	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter	Stacey Aguilar Bentley Ryan	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson

**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.*