

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Lent 1**

**Sunday, March 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



OPEN DOOR POLICIES  
A Lent Series

**God's Surprising Strategies for Getting Sinners Back Home:** When a wayward child wanders far from home, how does a loving parent pursue them without driving them further away? One thing that parent does is let the child know that there is an ongoing open-door policy. The child knows they will always be welcomed back home. Likewise, when we wander from God, he always keeps his door open for us. But God doesn't just passively wait for us to return. He lovingly pursues sinners in ways that make them long for home.

In the Church Year, we have come to the season of Lent. The word Lent comes from an old English word for spring: "lengthen," when the days grow longer. For over 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal. In this 40-day journey to the cross and tomb, we will see the surprising strategies our heavenly Father uses for getting sinners back home, close to him and the loving care he offers.

Our journey through the Lent season follows this path:

03-09 **One Stands; Everyone Else Sits**

03-16 No Detours Allowed

03-23 Always Present, Always Patient

03-30 Grace Instead of Condemnation

04-06 Hiding Treasure in the Trash

**ONE STANDS; EVERYONE ELSE SITS** Normally in a family everyone must do their part. . . pitch in. . . pull their weight. In God's family, he assigns and accepts the work of one on behalf of all. In God's house, God's Son—our brother, Jesus—stands alone on the field of battle against our enemies in our place. He fights vicariously. He fights victoriously.

This week we see one man, Jesus Christ, stand against Satan. We simply sit and watch with eyes full of wonder and repentant faith. Because Christ fought that battle as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. The door to heaven stands wide open for those who believe in him.

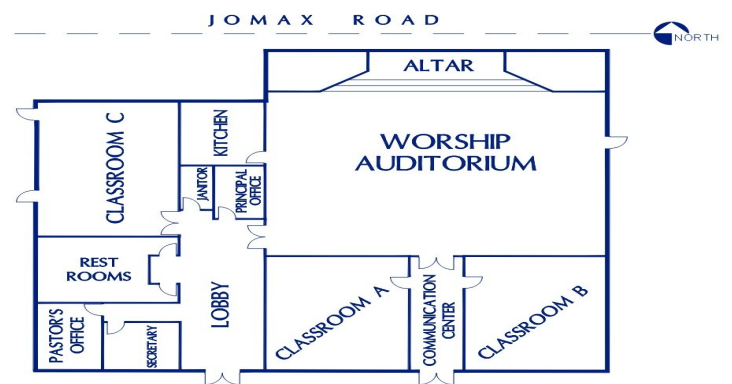
### VISITOR INFORMATION

**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 Worship and Praise

## Opening Hymn: Before the Throne of God Above

CWH 561



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)

1 Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2 When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me  
3 Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea; a great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
spot - less right - eous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I

Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
there who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the  
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. At one with

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
him, I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can  
free; for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on  
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

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## We Gather in God's Name

(Read/Sung Responsively)

M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and



We call upon God to be present with us. We worship the triune God, remembering our Baptism in his name.



"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)



The song of confession is taken from Isaiah which reminds us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags", but along with Isaiah we acknowledge that through his Word our God is able to mold us into the humble servants he wants us to be.

pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

**C:** Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

**Congregation Sings:**

Refrain



Verse



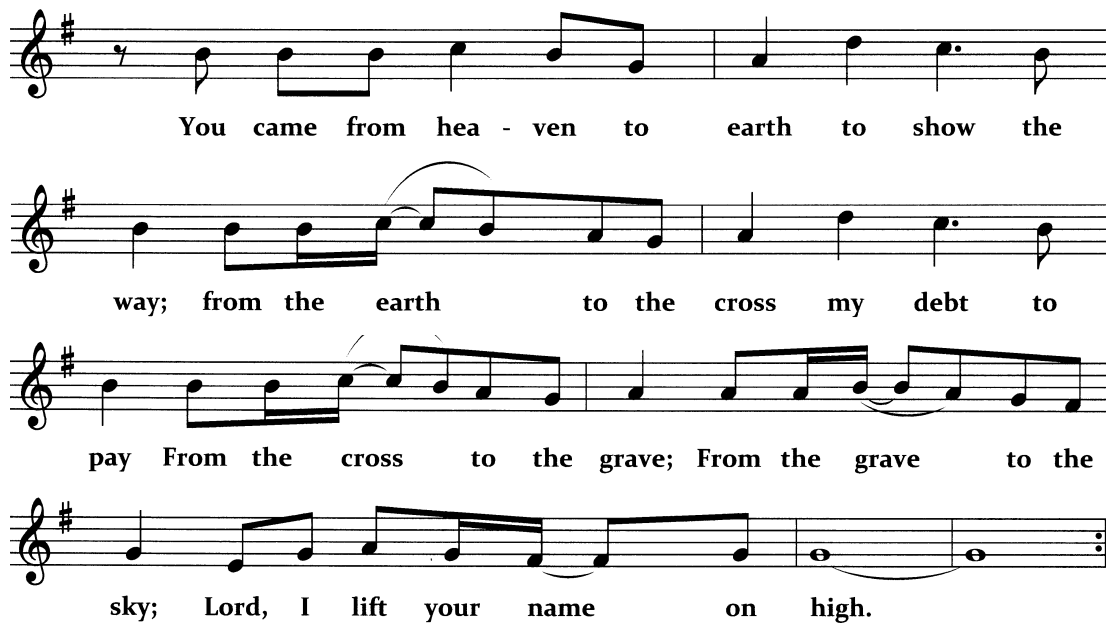
**M:** We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, "He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord." God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

**C:** Amen.

**Congregation Sings:**



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because our debt of sin was paid by Jesus, our victorious Savior.



