## Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Zachary Pudlo Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal



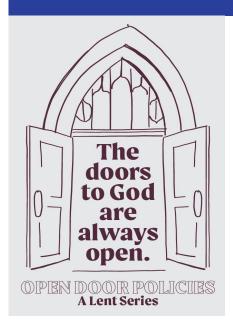
**Growing in Faith** — **Living in Grace** — **Sharing His Glory** 

#### 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**



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		

**GRACE INSTEAD OF CONDEMNATION** We assume people get what they deserve. We assume that what goes around comes around. We assume God helps those who help themselves. Those assumptions are false. God does not operate on the principle of merit but of grace. No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. God never turns it off. At the entrance of God's open door is not a Father looking to condemn us, but a Father who has eagerly longed for our return. When we do, he takes us in his loving arms and assures us we are still his child. When the weight of our sin makes us fearful of God's condemnation, he reveals his grace yet again.

#### **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

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#### **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!

#### **Celebration and Reverence**

#### Opening Hymn: Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CWH 535

Congregation sings Vs. 1,2 & 4 and Ensemble sings Vs. 3



- 1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys-t'ry, he the per-fect Son of Man;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty. in his liv - ing, in his suf-f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come. See the true and bet-ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.

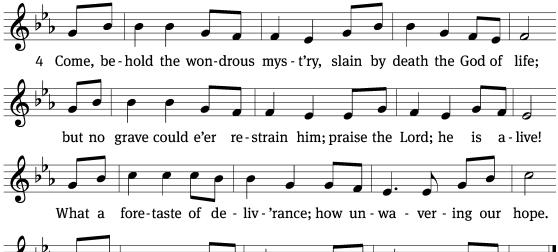


Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us. Christ the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.

#### Sung by Ensemble:

Come, behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree; in the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.

See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold, bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.



Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

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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."



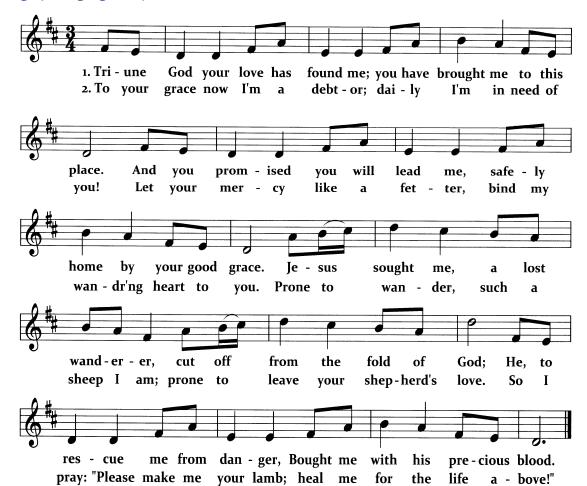
We are able to approach the eternal, almighty Triune God because he is the God of undeserved love—the God of Grace.

We confess our sins to God confident he will forgive us because he has promised, "If we confess our sins, he [God] is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

#### We Approach God

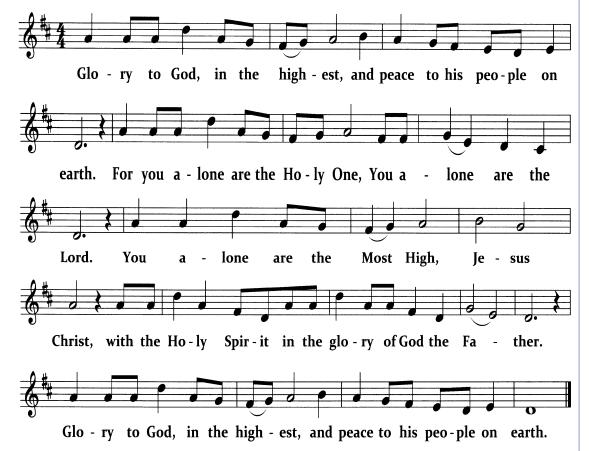
- M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.
- C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.
- M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.
- C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.
- M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.
- C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)



M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven. Amen.

