

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Midweek Lent
Wednesday, April 9, 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

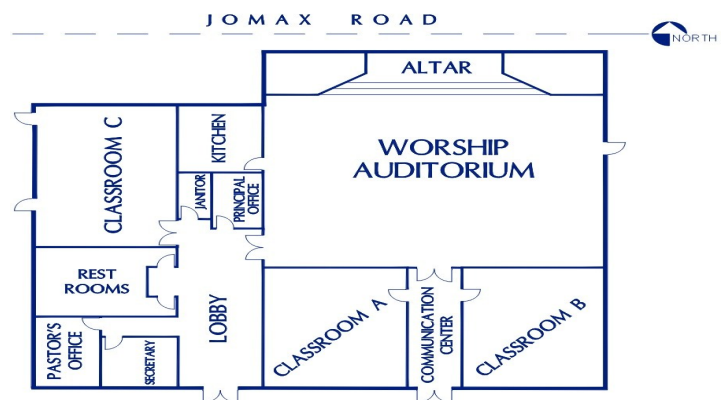
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.

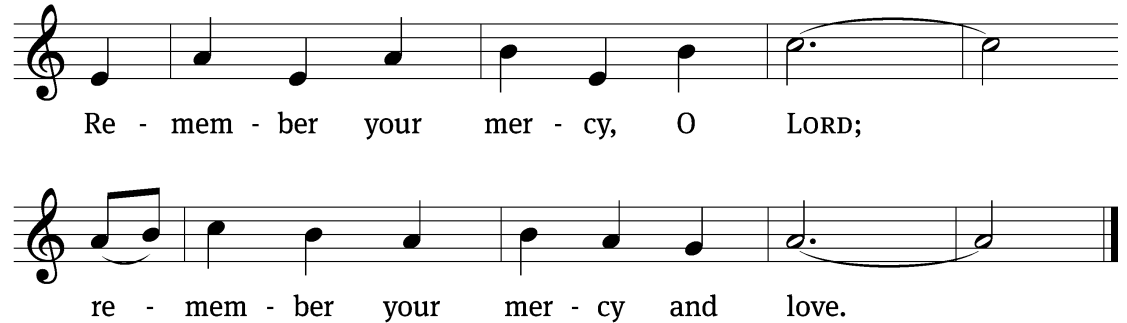


The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek and means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument."

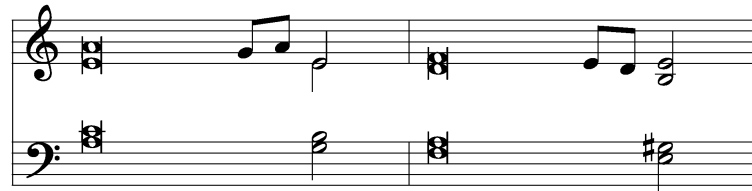
Psalm

Psalm 130B

Refrain



Tone



Out of the depths I cry to / you, LORD;

Lord, / hear my voice.

Let your ears be at- / tentive

to my cry for / mercy.

If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, / who could stand?

But with you there is forgiveness, so that we can, with reverence, / serve you. *Refrain*

I wait for the LORD, my whole / being waits,

and in his word I / put my hope.

I wait for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the / morning,

more than watchmen wait for the / morning.

Israel, put your hope / in the LORD,

for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full re- / demption.

He himself will redeem / Israel

from / all their sins.

Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Psalm Prayer

M: God our Father, you are rich in mercy, and there is forgiveness with you that you may be feared. Do not remember our sins, but blot them out for the sake of Jesus, who has redeemed us by his precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. Lead us to put our hope in you, for with you is unfailing love. Amen.



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

Passion History

The Death of Jesus



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.

Hymn of the Day: Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CWH 654



This hymn follows the theme of the sermon.

1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this
2 We de - serve but grief and shame, yet his words, rich
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -
6 Now my con - science is at peace, from the law I

say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live
grace re - veal - ing, par - don, peace, and life pro - claim;
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;
stand ac - quit - ted. Christ has pur - chased my re - lease

and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for
here their ills have per - fect heal - ing who with hum - ble
grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my
and my ev - 'ry sin re - mit - ted. Naught re - mains my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
hearts be - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.
soul to grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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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).



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)

Sermon

Realizing Our Need for Repentance

Psalm 51:1-2

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
²Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

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.



1 With bro - ken heart and con - trite sigh, a trem - bling
 2 I bow my head by sin dis - tressed, with deep and
 5 And when, re - deemed from sin and hell, with all the



sin - ner, Lord, I cry. Your par - d'ning grace is
 pain - ful guilt op - pressed, the cross of Christ my
 ran - somed souls I dwell, my joy - ous song shall



rich and free— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 on - ly plea— O God, be mer - ci - ful to me!
 ev - er be: God has been mer - ci - ful to me!

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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.
