

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Transfiguration
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Sunday 9am Worship

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Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

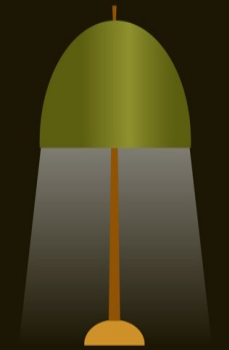
Welcome to our Worship Center

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

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:

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| 01-12 | Baptism Is the Cure for an Identity Crisis | 02-09 | The Least Qualified Are the First Sent |
| 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 |

GLORY IS HIDDEN IN ORDER TO BE REVEALED “Would you look directly at the sun? Only if you wanted to burn your retinas and have permanent blind spots. Would you like to look directly at God? It sounds wonderful in theory. Yet Scripture describes God’s glory as being brighter than the sun. Moreover, one component of God’s glory is his holiness. Being holy doesn’t just mean God loves good; he also hates evil with burning intensity. And we sin every day. No wonder the Lord once told Moses, “No one may see me and live” (Exodus 33:20). Sinners would die of fear if they saw God in all his holy glory.

So, how then can we possibly know God? How can we draw near to him without dying of terror? In our final epiphany moment of this season, God explains. God hides his glory in order to reveal himself. To carry out his good and glorious work of salvation, Jesus hid his glory and went to the cross. To allow sinners to stare at his glory without fear or harm, God hides it in the gospel. In the gospel, we see the glory of Christ’s love, power, and salvation. The reality is that when God’s glory is hidden, it is most on display.

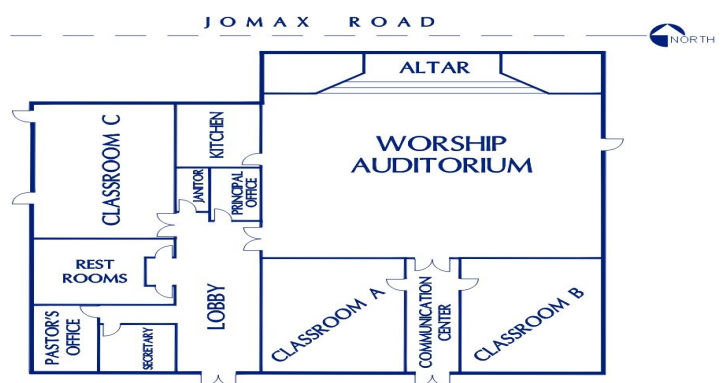
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