#### **Sung by Congregation:**



#### **Catechism Review: 4th Petition**

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: Give us today our daily bread.

  What does this mean?
- C: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.
- M: What, then, is meant by daily bread?
- C: Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.



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.



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 lifelong 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.





God's grace turns the fear of our condemnation into the joy of our salvation.

#### **Prayer of the Day**

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, you receive us as your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; 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 Isaiah 12:1-6

<sup>1</sup>In that day you will say:

"I will praise you, LORD.

Although you were angry with me,

your anger has turned away

and you have comforted me.

<sup>2</sup>Surely God is my salvation;

I will trust and not be afraid.

The LORD, the LORD himself, is my strength and my defense;

he has become my salvation."

<sup>3</sup>With joy you will draw water

from the wells of salvation.

<sup>4</sup>In that day you will say:

"Give praise to the LORD, proclaim his name;

make known among the nations what he has done,

and proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things;

let this be known to all the world.

<sup>6</sup>Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion,

for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

**Choir** God of

God of Grace (with Amazing Grace) Words and Music by Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea

Arranged by Tom Fettke

**The Children's Sermon** (All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)

Second Reading Romans 8:1–10

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<sup>5</sup>Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. <sup>6</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

<sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Luke 15:10

M: There is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

#### Sermon Hymn: Joyously I'll Praise My Savior

CWH 611





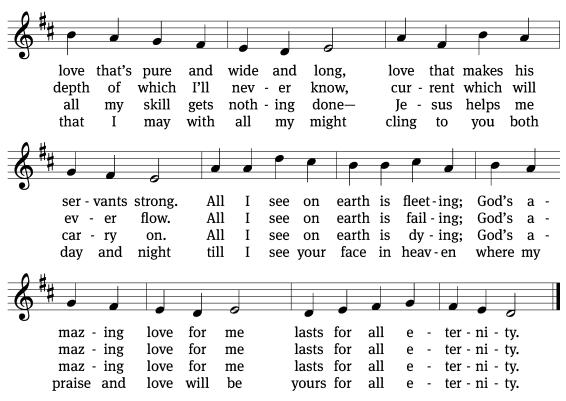
In Christ Jesus, God has already condemned all sin. For us there is only grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.



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



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



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**Sermon** Luke 15:1–3,11–32

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup>But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."

<sup>3</sup>Then Jesus told them this parable:

<sup>11</sup>Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. <sup>12</sup>The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them.

<sup>13</sup>"Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. <sup>14</sup>After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. <sup>15</sup>So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. <sup>16</sup>He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

<sup>17</sup>"When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! <sup>18</sup>I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. <sup>19</sup>I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.' <sup>20</sup>So he got up and went to his father.

"But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

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).

<sup>21</sup> The son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'

<sup>22</sup>"But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. <sup>23</sup>Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. <sup>24</sup>For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate.

<sup>25</sup>"Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. <sup>26</sup>So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. <sup>27</sup>'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.'

<sup>28</sup>"The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. <sup>29</sup>But he answered his father, 'Look! All these years I've been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. <sup>30</sup>But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!'

<sup>31</sup>" 'My son,' the father said, 'you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. <sup>32</sup>But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' "

#### The Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.



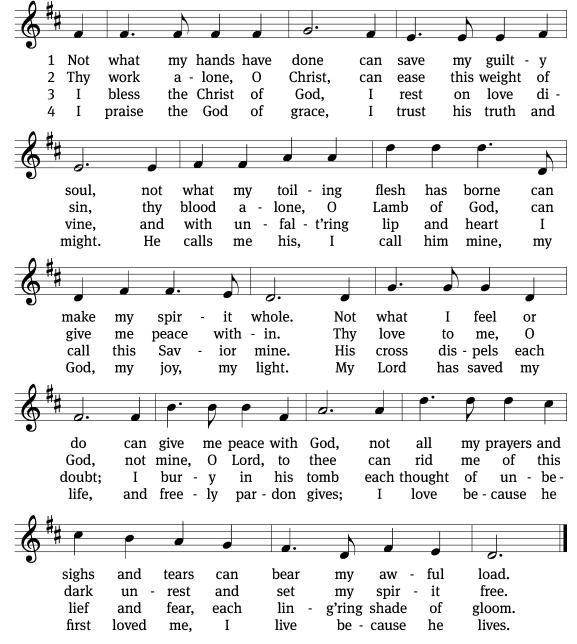
After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Apostles' Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.



