

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Epiphany
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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



THE GIFT OF GOD

When a father puts gifts under the Christmas tree, it is not to compensate his children for doing their chores. That would make whatever is inside that wrapping paper a wage, not a gift. A gift is given voluntarily simply so the giver can show favor to the one receiving the gift, without any expectation of repayment. In the season of Christmas, we receive the gift of God. That does not simply mean we receive the gifts God gives. When we look into the manger, we see that God is the gift. In the person of Jesus, God gave us himself. And because our God became true man and did everything necessary for our salvation, he is able to give us so many other Christmas gifts: forgiveness, hope, peace, a place in his family, eternal life in paradise. “That is too much!” you object. “I don’t deserve any of it!” True enough. However, none of these things are wages. We could not and need not earn them. Because they are gifts, given by our gracious God to show us his favor.

In the season of Christmas, our worship follows this pattern.

12-24	Christmas Eve	God Gives Heaven’s Best Gift in Earth’s Unlikeliest Place
12-25	Christmas Day	God Gives Himself as One of Us
12-29	Christmas 1	God Gives Both Substitute and Sacrifice
01-05	Epiphany	The Gift of God Is for All People

THE GIFT OF GOD IS FOR ALL PEOPLE: On Christmas Eve the angel told the shepherds, “I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people” (Luke 2:10). One wonders if those words struck those Jewish shepherds as odd. For centuries, God had given special attention to one nation—Israel. There were Jewish religious leaders who taught that only members of that special people would be saved. Not according to the Christmas angel! The birth of the Savior was good news for all people. Today we celebrate the Festival of the Epiphany. Epiphany comes from a Greek word meaning “reveal.” When the Savior was born, he was first revealed to Israelites: the shepherds, Simeon, Anna. But today, we see the Lord miraculously guides foreigners across countless miles so the Savior could be revealed to them as well. How did the magi respond? “They were overjoyed” (Matthew 2:10). The Festival of Epiphany is sometimes known as “The Gentiles’ Christmas.” We Gentiles (non-Jews) rejoice in the good news that this Jewish baby is not just a gift for the Jews. He is a gift for all people—the Savior of the world.

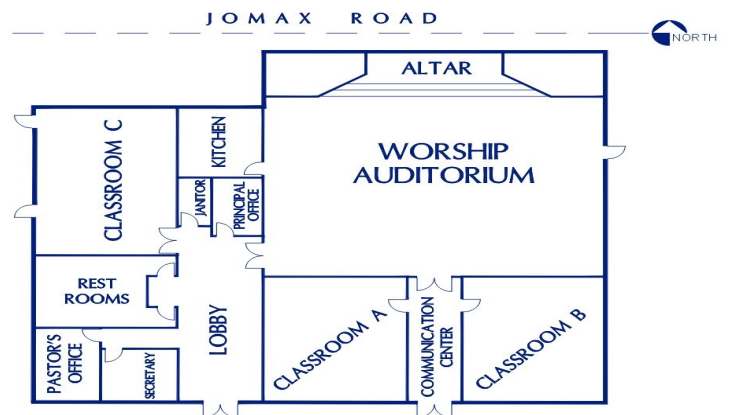
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Epiphany Festival Service

Gathering Rite for Epiphany: How Lovely Shines the Morning Star (CWH370)



Our Epiphany service begins with a gathering liturgy that focuses on a well-known hymn of the season. It originally bore the title "A spiritual bridal song of the believing soul concerning Jesus Christ, her heavenly bridegroom, founded on the 45th Psalm of the prophet David." Jesus says in Revelation 22:16 that he is the fulfillment of this heavenly bridegroom and the morning star: "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star."

1 How love - ly shines the Morn - ing Star! The na - tions see
2 O high - est joy by mor - tals won, true Son of God

and hail a - far the light in Ju - dah shin - ing.
and Mar - y's son, the high - born King of a - ges!