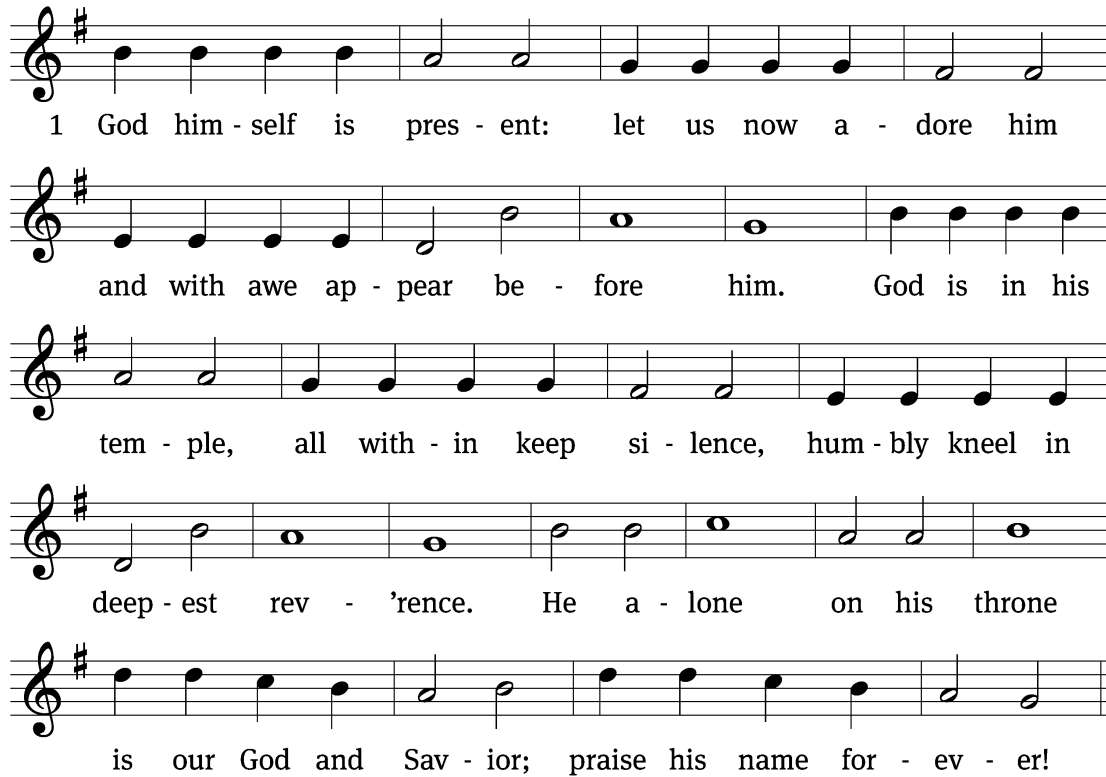
Call to Worship

(Spoken/Sung Responsively (CWH917))

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

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:



1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!

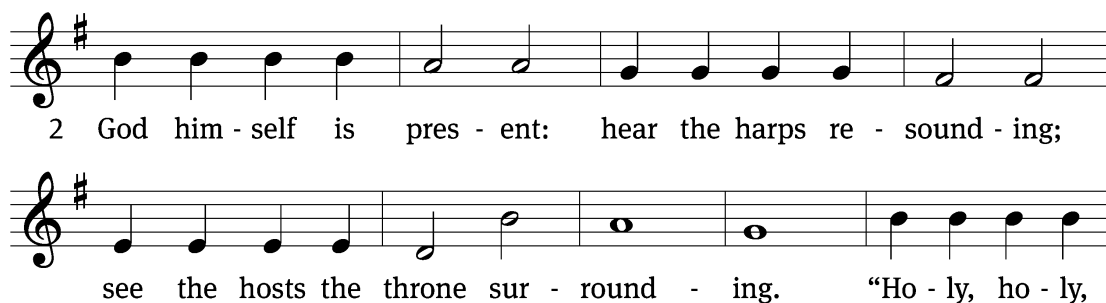
M: As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. (Luke 9:29)

C: Lord, it is good for us to be here! (Matthew 17:4)

M: This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him. (Matt.17:5)

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 1:14)

Sung by Congregation:

