

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Epiphany 5**  
**Sunday, February 9, 2025**

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**Sunday 9am Worship**

Pastor Zachary Pudlo  
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal



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

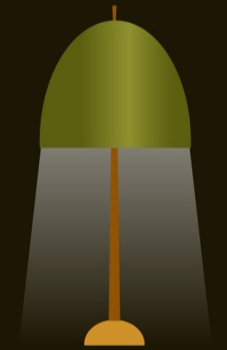
**Welcome to our Worship Center**

*God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament.*

*As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.*

## Worship Focus

### Epiphany moments



SEEING THINGS AS  
THEY REALLY ARE

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” When someone has an epiphany, it’s not that reality changed. The way they see that reality is what changed, for a deeper truth has been revealed. An epiphany is an “a-ha!” moment causing us to look at things very differently. In the Church Year, Epiphany is the season where we see Jesus begin his ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. In this season we will come to understand that when we have Jesus in our lives, it does not always mean our reality drastically changes. It simply means that we see reality differently (and better). Jesus always provides an abundance of epiphany moments.

Our journey through the Epiphany season follows this path:

01-12	Baptism Is the Cure for an Identity Crisis	02-09	<b>The Least Qualified Are the First Sent</b>
01-19	God Delivers More than We Ask, Not Less	02-16	Blessings Are Cursed; Curses Are Blessed
01-26	Rejection Is Not Proof of Failure	02-23	Love Your Enemies, Overcoming Evil with Good
02-02	Popularity Is Not Proof of Success	03-02	Glory Is Hidden in Order to Be Revealed

**THE LEAST QUALIFIED ARE THE FIRST SENT** Imagine you need heart bypass surgery. When meeting with the surgeon, you ask, “How many of these have you done?” He responds, “You get the honor of being my very first patient!” You probably feel more anxious than honored. With important jobs, we understand it is crucial that the person doing that job is well-qualified. There is no more important job than sharing the good news of salvation with others. So, you would expect Jesus would only give that job to those most qualified, like the angels. Nope. The least qualified are the first sent. In love, Jesus prepares and equips us to speak on his behalf. How? He draws unworthy sinners into his presence to provide us with the free gift of holiness that we lack. Once cleansed, we jump at the opportunity to be the ones through whom God does the same for others. Here is this week’s epiphany moment. Let this be a crucial epiphany moment! You might think you are unqualified to share the gospel with those Christ brings into your sphere of influence. But the least qualified are the first sent.

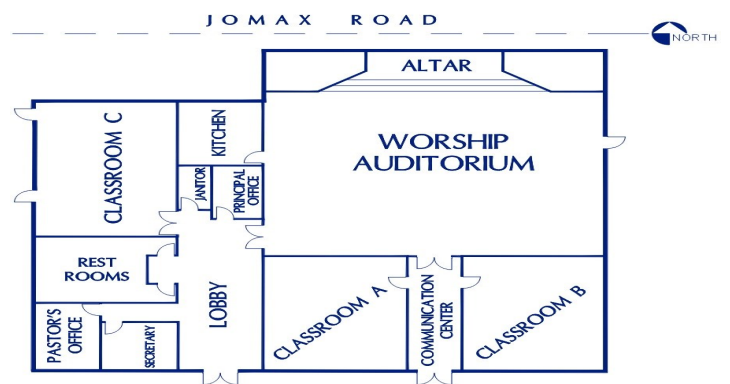
### VISITOR INFORMATION

**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!

# Service of the Word

## Opening Hymn: Cling Tightly to the Word of God

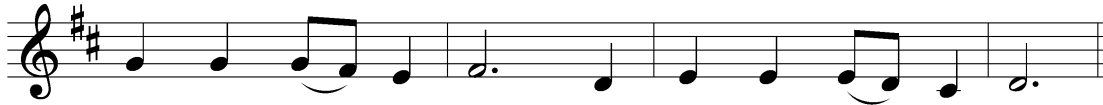
CWH 707



1 Cling tight - ly to the Word of God and Christ's dis -  
 2 Re - call in faith the pre - cious gift of your bap -  
 4 Be strong! Stand firm! Come, walk the path that saints be -  
 6 Now fix your eyes on Je - sus Christ; "Come, fol - low



ci - ple be, for then, be - lov - ed, you will know the  
 tis - mal day, when you were joined to Je - sus' death that  
 fore you trod, with read - y feet to bring good news of  
 me," says he. "De - ny your - self, take up your cross; come,



truth that sets you free, the truth that sets you free.  
 washed your sins a - way, that washed your sins a - way.  
 Christ, the peace of God, of Christ, the peace of God.  
 lose your life for me, come, lose your life for me."

