

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday 9am Worship

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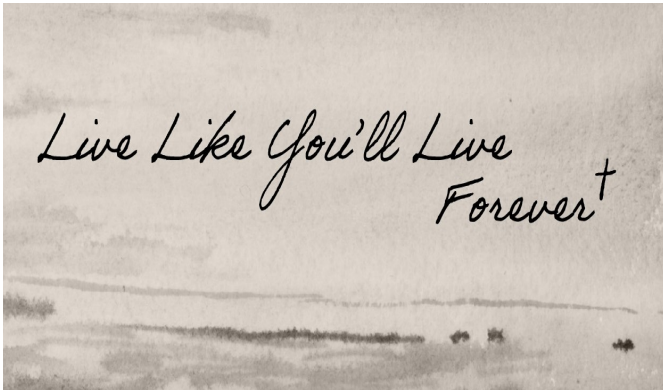
Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

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



“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 17 | LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT

Nov 24 | LIVE WITH YOUR EYES ON THE SKIES

LIVE FREE FROM THE FEAR OF JUDGMENT

Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD) affects many millions of adults. It is more than shyness. SAD includes an acute fear of being judged. An individual with SAD struggles with everyday tasks like talking to people at work or school because he is terrified that he is constantly being evaluated. Even if you don’t have that disorder, perhaps you have experienced that uncomfortable feeling that others are watching you, trying to find something to criticize. We don’t want others judging us. It is bad enough listening to the voice inside our own head, whispering that we aren’t worthy.

How do we overcome the fear of judgment? It begins by realizing that there is only one person whose opinion ultimately matters—the Judge. Everyone is going to live forever in one of two very different places. Where you spend eternity depends on a judgment that Jesus will render. This week we see why his judgment need not trigger any sort of anxiety. Judgment day is something we can joyfully anticipate. We can live free from the fear of judgment.

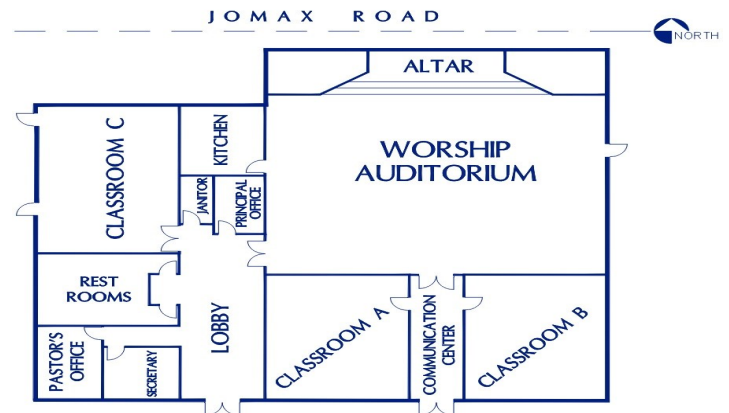
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Celebration and Reverence with Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: All Praise to Him

CWH 600



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 All praise to him, the God of light who formed the
2 All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the
3 All praise to him whose pow'r im - parts the love of



moun - tains by his might. All praise to him who names the
Son, the ser - vant King, who left be - hind his glo - rious
God with - in our hearts, the Spir - it of all truth and



stars that sing his fame in skies a - far.
throne to pay the ran - som for his own.
peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness.



All praise to him who reigns in love, who guides the
All praise to him who hum - bly came to bear our
To Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it now our souls we



gal - ax - ies a - bove, yet bends to hear our ev - 'ry
sor - row, sin, and shame, who lived to die, who died to
lift, our wills we bow; to you, the tri - une God, we



prayer with sov-'reign pow'r and ten - der care.
rise, the all - suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
raise with lov - ing hearts our song of praise.

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We Approach God

(Spoken/Sung Responsively)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(Sung by Congregation)



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



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



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



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



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

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

(Sung by Congregation)



Glo - ry to God, in the high - est, 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 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
Glo - ry to God, in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



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.

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith, and present us at last holy and blameless before you; 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.



The prophet Daniel foretells that the world will get worse and then judgment day will come. All whose names are written by Christ in his book of life need not fear that judgment.



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.”



We can live free of the fear of God’s judgment because of the sacrifice our high priest made.

First Reading

Daniel 12:1–3

¹“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ²Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Psalm 16

(Spoken Responsively)

M: LORD, you alone are my portion and my cup;

C: you make my lot secure.

M: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;

C: surely I have a delightful inheritance.

M: I keep my eyes always on the LORD.

C: With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

M: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

C: my body also will rest secure,

M: because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,

C: nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

M: You make known to me the path of life;

C: you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

M: Alleluia. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. Alleluia.

Congregation sings:

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

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ.

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



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

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17.

Sermon Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

CW29

Lo, he comes with clouds descending,
once for ev'ry sinner slain.

thousand, thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ reveals his endless reign.

Ev'ry eye shall now behold him
robed in glorious majesty;
those who ridiculed and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing, deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshipers.

With what wonder, With what wonder,
gaze we on those glorious scars.



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

**Yea, Amen, let all adore you
High on your eternal throne.
Ev'ry knee shall bow before you;
Come and take your people home!
Alleluia, Alleluia!
You shall reign and you alone!**

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 Nicene Creed was written in 325 A.D. to address false ideas about the divinity of Jesus Christ. That explains why the second article of the Nicene Creed is longer than its counterpart in the Apostles' Creed.

Sermon

Fearless in the Face of Judgement

John 5:25-29

²⁵Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man.

²⁸“Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. 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



grace will bring us home. Our home. For his



grace will bring us home.



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.

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)

The responsive reading from 1 Corinthians reminds the communicants of the necessity of the unity of faith and preparation required as we receive the body and blood of Christ.

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.**

Holy Communion

The Preparation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

C: so that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

C: for we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)



As we approach the Lord's table, we are reminded that we are invited only because of the price Jesus paid on the cross.



The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special



This hymn of response perfectly describes the blessings of this Sacrament - forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CWH 814

1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy
blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to
thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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Words of Institution

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Sung Response: What Is This Bread

CWH 665

1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
2 What is this wine? The blood of
5 Is this for me? I am for -
ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,
Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace
giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve
this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -
brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I
that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his



lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Distribution of Sacrament

We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.

Distribution Hymn: Behold the Lamb

*Ensemble sings verses
and Congregation joins on refrain*

Ensemble: *Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.*

Congregation: **So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace
around the table of the King.**

Ensemble: *The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,
torn for you; eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us
life paid the price to make us one.*

Congregation: **So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love
around the table of the King.**

Ensemble: *The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you, drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.*

Gluten-free wafers are available. If you point at the tray of wafers, you will be presented with a tray of gluten free wafers which you are invited to take.

Alcohol-free white grape juice can be taken from the wine tray.



This is a hymn sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

Congregation: So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of his sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace
around the table of the King.

Ensemble: *And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond, and to remember;
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as his body here on earth.*

Congregation: As we share in His suffering,
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
around the table of the King.



The Nunc Dimittis ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christ-child in his arms as God had promised, we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

Song of Simeon *Nunc Dimittis*

(Sung by Congregation)

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your
word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the
Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple
Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through Him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



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.

Ensemble

I Will Rise

*Words and Music by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves,
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Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

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 VanPoppelen 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

Weekly QR Code

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



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.