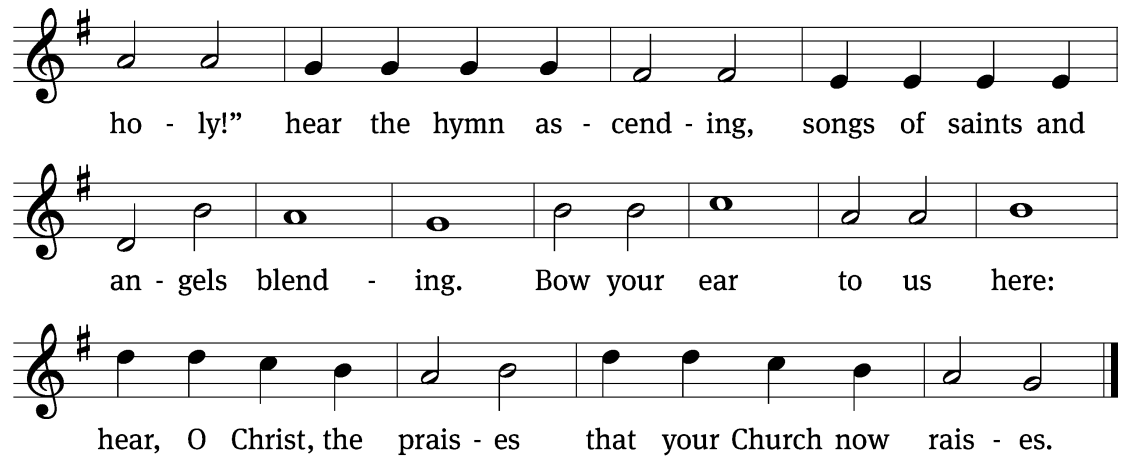


2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. On this day as we celebrate the Transfiguration of Jesus, we are reminded of the glory of Jesus, the Son of God on that mount long ago, and in his presence in our worship service today.

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



ho - ly!" hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and
 an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
 hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.

M: And we have the word of the prophets made more certain—like a light shining in a dark place. (*II Peter 1:19*) On this day of celebrating the transfiguration of our Lord Jesus—as a testimony to his divine approval of all he said and did, and as a reminder of the glorious transfiguration of our own bodies on the Last Day when we trust in his redeeming work—we worship in the name of the Father, who spoke his approval and love of his Son on the Mount, the Son, whose radiance showed his heavenly glory, and the Holy Spirit, whose inspiration of Scripture verifies the divine testimony of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,
 trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly
 an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -
 ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise
 rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

Text: tr. John Miller, 1756–1790, alt.; tr. Frederick W. Foster, 1760–1835; Gerhard Tersteeegen, 1697–1769, abr.
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Confession

(Spoken Responsively)



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."

(1 John 1:9)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

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.

Hymn of Praise: How Good, Lord, to Be Here

CWH 389



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



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
2 How good, Lord, to be here your beau - ty to be - hold,
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar - ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor - rowed light.
where Mo - ses and E - li - jah stand, your mes - sen - gers of old.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

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

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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 glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Through Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.

First Reading

Exodus 34:29–35

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

Choir

Light of My Soul

Text: Munster Gesangbuch

Music: Peter Tchaikovsky

Arranged: Tom Fettke

The Children's Sermon

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



Paul declares that the glory of the New Covenant of grace far surpasses the glory of the Old Covenant of law. The glory of the New Covenant is hidden in the work of Christ and revealed through the work of the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 3:7–18

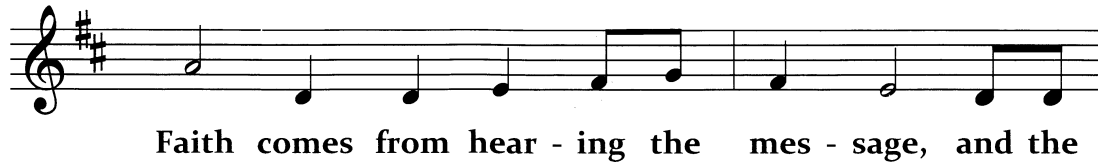
⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Gospel Acclamation

Mark 9:7

M: Alleluia. A cloud covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" 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



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



1 This bright - ness, Lord! What shall I say to see your
 2 But Mo - ses and E - li - jah know the lengths to
 3 I quick - ly learn we can - not stay; the bright - ness
 4 Your liv - ing Word has let me see the truth be -
 6 I'll soon ex - change this moun - tain sight for heav - en's



face out - shine the day? No great - er gift could
 which your love must go. What plea - sure fills your
 gone, you lead the way, ad - vanc - ing down this
 hind the blood - y tree, what makes your face pro -
 ev - er - last - ing light; your bright - ness, Lord, will



I re - ceive; I'll stay right here and nev - er leave!
 Fa - ther's voice: "My pre - cious Son, my per - fect choice!"
 moun - tain - side to where you'll soon be cru - ci - fied.
 found - ly shine— you made my sin no long - er mine.
 then be mine, and then my face, like yours, will shine.

