

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Midweek Lent**  
**Wednesday, March 19, 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	Recognizing Against Whom We Sin	Psalm 51:3-4
Mar. 12	Revealing Our Sinful Nature	Psalm 51:5
<b>Mar. 19</b>	<b>Remembering God’s Perfect Demands</b>	<b>Psalm 51:6</b>
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

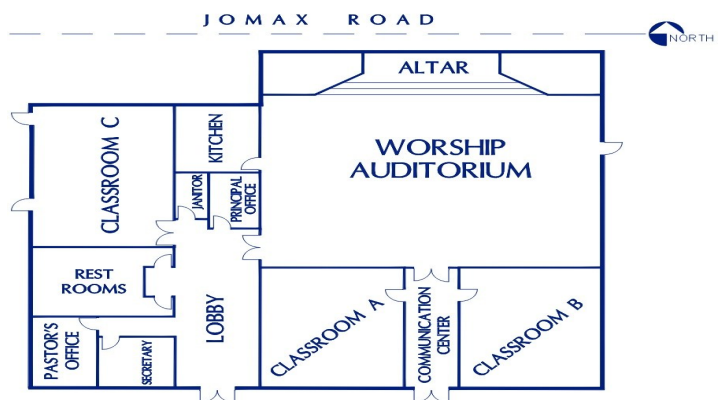
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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!

# 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.



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.”



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



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.

## Psalm

Psalm 119C

M: Do good to your servant  
**C: according to your word, LORD.**  
M: Teach me knowledge and good judgment,  
**C: for I trust your commands.**  
M: Before I was afflicted I went astray,  
**C: but now I obey your word.**  
M: You are good, and what you do is good;  
**C: teach me your decrees.**  
M: It was good for me to be afflicted  
**C: so that I might learn your decrees.**  
M: The law from your mouth is more precious to me  
**C: than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.**

## Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, your Word is my delight. When I was lost in the darkness of sin, you penetrated my heart with the light of your Word. Let it enlighten my path each day that I may serve you in holiness. Let your Word shine through all I say and do that others may see you and praise your saving name. In Jesus’ name I pray.  
Amen.

## Passion History

## The Trial Before the High Priest



This hymn follows the theme of the sermon.



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 -



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



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



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.

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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**

**Remembering God's Perfect Demands**

Psalm 51:6

<sup>6</sup>Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb;  
 you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

**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.



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.



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: The Power of the Cross

CWH 423



1 Oh, to see the dawn of the dark - est day: Christ on the  
 2 Oh, to see the pain writ - ten on your face, bear - ing the  
 3 Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its



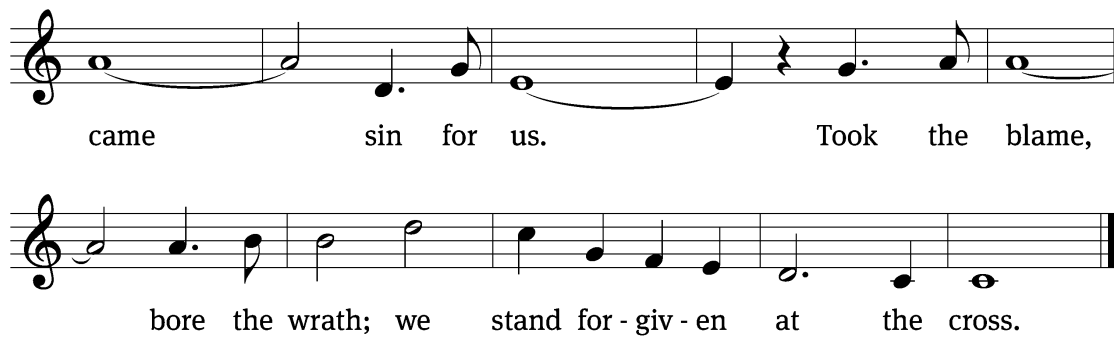
road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
 mak - er bows his head. Cur - tain torn in two,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.  
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing your blood - stained brow.  
 dead are raised to life; "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.



1-3 This the pow'r of the cross: Christ be -



came sin for us. Took the blame,  
bore the wrath; we stand for - giv - en at the cross.

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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.*

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