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.





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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)

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **Closing Prayer**

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

#### **Blessing**

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

CWH 523

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3

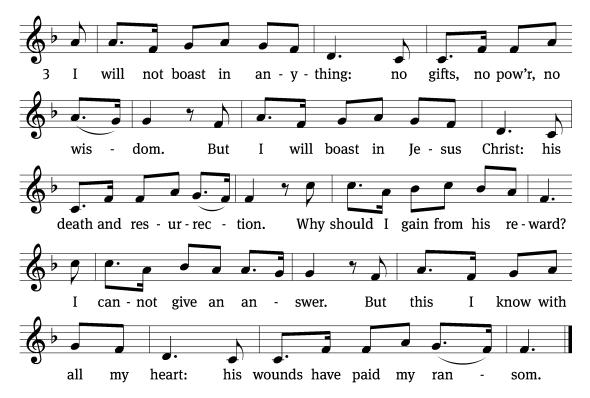
How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, that he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure. How great the pain of searing loss. The Father turns his face away as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders. Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers. *It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished;* his dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.



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.

#### **Congregation joins:**



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Worship Volunteers	March 30th	April 6th	April 13th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Maggie Stevenson
Communion		Andrea	
Cleaners	Kelley/Sterns	Coates/Simkauskas	Koutia/Piepenbrink
Greeters	Van Poppelen Family	Ryan Family	Jennifer Lee Nancy Murphy
Ushers	Cody Hall Joel Ditter	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec	Len Collyard Nick Nicholai Steve Semmann
Sunday Refreshments	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson Sugirtha Samuel	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink Liz Henkel	Paula Considine
A/V	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Bentley Ryan

Weekly QR Code -



### WINGS St Mary's Food Bank Volunteer Opportunity

The WINGs group has an upcoming volunteer opportunity at St. Mary's Food Bank on Saturday, April 12, from 8 to 10 a.m. Please use the QR code to sign up OR let Karin know if you would like to volunteer that day and she will get you signed up! We have committed to having 10 volunteers for the day.

If you have any questions please let Karin know. You can call her at 712-660-0386



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. Please use the link below to sign up for the soup supper.

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

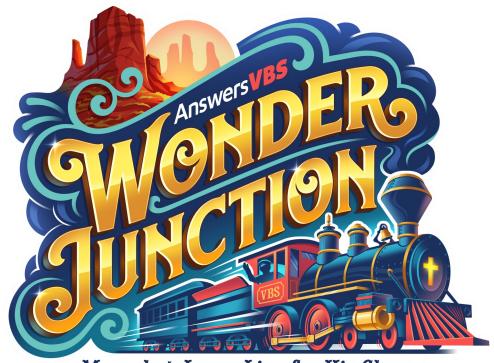
April 9: Realizing Our Need for Repentance (Pastor Paul Mueller)



Please join us for Easter breakfast at 8AM, Sunday April 20th!

Please review the available slots below and use the QR code to sign up.





Marvel at Jesus, Live for His Glory

Cross of Glory's annual vacation Bible school is quickly approaching. During the week of June 2-6, we will welcome 200 students from all over Peoria to our campus for Bible lessons, crafts, STEM, singing, and games. We look forward to another fun summer week of learning and growing in God's Word.

It takes a lot of great volunteers (like you) to make this a success. Please use QR code if you are able to help. Volunteers are needed to serve as group leaders, craft and snack helpers, drama team participants, etc. This ministry is an exciting opportunity to reach out to our community. It seems to grow every year...so sign up to join the fun!

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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.