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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)

## Greeting

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.



The greeting used by St. Paul perfectly summarizes Christianity.

## Confession and Absolution

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

**C:** Amen.



"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)

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.



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

## Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister; Sung response by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take  
 ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
 stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
 tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
 Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.



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

## Prayer of the Day

M: Gracious Lord, you call and appoint us to proclaim the good news of your Son despite our sins and weaknesses. Purify us by your grace, remove our uncertainties, and work through us to fill the nets of your kingdom with those lost in the darkness of death; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Isaiah admitted he was sinfully unclean, unqualified to stand in God's presence. The LORD not only takes Isaiah's sin away but also sends Isaiah out as a messenger of grace.

## First Reading

Isaiah 6:1-8

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. <sup>3</sup>And they were calling to one another:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty;  
 the whole earth is full of his glory.”

At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.

<sup>5</sup>“Woe to me!” I cried. “I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty.”

<sup>6</sup>Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. <sup>7</sup>With it he touched my mouth and said, “See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for.”

<sup>8</sup>Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?”

And I said, “Here am I. Send me!”

## Choir

### *Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult*

*Words and Music by Cecil Frances Alexander;  
arranged by Sondra K. Tucker*

## The Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

*Romans 10:12–17*

<sup>12</sup>For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup>for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

<sup>14</sup>How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup>And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

<sup>16</sup>But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed our message?” <sup>17</sup>Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.



*God's plan is to equip saved sinners like us to proclaim salvation to other sinners. St. Paul explains that God has no backup plan.*

## Gospel Acclamation

*Psalm 71:15*

M: Alleluia. My mouth will tell of your righteous deeds, of your saving acts all day long. Alleluia.



*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*



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

### Sermon Hymn: Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying

CWH 745



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



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, "Who will go and work to - day?  
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,  
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on's wall,  
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, "There is noth - ing I can do,"



Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing; who will bear the sheaves a - way?"  
you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.  
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f'ring life and peace to all,  
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re - ward he of - fers thee.  
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment's dread a - larms,  
with your prayers and with your of - f'nings you can do what God de - mands;  
Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, "Here am I, send me, send me?"  
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior's wait - ing arms.  
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et's hands.  
an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, "Here am I, send me, send me!"

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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).

### Sermon

Luke 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, the people were crowd - ing around him and listening to the word of God. <sup>2</sup>He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup>He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat.

<sup>4</sup>When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch."

<sup>5</sup>Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets."

<sup>6</sup>When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. <sup>7</sup>So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink.

<sup>8</sup>When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup>For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, <sup>10</sup>and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." <sup>11</sup>So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

## 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.**



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.

## Song of the Season: By All Your Saints Still Striving

CWH 892



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,  
2 We sing of James, Christ's broth-er, who at Je - ru - sa - lem  
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor - ship God the Son



your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for - ev - er - more be blessed.  
told how God loved the Gen - tiles, and, in Christ, wel - comed them.  
and sing to God the Spir - it, e - ter - nal Three in One,



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.



You rose, our King vic - to - rious, that they might wear the crown  
 Re - joic - ing in sal - va - tion may we too, by God's grace,  
 till all the ran-somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.  
 ex - tend Christ's in - vi - ta - tion to all the hu - man race.  
 as - cribe all pow'r and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

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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.*

### Installation of Church Officers

#### The 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.**

### Closing Prayer

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in



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



death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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.*

## Closing Hymn: On Galilee's High Mountain

CWH 742



1 On Gal - i - lee's high moun - tain Christ gave the great com -  
2 The Lord, who, born of Mar - y, came down as man and  
3 His strength with - in my weak - ness will make me bold to



mand in words of strength and prom - ise which  
died, who preached to all who lis - tened, for  
say how his re - deem - ing pow - er trans -



all can un - der - stand: "All pow'r to me is  
us was cru - ci - fied. This Lord, our liv - ing  
forms my stub - born clay. His touch of fire ig -



giv - en to do what I shall choose; there -  
broth - er, in pow'r at God's right hand has  
nites me, with cour - age I am sent, my



fore I send my chil - dren, their wit - ness I will use."  
cho - sen us to car - ry his truth to ev - 'ry land.  
tongue - tied si - lence bro - ken, with grace made el - o - quent.

