

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Lent 2

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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



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

03-30 Grace Instead of Condemnation

03-16 **No Detours Allowed**

04-06 Hiding Treasure in the Trash

03-23 Always Present, Always Patient

NO DETOURS ALLOWED The door to God and the glory he has prepared for us stands wide open. However, he has mapped out a very specific pathway to that door. It is not an easy one. As it did with Jesus, this route takes us through opposition, suffering, and even death. While our human nature may cause us to want to take a detour around these things, Jesus' own life shows us that no detour is allowed. His cross came before his crown. The same path lies ahead of us. However, at the end of it, through the open door, we are offered a reward far superior to anything the world can offer.

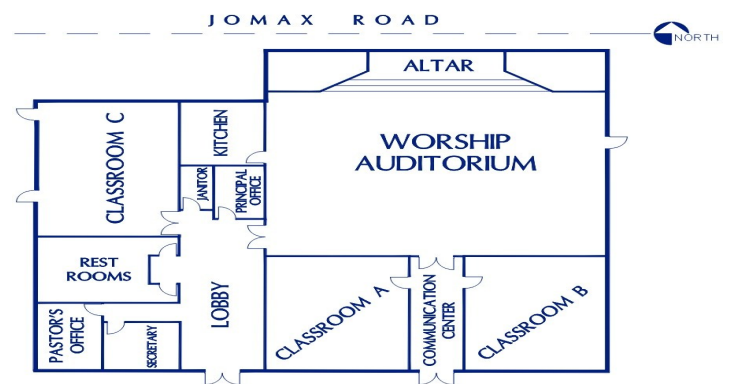
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Service Setting 3 and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: When Will I Walk

CWH 837

Canthers sing Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

When will I walk the shining streets of gold
which lie behind the massive gates of pearl,
where saints triumphant live in bliss untold,
and all around the alleluias swirl? (Refrain)

Refrain:

My days, O Lord, are trouble-filled and few,
and I'm not home until I'm home with you.

Congregation joins:

2 When will I wear the robe of brilliant white
3 When will I win what Jesus won for me—
and raise a-loft the vic-tor's branch of palm,
a par-a-dise of rest-ful, won-drous peace,
where long-for-got-ten is the no-ble fight
where day is bright and night will nev-er be,
and glass-y seas be-tray a per-fect calm?
and joy-ful-ness will ev-er-more in-crease?
Refrain
My days, O Lord, are trou-ble-filled and few, and
I'm not home un-til I'm home with you.

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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)



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

Invocation

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

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.



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



Jeremiah knew the path the Lord had called him to walk—calling the nation to repent—might get him killed. In love for the Lord and for his nation, Jeremiah walked that path willingly.

Confession and Absolution

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Jeremiah 26:8–15

⁸But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! ⁹Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

¹⁰When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. ¹¹Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!”

¹²Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. ¹³Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. ¹⁴As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. ¹⁵Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

Choir

Like a Deer That Longs Psalm 42-43
Words and Music by Marty Haugen

Children's Sermon

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

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:8

M: Being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

Gospel

Luke 13:31-35

³¹At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

³²He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ ³³In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

³⁴“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. ³⁵Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”



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.



A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.



The Pharisees offer Jesus a detour around danger and a shortcut to safety. But Jesus was determined to continue down the path he was on for us and our salvation.



Hymn of the Day: Delay Not! Delay Not

CWH 712

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



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!
 2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,
 3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,
 4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.
 for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.
 long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight
 the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;
 Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;
 and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,
 A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.
 its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.
 to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.
 Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

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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

Philippians 3:17—4:1

¹⁷Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. ¹⁸For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. ²⁰But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

¹Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**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.**

**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: Not What My Hands Have Done

CWH 572

Cantors sing Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2-4

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.

*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.*

Congregation joins:

2 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of
 3 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di -
 4 I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and

sin, thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can
 vine, and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart I
 might. He calls me his, I call him mine, my

give me peace with - in. Thy love to me, O
 call this Sav - ior mine. His cross dis - pels each
 God, my joy, my light. My Lord has saved my

God, not mine, O Lord, to thee can rid me of this
 doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each thought of un - be -
 life, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause he

dark un - rest and set my spir - it free.
 lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

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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, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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 prepare to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal.

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.



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.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

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.**



*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.*

Word 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.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; Grant us your
peace. A - men.



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.

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: What Grace Is This

CWH 395

These hymns are sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.



1 What grace is this! My Lord and King
 2 What grace is this— that ver - y God
 3 What grace is this! Though Lord of all,
 4 What grace is this! Rude ag - o - nies!



has set his face to suf - fer - ing. My God e -
 would stoop to lift a cross of wood and walk a
 he yields to Pon - tius Pi - late's law and lets the
 With com-mon thieves he hangs and bleeds. The sin-less



ter - nal dies to bring e - ter - nal life to me.
 road of rock and blood, a sin - ner's road, for me.
 Ro - man ham - mers draw a rush of blood for me.
 Son bears each mis - deed; he pays for all, for me.

**What grace is this! Once wrapped in cloths
 and gently laid in manger-trough,
 he's taken, dead, from wretched cross
 and wrapped again for me.**

**What grace is this? How can it be?
 He wears this raw humility
 to lift me to eternity.
 Such grace—sweet grace—for me.**

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Distribution Hymn: I'm But a Stranger Here

CWH 853



1 I'm but a stran - ger here, heav'n is my home;
 2 What though the tem - pest rage, heav'n is my home;
 3 There - fore I mur - mur not, heav'n is my home;



earth is a des - ert drear, heav'n is my home;
 short is my pil - grim - age, heav'n is my home;
 what - e'er my earth - ly lot, heav'n is my home;

dan - ger and sor - row stand round me on ev - 'ry hand;
 and time's wild, win - try blast soon shall be o - ver - past;
 and I shall sure - ly stand there at my Lord's right hand;

heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.
 I shall reach home at last, heav'n is my home.
 heav'n is my fa - ther - land, heav'n is my home.

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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: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through 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.

Closing Hymn: Jerusalem the Golden

CWH 889

1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;

the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.

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.



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.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,
 what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.
 to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
 To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,
 a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
 the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

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Worship Volunteers	March 16th	March 23rd	March 30th
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Communion	Sharon		
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Peterson	Casper/Cape	Kelley/Sterns
Greeters	John Stevenson Maggie Stevenson	Ditter Family	Ryan Family
Ushers	Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Zach Plitzuweit	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Grant Stern	Cody Hall Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson Sugirtha Samuel
A/V	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter	Stacey Aguilar Rene Koutia	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson

This year's theme is "**Reflections on Repentance**" As in years past, we will have a soup supper served at 6:00 p.m. The service will follow at 7:00 p.m.

March 12: Revealing Our Sinful Nature (Pastor Jasper Sellnow, pastor at Grace, Glendale)

March 19: Remembering God's Perfect Demands (Pastor Robert Smith, pastor at Our Savior, Sun City)

March 26: Relying on God's Grace (Pastor John Sprain, pastor at Shepherd of the Valley, Surprise)

April 2: Removing our Guilt (Pastor Meryl Wagenknect, retired pastor)

April 9: Realizing Our Need for Repentance (Pastor Lincoln Albrecht, pastor at River of Life, Goodyear)



Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.



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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.