O Da - vid's son of Ja - cob's race, my Bride - groom and
In your blest bod - y let me be, e'en as the branch

my King of grace, for you my heart is pin - ing.
is in the tree, your life my life sup - ply - ing.

Low - ly, ho - ly, great and glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
Sigh - ing, cry - ing for the sa - vor of your fa - vor,

Prince of grac - es, fill - ing all the heav'n - ly plac - es.
rest - ing nev - er till I rest in you for - ev - er.

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M: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (*Revelation 1:4-6*)

M: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;

C: on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. (*Isaiah 9:2*)

M: See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples,

C: but the Lord rises upon you and his glory appears over you. (*Isaiah 60:2*)

M: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (*John 1:5,14*)

Congregation sings:

3 O might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved me ere
you had be - gun this an - cient world's foun - da - tion.
Your Son has made a friend of me, and when in spir -
it him I see, I joy in trib - u - la - tion.
What bliss is this! He is liv - ing, to me giv - ing
life for - ev - er; noth - ing me from him can sev - er.

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M: For to us a child is born, to us a son is given. (*Isaiah 9:6*)

C: In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. (*John 1:4*)

M: God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light to the world, to reveal your love for all people. But wherever there is light, there will also be darkness.

C: We confess that we are sinful creatures who, either through foolishness or willful disobedience, often choose to dwell in the darkness instead of live in your light. We beg for forgiveness for starving ourselves of your son's life-giving light. We repent of our entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it. We admit our apathy towards sanctification and renewal that cause us to continue to live in the night. Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me", through Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen. (*Psalms 51:10*)

Congregation sings:

4 Oh, joy to know that you, my friend, are Lord, be - gin -
ning with-out end, the first and last, e - ter - nal!
And you at length— O glo-rious grace— will take me to
that ho - ly place, the home of joys su - per - nal.
A - men, a - men! Come and meet me, quick - ly greet me!
With deep yearn - ing, Lord, I look for your re - turn - ing.

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M: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you.
(*Isaiah 60:1*) The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us. Christ Jesus came into this world as an infant in a Bethlehem manger so that he might die as our Savior on a Roman cross in Jerusalem. For his sake, God forgives us all our sins. Therefore, as a called and ordained 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: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another,

C: and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. (*1 John 1:7*)

M: But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. (*1 Peter 2:9*)

Congregation sings:



5 Lift up the voice and strike the string, let all glad sounds
of mu - sic ring in God's high prais - es blend - ed.
Christ will be with me all the way, to - day, to - mor -
row, ev - 'ry day till trav - 'ling days are end - ed.
Sing out, ring out tri - umph glo - rious, O vic - to - rious
cho - sen na - tion; praise the God of your sal - va - tion.

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Lord God, by the leading of a star, you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; 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 10:1–9

¹When the queen of Sheba heard about the fame of Solomon and his relationship to the LORD, she came to test Solomon with hard questions. ²Arriving at Jerusalem with a very great caravan—with camels carrying spices, large quantities of gold, and precious stones—she came to Solomon and talked with him about all that she had on her mind. ³Solomon answered all her questions; nothing was too hard for the king to explain to her. ⁴When the queen of Sheba saw all the wisdom of Solomon and the palace he had built, ⁵the food on his table, the seating of his officials, the attending servants in their



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



An African queen visits Israel to test the wisdom of King Solomon. The result of her visit: she ends up praising the LORD for his love. The gift of God is for all people.

robes, his cupbearers, and the burnt offerings he made at the temple of the LORD, she was overwhelmed.

⁶She said to the king, “The report I heard in my own country about your achievements and your wisdom is true. ⁷But I did not believe these things until I came and saw with my own eyes. Indeed, not even half was told me; in wisdom and wealth you have far exceeded the report I heard. ⁸How happy your people must be! How happy your officials, who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom! ⁹Praise be to the LORD your God, who has delighted in you and placed you on the throne of Israel. Because of the LORD’s eternal love for Israel, he has made you king to maintain justice and righteousness.”