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## This Week at Cross of Glory

### **Sunday**

9:00 am

Worship (Live Streamed)

10:30 am

Let's Go Bible Study

1:00 pm

Bible 101 Class

4:00 pm

Youth Group Night

### **Tuesday**

9:30 am

Women's Bible Study

6:30 pm

Church Council

### **Thursday**

10:00 am

Golden Agers Breakfast

7:00 pm

Bibles and Brews

12:00 pm

School-Early Dismissal

### **Friday**

No School-Teachers Conference

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## Sacristy Cleanout

At last month's voters' meeting, the building committee's subcommittee on a temporary classroom provided an update on plans for the upcoming school year. Since we are not yet close to funding the proposed new eight-classroom building, we need to find a temporary solution for our 4th-grade class of twelve students.

The subcommittee explored several options, including modular buildings, trailers, and additions to existing structures. However, due to the City of Peoria's building codes, which require temporary structures to meet the same standards as permanent ones, these options are not feasible. As a result, we must create a classroom within our current building space.

Understanding the concerns of the congregation, the subcommittee does not recommend using the church sanctuary for a weekday classroom, as was done in the past. Instead, the proposed solution is to renovate the main office area to accommodate both an office and a classroom. This aligns with our master plan and allows for future repurposing of the space into additional offices once the new building is constructed.

This plan allows us to meet the immediate need for a 4th-grade classroom while keeping future growth in mind. The committee is committed to being good stewards of our resources and minimizing disruptions to the congregation. In the meantime, Pastor Pudlo and Principal Aguilar will share spaces between Mr. Aguilar's current office and the sacristy.

We appreciate your prayers and support as we work toward the best solution for our students and congregation. If you have any questions or input, please reach out to the building committee. Thank you for your continued dedication to our ministry!

That being said, in anticipation of our pastor and principal needing to use the sacristy as office space in the near future, the **altar committee will be cleaning out the sacristy starting February 27**. If you have items that are being stored there, **please remove them by Wednesday, February 26**. If you are aware of items being stored in there that should continue to be stored there, please let Shannon Gullerud know about them so we can ensure they have a home in the new configuration. Thank you!

## Walking the PATH Together Update

Members and friends of COG continue to walk the PATH together. Together God's people here have topped the \$100,000 mark in their gifts toward the new 8-classroom building and church renovations. And that was in just over three months!

The Master Site Plan, which includes this phase of building as well as an administration and special education building, a gymnasium/fellowship center, and restructured parking, was approved by the City of Peoria.

The capital campaign committee is looking for ways to connect with school families and their extended families and friends. Soon you'll get to see an artist's rendering of the church remodel project. It will be great to see how our reimagined spaces could impact our interaction with members and visitors. Let's continue to come together as a congregation and see this first project realized to God's glory. Spread the word, and encourage others to join you in supporting this campaign as you Pray, Act, Treasure, and Honor your Savior through your participation.

**Andrew S. Aguilar**  
Principal

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>February 9th</b>	<b>February 16th</b>	<b>February 23rd</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Nancy Murphy Maggie Stevenson	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan
<b>Communion</b>		Shannon	
<b>Cleaners</b>	Casper/Cape	Kelley/Sterns	Coates/Simkauskas
<b>Greeters</b>	Proeber Family	Drew Aguilar Stacey Aguilar	Fred Piepenbrink Diana Piepenbrink
<b>Ushers</b>	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec	Len Collyard Nick Nicholai Steve Semmann	Gary Jeffers Tyler Holzhueter Sharon Wilson
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Clara Naber Connie Sauer	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plitzuweit	Linda Stern Leslie Contreras Brenda Grams
<b>A/V</b>	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia

Weekly QR Code



In our prayers

- Diane Lawrence– Undergoing surgery on February 18 for eye cancer.



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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.*