

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Midweek Lent
Wednesday, March 26, 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:

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

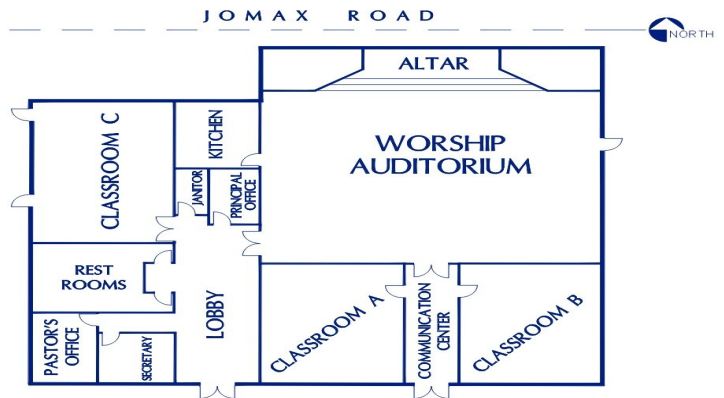
VISITOR INFORMATION

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.



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 30

M: I will exalt you, LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths;

C: you spared me from going down to the pit.

M: Sing the praises of the LORD, you his faithful people;

C: praise his holy name.

M: For his anger lasts only a moment,

C: but his favor lasts a lifetime;

M: weeping may stay for the night,

C: but rejoicing comes in the morning.

M: To you, LORD, I called;

C: to the Lord I cried for mercy:

M: “Hear, LORD, and be merciful to me;

C: LORD, be my help.”

M: You turned my wailing into dancing;

C: you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

M: that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent.

C: LORD my God, I will praise you forever.

Psalm Prayer

M: When I was in the pit of despair, Lord, you lifted me out. Though your anger blazed down on me because of my sin, you sent your Son to take the brunt of your anger so that I might be spared. Now I rejoice in the splendor of your grace and proclaim your saving deeds to those who will yet praise you as their only Savior. Amen.

Passion History

The Trial before Pilate



This hymn follows the theme of the sermon.

1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have

sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died: the hum - ble King they named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and

sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the

ho - ly Lamb of God! O wash me in his pre - cious

blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Sermon

Relying on God's Grace

Psalm 51:7

⁷Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;
 wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

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: Glory Be to Jesus

CWH 402



1 Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains
 2 Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;
 3 Blest through end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream
 4 A - bel's blood for venge - ance plead - ed to the skies,
 6 Lift we, then, our voic - es, swell the might - y flood;



poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins.
 blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind.
 which from end - less tor - ment did the world re - deem.
 but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.
 loud - er still and loud - er praise the pre - cious blood!

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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.