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 72B



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.”



1 A King on high is reign - ing whom end - less a - ges bless,
2 As rains that gent - ly nour - ish and bring the seed to birth,
4 His name en - dures for ev - er who formed the fer - tile land;



from sea to sea sus - tain - ing his rule of right - eous - ness.
his right - eous - ness shall flour - ish, his peace pos - sess the earth;
the fruits of our en - deav - or shall pros - per in his hand.



Be - neath his strong de - fend - ing his peo - ple stand se - cure,
her scep - tered kings ac - claim him, be - fore his feet they fall,
With prayer and song and sto - ry his prais - es sound a - gain,



whose jus - tice knows no end - ing while sun and moon en - dure.
the na - tions kneel to name him the sov - reign Lord of all.
in all the earth his glo - ry; so be it, Lord! A - men!

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The Children's Sermon

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



The focus of St. Paul's ministry would be to share the gift of eternal life with the Gentiles.

Second Reading

Acts 13:46-49

⁴⁶Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷For this is what the Lord has commanded us:

"I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

⁴⁸When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed.

⁴⁹The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.



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

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 2:2

M: Alleluia. Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

Gospel Acclamation Response



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!



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



1 As with glad-ness men of old did the guid-ing star be-hold,
 2 As with joy-ful steps they sped, Sav-ior, to thy low-ly bed,
 3 As they of-fered gifts most rare at thy cra-dle, rude and bare,
 4 Ho-ly Je-sus, ev-'ry day keep us in the nar-row way;



as with joy they hailed its light, lead-ing on-ward, beam-ing bright,
 there to bend the knee be-fore thee, whom heav'n and earth a-dore,
 so may we with ho-ly joy, pure and free from sin's al-loy,
 and, when earth-ly things are past, bring our ran-somed souls at last



so, most gra-cious Lord, may we ev-er-more be led by thee.
 so may we with will-ing feet ev-er seek thy mer-cy seat.
 all our cost-liest trea-sures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'n-ly King.
 where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glo-ry hide.

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Sermon

The Christmas Story — Part II

Matthew 2:1–12

I. Gentiles find the Messiah

II. They come to worship him

¹After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem ²and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

³When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. ⁴When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

⁶“But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 for out of you will come a ruler
 who will shepherd my people Israel.”

⁷Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. ⁸He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

⁹After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was.

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).

¹⁰When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. ¹¹On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.



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.

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

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

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: **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.**

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: **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.**



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: Christ Begins

CWH 385

Vs. 1 & 2 sung by soloist; congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4

We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.

