

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Midweek Lent
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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

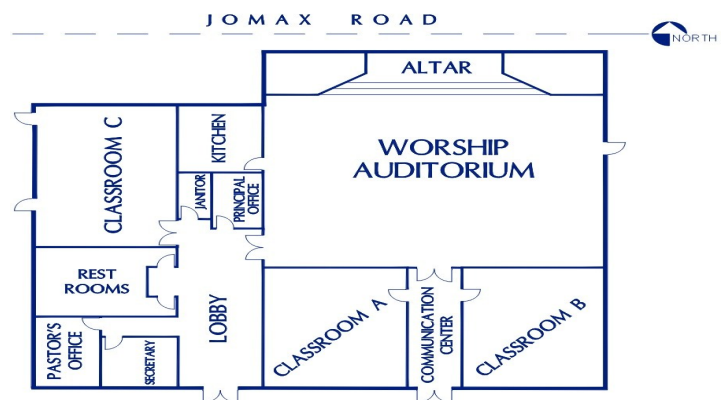
VISITOR INFORMATION

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.



Psalm

Psalm 32B

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 How blest are those the LORD for - gives; how
 2 I si - lent - ly con - cealed my guilt, but
 3 I then con - fessed my sin to you, my
 5 You hide me, LORD; you hold me fast in

glad they are to hear their sin is gone, their
 then I groaned all day: your heav - y hand, like
 griev - ous guilt and shame, and you for - gave my
 all ad - ver - si - ty, sur - round - ing me with

guilt a - toned, their rec - ord clean and clear.
 sum - mer heat, took all my strength a - way.
 wick - ed - ness by your most gra - cious name.
 faith - ful love and songs of vic - to - ry.

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

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, whenever we feel the crushing burden of our sin, show us again how blessed we are. You have lifted our transgressions from us. You have covered our sins with the robe of your Son's righteousness. You no longer count our misdeeds against us. For this great deliverance, we rejoice and sing your saving name. 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

The Crucifixion



This hymn follows the theme of the sermon.

1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and
 2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of

e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,
 God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send

none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,
 to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"

grows weak and faint, to slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
 the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread

that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes
 of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes

and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,
 are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share

"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
 the fruit of your sal - va - tion."

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Sermon

Removing Our Guilt

Psalm 51:8–9

- ⁸Let me hear joy and gladness;
 let the bones you have crushed rejoice.
⁹Hide your face from my sins
 and blot out all my iniquity.

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).



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)



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

(Romans 8)

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 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.**

Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

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

C: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Not All the Blood of Beasts

CWH 398



1 Not all the blood of beasts on Is - rael's al - tars slain
2 But Christ, the heav'n - ly Lamb, takes all our sins a - way,
3 In faith I place my hand on that dear head di - vine,
5 Be - liev - ing, we re - joice to see the curse re - move;



could give the guilt - y con - science peace or wash a - way the stain.
a sac - ri - fice of no - bler name and rich - er blood than they.
as pen - i - tent - ly here I stand and lay on him my sin.
we bless the Lamb with cheer - ful voice and sing his bleed - ing love.

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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.
