

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Ash Wednesday**  
**Wednesday, March 5, 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



**REFLECTION ON REPENTANCE** “The Lord is not slow to do what he promised. . . . Instead, he is patient for your sakes, not wanting anyone to perish, but all to come to repentance” (2 Peter 3:9). Martin Luther began his famous debate theses noting that Scripture’s call to repentance is intended as a way of life. Using David’s great penitential Psalm 51, penned following his affair with Bathsheba and the murder of Uriah, this series of Lenten reflections explores the depths of our sinful depravity, the brokenness of our relationship with God, our dire need for rescue, and the good news of forgiveness, cleansing, and rejoicing in our restored relationship with God and the promise of eternal life through Jesus our Savior.

Our journey through Lent takes the following path:

Mar. 5	<b>Recognizing Against Whom We Sin</b>	<b>Psalm 51:3-4</b>
Mar. 12	Revealing Our Sinful Nature	Psalm 51:5
Mar. 19	Remembering God’s Perfect Demands	Psalm 51:6
Mar. 26	Relying on God’s Grace	Psalm 51:7
Apr. 2	Removing Our Guilt	Psalm 51:8-9
Apr. 9	Realizing Our Need for Repentance	Psalm 51: 1-2

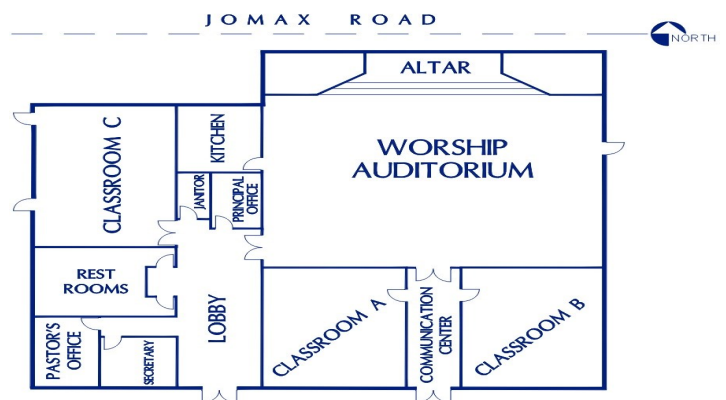
### VISITOR INFORMATION

**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](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. Let’s work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

# Ash Wednesday Evening Prayer & Lord's Supper

## Opening Hymn: Luther's Evening Prayer

CWH 782



We begin with the words of Luther's Evening Prayer set to music. This prayer is found in the Daily Prayer section of Luther's Small Catechism.

1 I thank you, heav'n-ly Fa - ther, thro' Je - sus, your dear Son,  
2 I trust my soul and bod - y in - to your lov - ing hands.

that gra - cious - ly you kept me while dai - ly tasks were done.  
All things that I en - coun - ter I leave to your good plans.

I pray that you for - give me for all my sins and wrongs,  
Send me your ho - ly an - gel to rout the e - vil one

and in your love con - tin - ue to keep me all night long.  
and crush his dread - ful pow - ers. A - men. Your will be done.

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## Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

**C: the maker of heaven and earth.**

M: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

**C: we have sinned against you in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,  
and in all that we have not done. Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus  
Christ. Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.**

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

**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.



## Psalm

Psalm 25B

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 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.  
 2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days

Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.  
 to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.

Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;  
 When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,

for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.  
 to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

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## Psalm Prayer

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

M: God our Father, you are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared. Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in you, for with you is unfailing love. Amen.



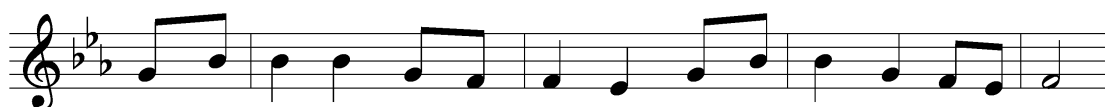
## Passion History

*The Passover and the Lord's Supper*

Each week during the midweek Lent services, the minister reads from the Bible a portion of Jesus' Passion history. The readings take us through the events of Holy Week—from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion on the cross.



This hymn follows the theme of the sermon.



1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,  
2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, he the per-fect Son of Man;  
3 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, Christ the Lord up-on the tree;



he the theme of heav-en's prais-es, robed in frail hu-man-i-ty.  
in his liv-ing, in his suf-f'ring nev-er trace nor stain of sin.  
in the stead of ru-ined sin-ners hangs the Lamb in vic-to-ry.



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come.  
See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.  
See the price of our re-demp-tion, see the Fa-ther's plan un-fold,



Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.  
Christ the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.  
bring-ing man-y sons to glo-ry, grace un-measured, love un-told.

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## Sermon

## Recognizing Against Whom We Sin

Psalm 51:3-4

<sup>3</sup>For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is always before me.  
<sup>4</sup>Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight;  
so you are right in your verdict  
and justified when you judge.

## 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 gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

## The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,



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

**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.**

## 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 unto the Lord.**

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

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

### 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.

### 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.*

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



*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.*

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

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



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



1 If your be - lov - ed Son, O God, had not to earth de -  
 2 But now I find sweet peace and rest; de - spair no more reigns  
 3 I trust in him with all my heart; now all my sor - row  
 4 All right-eous-ness by works is vain; the law brings con - dem -  
 5 My guilt, O Fa - ther, you have laid on Christ, your Son, my



scend - ed and in our mor - tal flesh and blood had not sin's  
 o'er me. No more am I by sin op - pressed, for Christ has  
 ceas - es. His words a - bid - ing peace im - part; his blood from  
 na - tion. True right-eous-ness by faith I gain; Christ's work is  
 Sav - ior. Lord Je - sus, you my debt have paid and gained for



pow - er end - ed, then this poor, wretch - ed soul of mine in  
 borne sin for me. Up - on the cross for me he died that,  
 guilt re - leas - es. Free grace thro' him I now ob - tain; he  
 my sal - va - tion. His death, that per - fect sac - ri - fice, has  
 me God's fa - vor. O Ho - ly Spir - it, fount of grace, the



hell e - ter - nal - ly would pine be - cause of my trans - gres - sion.  
 rec - on - ciled, I might a - bide with you, my God, for - ev - er.  
 wash - es me from ev - 'ry stain, and pure I stand be - fore him.  
 paid the all - suf - fi - cient price; in him my hope is an - chored.  
 good in me to you I trace; in faith and hope pre - serve me.

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**Blessing**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**M:** Go in peace. Christ Jesus has set you free.

**C:** Thanks be to God.



We are dismissed with the confidence that Christ has freed us from the bondage of sin.

*(Romans 8)*

## Closing Hymn: All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night

CWH 789



1 All praise to thee, my God, this night for all the bless - ings  
2 Teach me to live that I may dread the grave as lit - tle  
of the light. Keep me, O keep me, King of kings, be - neath thine  
as my bed. Teach me to die that so I may rise glo - rious  
own al - might - y wings. For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son,  
at the awe - full day. Oh, may my soul on thee re - pose  
the ill that I this day have done, that with the world, my -  
and may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close, sleep that shall me more  
self, and thee I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
vig - 'rous make to serve my God when I a - wake.

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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.*