You came from hea - ven to earth to show the  
 way; from the earth to the cross my debt to  
 pay From the cross to the grave; From the grave to the  
 sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

## Catechism Review: 2nd and 3rd Petitions of the Lord's Prayer

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**M:** Your kingdom come.

*What does this mean?*

**C:** God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

*M: How does God's kingdom come?*

**C:** God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

**M:** Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

*What does this mean?*

**C:** God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

*M: How is God's will done?*

**C:** God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.



*For five centuries, Martin Luther's Small Catechism has served as the basic instruction book for the church. It directs us to God's Word and points to the only source for spiritual life, the Means of Grace: the Word and Sacraments. As life-long students of the Catechism, we review these important truths from God's Word as we continue to grow in a deep appreciation for all that Jesus has done as our Savior.*



Jesus has stood in our place, facing every temptation that we have faced. Yet he did not sin.

## First Reading

Hebrews 4:14–16

<sup>14</sup>Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

## Kindergarten Choir

By Your Great Love (Psalm 5)

Words & Music: Andy Braun

## The Children's Sermon

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

## Gospel

Luke 4:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

<sup>4</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. <sup>7</sup>If you worship me, it will all be yours."

<sup>8</sup>Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

<sup>9</sup>The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. <sup>10</sup>For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you carefully;

<sup>11</sup>they will lift you up in their hands,  
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.



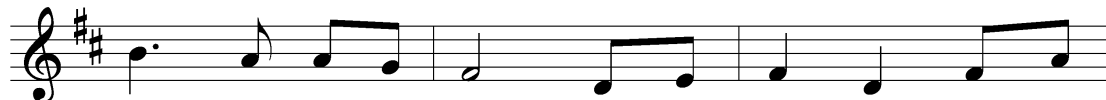
Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus stands against Satan's temptations. He overcomes them, winning the victory for us.



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



1 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor in the  
 2 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor while the  
 3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the  
 4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we



fu - ry of the storm— when the winds of doubt blow  
 tem - pest ra - ges on— when temp - ta - tion claims the  
 floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my  
 face the wave of death— when these trials give way to



through me and my sails have all been torn,  
 bat - tle and it seems the night has won,  
 soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.  
 glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,



in the suf - f'ring, in the sor - row, when my  
 deep - er still then goes the an - chor, though I  
 This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his  
 we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -  
 Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er



sink - ing hopes are few, I will hold fast to the  
 just - ly stand ac - cused; I will hold fast to the  
 love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the  
 hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the  
 faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the

*4th stanza repeat italics*



an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.  
 bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.  
*an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.*

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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

1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49

<sup>4</sup>A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup>on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup>His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

<sup>8</sup>Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, "Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. <sup>9</sup>If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us." <sup>10</sup>Then the Philistine said, "This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other." <sup>11</sup>On hearing the Philistine's words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

<sup>32</sup>David said to Saul, "Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him."

<sup>33</sup>Saul replied, "You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth."

<sup>34</sup>But David said to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, <sup>35</sup>I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. <sup>36</sup>Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup>The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine."

Saul said to David, "Go, and the LORD be with you."

<sup>38</sup>Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. <sup>39</sup>David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

"I cannot go in these," he said to Saul, "because I am not used to them." So he took them off. <sup>40</sup>Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd's bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

<sup>45</sup>David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup>All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."



<sup>48</sup>As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup>Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

## The 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed (Creation)

(Spoken Responsively)

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

*What does this mean?*

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

M: And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

**C: God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.**

## Song of the Season: Not What My Hands Have Done

CWH 572

Ensemble sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-4

*Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul,  
not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God,  
not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.*

*Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin,  
thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee  
can rid me of this dark unrest and set my spirit free.*

### Congregation Sings:

3 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di -  
4 I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and

vine, and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart I  
might. He calls me his, I call him mine, my



After hearing the Word of God, we respond with our confession of faith.

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



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.

call this Sav - ior mine. His cross dis - pels each  
God, my joy, my light. My Lord has saved my  
doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each thought of un - be -  
life, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause he  
lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.  
first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

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## 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 Lord's Prayer

*(Sung by Congregation)*

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your  
name, your king - dom come, your will be done on  
earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our  
dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as  
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us



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

Today we sing the prayer Jesus taught us.  
(Matthew 6)

not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from  
 e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are  
 yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

## 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.

## Closing Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CWH 721

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.

all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

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| Worship Volunteers  | March 9th                                 | March 16th                                       | March 23rd  |
|---------------------|---|--|---|
| Counters            | Joel Ditter<br>Nancy Schirripa            | Nick Nicholai<br>Michael Ryan                    | Nancy Murphy<br>Maggie Stevenson                  |
| Communion           |   | Sharon   |   |
| Cleaners            | Gullerud/Kugler                           | Plitzuweit/Peterson                              | Casper/Cape                                       |
| Greeters            | Carl Henkel<br>Liz Henkel                 | John Stevenson<br>Maggie Stevenson               | Ditter Family                                     |
| Ushers              | Jon Naber<br>Rich Kugler<br>Kelly Simpson | Dave Goelzer<br>Karen Goelzer<br>Zach Plitzuweit | Chris Patterson<br>Isaac Patterson<br>Grant Stern |
| Sunday Refreshments | Stacy Aguilar<br>Rene Koutia              | Kathy Collyard<br>Andrea Semmann                 | Mary Berggren<br>Shannon Gullerud                 |
| A/V                 | Stacy Cornell<br>Pedro Contreras          | Hailey Ditter<br>Joel Ditter                     | Stacey Aguilar<br>Rene Koutia                     |

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### 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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*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.*