

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Midweek Lent
Wednesday, March 12, 2025

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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



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:

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| Mar. 5 | Recognizing Against Whom We Sin | Psalm 51:3-4 |
| 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 |

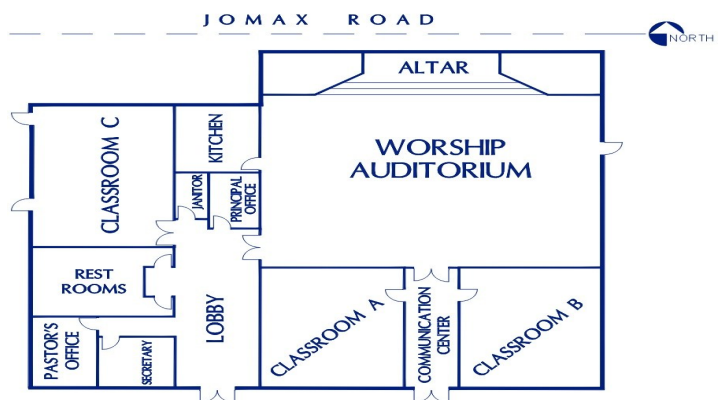
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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!

Lent Evening Prayer

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 51D

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 God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on your grace I
2 My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my
3 I am e - vil, born in sin; you de - sire all
4 Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by your wrath and



rest my plea; your com - pas - sions o - ver - flow,
soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst your grace
truth with - in. You a - lone my Sav - ior are,
judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice



blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me
and pro - voked you to your face; I con - fess your
teach your wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, your
and in glad - ness hear your voice; from my sins, O



pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.
judg - ment just, speech - less, in your mer - cy trust.
grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.
hide your face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

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

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

Passion History

Gethsemane



This hymn follows the theme of the sermon.



1 Come to Cal - v'ry's ho - ly moun - tain, sin - ners, ru - ined
 2 Come in pov - er - ty and mean - ness, come de - filed, with -
 3 Come in sor - row and con - tri - tion, wound - ed, par - a -
 4 They that drink shall live for - ev - er; 'tis a soul - re -



by the fall; here a pure and heal - ing foun - tain
 out, with - in; from in - fec - tion and un - clean - ness,
 lyzed, and blind; here the guilt - y, free re - mis - sion,
 new - ing flood. God is faith - ful; God will nev - er



flows to you, to me, to all, in a full, per -
 from the lep - ro - sy of sin, wash your robes and
 here the trou - bled, peace may find. Health this foun - tain
 break his cov - e - nant of blood, signed when our Re -



pet - ual tide, o - pened when our Sav - ior died.
 make them white; you shall walk with God in light.
 will re - store; they that drink shall thirst no more.
 deem - er died, sealed when he was glo - ri - fied.

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Sermon

Revealing Our Sinful Nature

Psalm 51:5

⁵Surely I was sinful at birth,
 sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

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,
 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.



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

(Romans 8)

Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: By Grace I'm Saved

CWH 575



1 By grace I'm saved, grace free and bound-less; my soul, be -
 2 By grace God's Son, our on - ly Sav - ior, came down to
 5 By grace! On this I'll rest when dy - ing; in Je - sus'



lieve and doubt it not. Why wa - ver at this word of
 earth to bear our sin. Was it be - cause of your own
 prom - ise I re - joice, for though I know my heart's con -



prom - ise? Has Scrip - ture ev - er false - hood taught? So then this
 mer - it that Je - sus died, your soul to win? No, it was
 di - tion, I al - so know my Sav - ior's voice. My heart is



word must true re - main: by grace you, too, shall heav'n ob - tain.
 grace, and grace a - lone, that brought him from his heav'n - ly throne.
 glad, all grief has flown since I am saved by grace a - lone.

Text: tr. The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.; Christian L. Scheidt, 1709–1761, abr.
 Tune: Cornelius H. Dretzel, 1697–1775
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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.