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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

The Terrifying Glory of Jesus

Luke 9:28–36

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. ³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." ³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

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.

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.

Song of the Season: By All Your Saints Still Striving

CWH 892



1 By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
2 We sing of James, Christ's brother, who at Jerusalem
3 Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son



your holy name, O Jesus, forever more be blessed.
told how God loved the Gentiles, and, in Christ, welcomed them.
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal 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.

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 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, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your 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:

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN



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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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.

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)

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done**



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

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.



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 meal.

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.



Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God". John the Baptist 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.

O Christ, Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)

Tune: ST. CRISPIN

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

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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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.

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.

Distribution Hymn: Christ, the Word of God Incarnate

CWH 528



1 Christ, the Word of God in - car - nate, Lord and Son of
2 Christ, the liv - ing bread from heav - en, food for bod - y,
3 Christ, the shoot that springs tri - um - phant from the stump of
4 Christ, our good and faith - ful shep - herd, watch - ing all your



A - bra - ham; Christ, the ra - diance of the Fa - ther,
food for soul; Christ, the man - na, dai - ly giv - en,
Jes - se's tree; Christ, true vine, you nur - ture branch - es
lambs and sheep; Christ, the gate that guards the sheep - fold,



per - fect God, the great I AM; Christ, the light, you
nour - ish, strength - en, make us whole. Feed us with the
to bear fruit a - bun - dant - ly. Graft us in - to
nev - er - fail - ing vig - il keep. When we stray, Good



shine un - van - quished, light and life you bring to all; light our
food of heav - en, fore - taste of the feast to be; quench our
you, O Sav - ior; prune our hearts so we re - main fruit - ful
Shep - herd, seek us, find us, lift us, bear us home; Lamb of



path with your own pres - ence, grant us grace to heed your call.
thirst with liv - ing wa - ter spring - ing up e - ter - nal - ly.
branch - es in your vine - yard till e - ter - nal life we gain.
God, our shep - herd, keep us; let us hear your voice a - lone.

**Christ, the way that leads unfailing
to the Father's home on high;**



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

**Christ, the truth that frees the captive,
Christ, the life that cannot die;
mediator to the Father,
sacrifice and great High Priest:
lead us to your heav'nly mansions,
there to share your wedding feast.**

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega,
Christ, the firstborn from the dead;
Christ, the life and resurrection,
Christ, the Church's glorious head:
praise and thanks and adoration
and unending worship be
to the Father and the Spirit
and to you eternally.**

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*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.*

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.**

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.**



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.

Farewell to Alleluia



As we prepare our hearts for Jesus' death, we willingly quiet our joy. Lent is a season of repentance and sorrow over sin. Alleluias return on Easter morning when we celebrate Christ's victory over death and sin.

Because Christianity brings us to a greater understanding of our own sin and mortality, it also provides us with a deep and profound joy in Christ.

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

Hymn: Alleluia, Song of Triumph

CWH 977



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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Worship Volunteers	March 2nd	March 9th	March 16th
Counters	Nancy Murphy Maggie Stevenson	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan
Communion	Dawn		Sharon
Cleaners	Koutia/Piepenbrink	Gullerud/Kugler	Plitzuweit/Peterson
Greeters	Leonard Freeman Maxine Freeman	Carl Henkel Liz Henkel	John Stevenson Maggie Stevenson
Ushers	John Kull Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Zach Plitzuweit
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Stacy Aguilar Karen Goelzer	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann
A/V	Kelly Simpson Bentley Ryan	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter

Building Capital Fund Update

Fund Balance: \$127,102

Amount Committed for 2025-2027: \$244,724.38

Total Cost of School Building: \$2,000,000

Weekly QR Code



In our prayers

- Diane Lawrence- Prayer of thanksgiving for a successful surgery.
- Pat Powell-Prayers of comfort and support for her family as they mourn her death.



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