

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Thanksgiving
Wednesday, November 27, 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



I will give
thanks
to the Lord
with my
whole heart.

P S A L M 133:1

Thanksgiving

Give thanks to the Lord! Happy Thanksgiving!

This evening we pause to give praise and thanks to our gracious God. In our readings and meditations, Moses will encourage us to remember God's blessings in the past, Paul will share with us the secret to living a content life, and Jesus will prove that he can provide for our every earthly and eternal need.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his love endures forever!

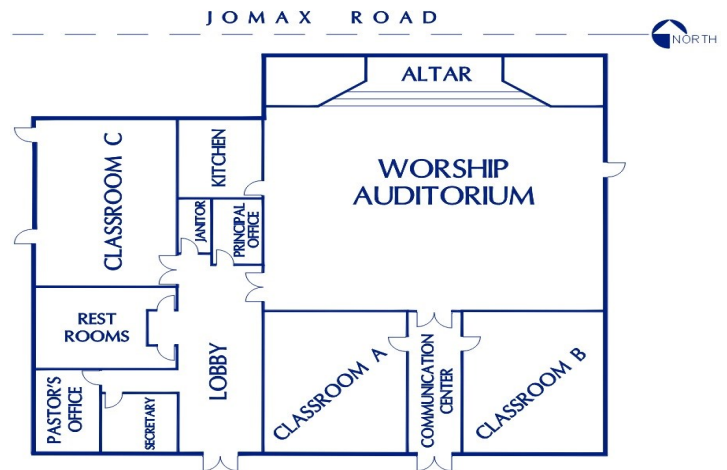
VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat.

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. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

We Come into the Presence of God

Responsive Litany

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

C: Amen.

M: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name.

C: Make known among the nations what he has done.

M: Sing to him, sing praise to Him;

C: Tell of all his wonderful acts.

M: Let us enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

C: Give thanks to him and praise his name.

M: O heavenly Father, how good you are to us! Day after day you pour out blessings upon us, showering us with gifts of food and drink, clothing and shoes, money and goods, family and friends. We are unworthy of all the kindnesses which you've shown to us. Forgive us, Lord!

C: Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness. Rather than giving thanks for your gifts, we selfishly complain, and foolishly worry. Forgive us for doubting your care, for focusing too much on this life, and too little on eternal life. Have mercy on us, O God!

M: Take heart, children of God, for God has given you the greatest gift of all—the gift of his Son. Jesus lived, died, and rose—all for you. Because of Jesus, your sins are forgiven and washed away, they are removed from you as far as the east is from the west.

C: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good!

M: The Lord is the great God, the great King above all “gods.”

C: In his hands are the deep places of the earth.

M: The sea is his for he made it!

C: His hands formed the dry lands.

M: O come! Let us worship and bow down!

C: Let us kneel before the Lord our maker,

M: for he is our God.

C: We are the people of his pasture, the sheep under his care.



We begin our worship with a litany of thanksgiving to our God, the provider of all that sustains us in this world and the source of our eternal life.



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

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty God, your mercies are new every morning, and you graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience all our days; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.



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)

Opening Hymn: We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

CWH 609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;



we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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We Listen

First Meditation

Deuteronomy 8:10–18

¹⁰When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹²Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD

your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” ¹⁸But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

Hymn of Response: Before You I Kneel

CWH 735



1 Be - fore you I kneel, my Mas - ter and Mak - er, to of - fer the
2 Be - fore you I kneel and ask for your good - ness to cov - er the



work of my hands. For this is the day you've giv - en your
work of my hands, for pa - tience and peace to shape all my



ser - vant; I will re - jice and be glad
la - bor; your grace for thorns in my path.



for the strength I have to live and breathe, for each
Flow with - in me like a liv - ing stream; wear a -



skill your grace has giv - en me, for the needs and op - por -
way the stones of pride and greed, till your ways are dwell - ing



tu - ni - ties that will glo - ri - fy your great name.
deep in me and a har - vest of life is grown.

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We confess the first article of The Apostles' Creed, which focuses on the first person of the Trinity, God the Father, the all-powerful creator of all things who is the provider of all we need. The explanation is taken from Luther's Small Catechism.

The First Article (Creation)

M: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil.

M: All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it.

C: For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Second Meditation

Philippians 4:10–20

¹⁰I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹²I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

¹⁴Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

²⁰To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, thanks be to God.
spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

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Third Meditation

Luke 17:11–19

¹¹Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

¹⁴When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

We Respond



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". (1 Timothy 2:1)



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.

Thanksgiving Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

M: Thank you for our cities and our country sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

C: Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

C: Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent Prayer

M: Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen

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

M: May God the Father bless us and keep us,
may Christ be ever light for our lives,
may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path,
for all of our days.

C: Amen.



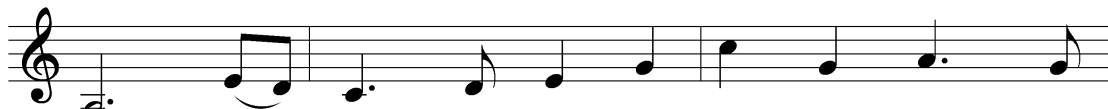
We conclude our worship with a blessing from the triune God.

Hymn: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

CWH 626



1 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my
2 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be -
3 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a -



pain, who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
side, who floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
bove, whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain, who crushed my curse of sin - ful -
caus-es fears to fly, whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e -
ev - 'ry thought is love. For ev - 'ry day I have on



ness and clothed me in his light and wrote his law of
 nough for ev - 'ry step I take, sus - tain - ing me with
 earth is giv - en by the King. So I will give my



right - eous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
 arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

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**"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."**

Psalm 107:1

From the faculty and staff at Cross of Glory, we wish you and your family a very
Happy Thanksgiving!



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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.