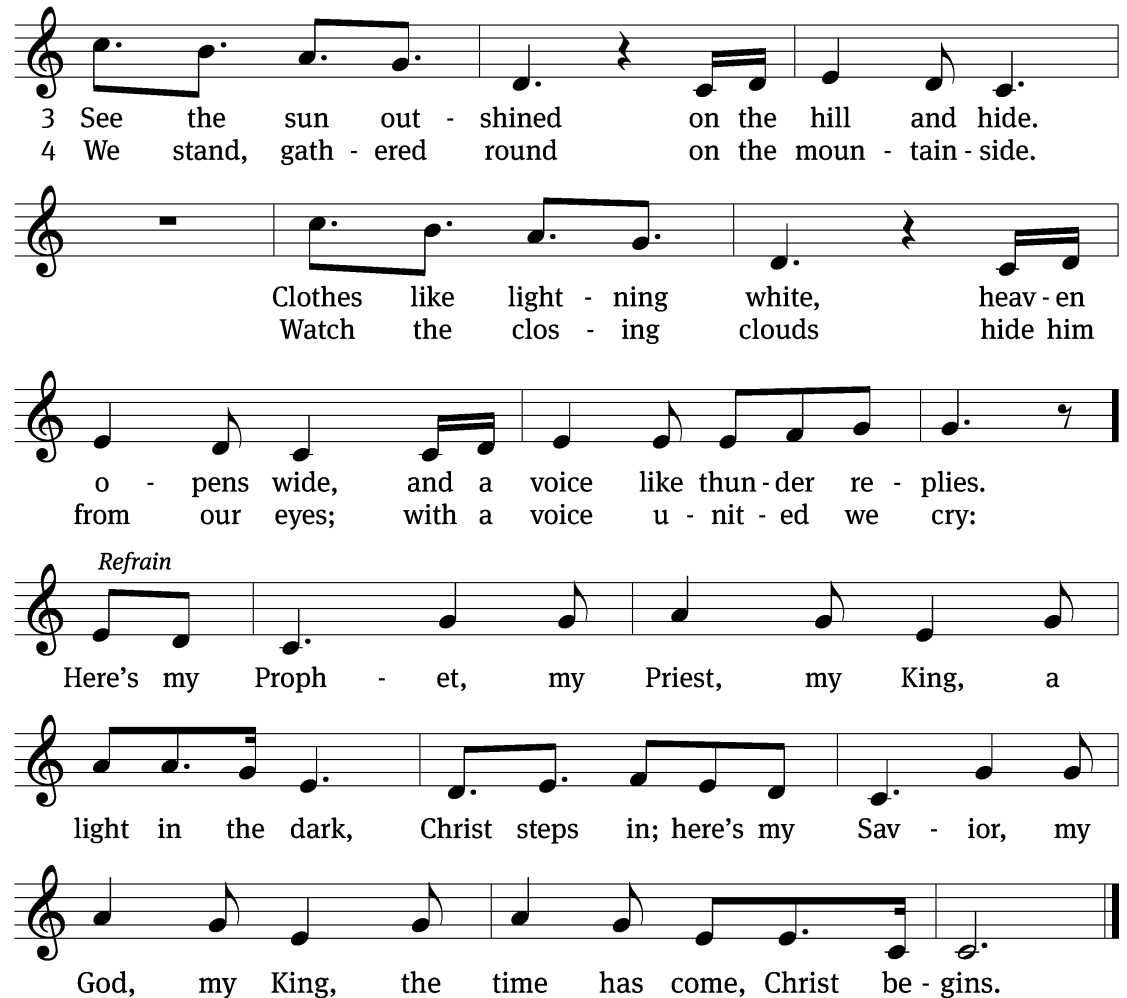
*Water runs and all heaven opens wide,
and a voice like thunder replies. (Refrain)*

Refrain:

*Here's my Prophet, my Priest, my King, a light in the dark, Christ steps in;
here's my Savior, my God, my King, the time has come, Christ begins.*

Mary's whispering, but it's not the time.
 Yet six jars are filled with the finest wine.
 Tell me, who is this by our side? (Refrain)

Congregation sings:



3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
 4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.

Clothes like light - ning white, heav - en
 Watch the clos - ing clouds hide him

o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

Refrain
 Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a
 light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my
 God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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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)

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 Responsively)

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's Son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

M: Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

Silent prayer

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

C: Amen.

The Sacrament

Preface

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your

The pastor and people get ready to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal.



Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The *Sanctus* contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: EWING

1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,
your ev - er - last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!
Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!
in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)



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

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.

Words of Institution

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.

C: Amen.



The pastor speaks the
words which Jesus
spoke when he institut-
ed 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
meal.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*:

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: PUER NOBIS

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled
cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will



Agnus Dei is a Latin
phrase meaning "Lamb
of God". John the Bap-
tist spoke these words
as he pointed to Jesus
coming toward him
(John 1:29). As Christ
comes to us in the Holy
Supper, we recognize
him as the Lamb of God
sacrificed for us to free
us from the bondage of
sin and death.



took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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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.



These hymns are sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

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: The Star Proclaims the King Is Here

CWH 374



1 The star pro - claims the King is here; but, Her - od,
2 The east - ern Ma - gi saw from far and fol - lowed
3 With - in the Jor - dan Riv - er stood the pure and
4 At Ca - na, mir - a - cle di - vine, when wa - ter
5 All glo - ry un - to Je - sus be and praise for



why this sense - less fear? For he who came from heav - en's
on his guid - ing star, and, led by light, to Light they
ho - ly Lamb of God; the Fa - ther's voice, the Spir - it -
red - dened in - to wine, the faith - ful saw his glo - ry
his e - piph - a - ny, whom with the Fa - ther we a -



throne does not de - sire an earth - ly crown.
pressed and by their gifts their God con - fessed.
dove, con - firmed the Sav - ior from a - bove.
shown and put their trust in him a - lone.
dore and Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; Coelius Sedulius, 5th cent., abr.

Tune: Geistliche Lieder aufs new gebessert, Wittenberg, 1535, ed. Joseph Klug
Text and tune: Public domain



1 O Light of Gen - tile na - tions, O Sav - ior from a - bove,
 2 Dear Lord, your ser - vants meet you in ev - 'ry ho - ly place
 3 Lord, when life's trou - bles touch us, you seem to hide your face,
 4 Let us, O Lord, be faith - ful like Sim - eon to the end



drawn by your Spir - it's lead - ing, we come with joy and love
 where you your - self have prom - ised that we should see your face.
 and through our tears we of - ten can scarce - ly sense your grace.
 so that his prayer ex - ult - ant may from our hearts as - cend:



in - to your ho - ly tem - ple and wait with rev - 'rent mind
 To - day you still al - low us who gath - er round you here
 Then be our joy and bright - ness, our cheer in pain and loss,
 "O Lord, now let your ser - vant de - part in peace, I pray,



as Sim - eon once had wait - ed his God and Lord to find.
 in arms of faith to hold you as did that a - ged seer.
 our sun in dark - est ter - ror, the glo - ry round our cross.
 since I have seen my Sav - ior and here be - held his day."

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Johann Franck, 1618–1677, abr., adapt.
 Tune: Neu-vermehrtes . . . Gesangbuch, 3rd. ed., Meiningen, 1693
 Text and tune: Public domain

Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift.

We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*We offer our thanks
 and express our faith
 in what God has
 done for us and has
 promised to do for
 us in the future.*



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.

Closing Hymn: Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace

CWH 950

1 Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your
2 This is the Sav - ior of the world, the
word is now ful - filled. These eyes have seen sal -
Gen - tiles' prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwell - ing
va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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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.

Baby Boy Collins Baby Sprinkle

Please join the women of Cross of Glory for a Baby Sprinkle for Betsy Collins and Baby Boy on Sunday, January 19th, at 11:30 AM in the church sanctuary! Light refreshments will be served. Please use this QR to sign up to help shower Betsy and the Collins family with diapers and wipes!



Weekly Newsletter QR code

Please scan the QR code for the weekly newsletter



Meet the Pastor

If you are a new member, a winter visitor or just have not had a chance to meet up, I would love to get to know all the Cross of Glory members.

Let's get together informally for a visit. We could meet at church, I could come visit you at your house, or I would be happy to treat for coffee. Please select the date, time, and location of your choosing. Please use the QR provided below to sign up.



Pastor Pudlo

Worship Volunteers	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Maggie Stevenson
Communion	Dawn		Sharon
Cleaners	Kelley/Sterns	Coates/Simkauskas	Koutia/Piepenbrink
Greeters	Ryan Family	Jennifer Lee William Paul	Bill Brooks Shannon Brooks
Ushers	John Kull Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger Bill Brooks	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Sharon Wilson Sugirtha Samuel
A/V	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Rene Koutia	

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 is undergoing treatments to shrink the tumor in her eye.

Dennis Lawrence, as he regains strength.

Drew Aguilar, who is recovering from a successful heart surgery.

Rick Scott, in the hospital with pneumonia.



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