

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Palm Sunday
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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.



We have come to the final stretch of Lent, known as “Holy Week.” Think about what that title is implying. We normally talk about a “holiday” (short for “holy day”), where one day is set aside for some special observance or celebration. But for centuries, believers have set aside this entire week for special observance. Clearly, what is discussed during Holy Week is important. Indeed, what we see happen this holy week is the foundation of our eternity. In Holy Week, we see the impossible. The Son of God dies. The Lord of life enters the last place he belonged—the grave. But what we will see this week is that, when Jesus entered the tomb, he did not go alone. He buried all our baggage with him: sin, guilt, shame, condemnation, fear. Jesus will walk out of the tomb. But thanks to him, those things will all stay dead and buried.

SURRENDER BURIES SEIZURE As we begin Holy Week, we see Jesus bury humanity’s endless attempts at seizing power. In our world, power dynamics are almost always in play. Those who don’t have power want it, often more than anything else. Those who have power are willing to do anything to keep it. In contrast, Jesus—who possesses all power as the Son of God—willingly surrendered his power and placed himself in the hands of his enemies. Why? What he wanted more than anything else was not power, but you. So, Jesus begins this Holy Week riding into Jerusalem on a donkey colt, knowing full well that he was riding to the cross. He would surrender himself to the punishment that our sins deserved, so that through Spirit-wrought faith we might seize the glory and heaven that only he deserves.

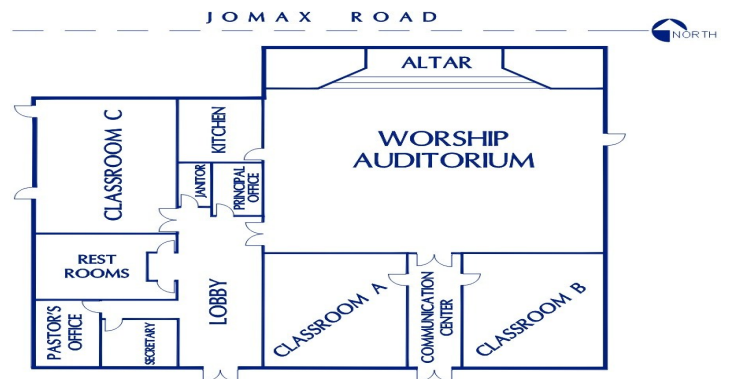
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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. 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!

Palm Sunday Festival Service

Palm Sunday Call to Worship

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: in the name of the Lord!

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!



The Call to Worship for Palm Sunday signals the start of "Holy Week", the week Jesus fulfilled God's salvation plan. Like those who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem we praise our Savior with loud hosannas, mindful of the sacrifice he is about to make for the sins of the world.

Processional Song: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CWH 413



1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;
2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



thro' pil - lared court and tem - ple the love - ly an - them rang.
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



This hymn is often sung on Palm Sunday as a procession of children enter the sanctuary waving palm branches as children did on that first Palm Sunday.



the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim-plest and the best.
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid-ding wait.
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821-1880, alt. Tune: Gesang-Buch Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784
Text and tune: Public domain



*"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 main thoughts of
the day are collected or
summarized in this
short prayer.*

Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1–4



Isaiah foretold the coming Servant of the Lord whose humility would be the source of the world's hope and whose willingness to surrender would bring forth justice.

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.
²He will not shout or cry out,
or raise his voice in the streets.
³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

Choir

Let the Redeemed of the Lord
Words and Music by Michael Barrett

The Children's Sermon

(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)

Second Reading

Philippians 2:5–11



Jesus is true God, yet he did not use his divine power to forcefully seize what he wanted. Instead, he surrendered to death on a cross, so that he might win our salvation.

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:
⁶Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;
⁷rather, he made himself nothing
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
⁸And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross!
⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place
and gave him the name that is above every name,
¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.



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

Hymn of the Day: Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!

CWH 411

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to

sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.

Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt. Text and tune: Public domain



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

Clues of the Coming King

Luke 19:28–40

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’”

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

The 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

(Read Responsively)



After hearing the Word of God, we respond with our confession of faith.

Today, we confess the second article of The Apostles' Creed, which focuses on the second person of the Trinity, Jesus, and on the major elements of Jesus' story of our redemption – his birth, death and resurrection.

The explanation is taken from Luther's Small Catechism.

M: 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.

C: 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.

M: What does this mean?

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Song of the Season: Not What My Hands Have Done

CWH 572



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.



1 Not what my hands have done can save my guilt - y
2 Thy work a - lone, O Christ, can ease this weight of
3 I bless the Christ of God, I rest on love di -
4 I praise the God of grace, I trust his truth and



soul, not what my toil - ing flesh has borne can
sin, thy blood a - lone, O Lamb of God, can
vine, and with un - fal - t'ring lip and heart I
might. He calls me his, I call him mine, my



make my spir - it whole. Not what I feel or
give me peace with - in. Thy love to me, O
call this Sav - ior mine. His cross dis - pels each
God, my joy, my light. My Lord has saved my



do can give me peace with God, not all my prayers and
 God, not mine, O Lord, to thee can rid me of this
 doubt; I bur - y in his tomb each thought of un - be -
 life, and free - ly par - don gives; I love be - cause he

sighs and tears can bear my aw - ful load.
 dark un - rest and set my spir - it free.
 lief and fear, each lin - g'ring shade of gloom.
 first loved me, I live be - cause he lives.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, abr. Tune: George W. Martin, 1828–1881, alt. Text and tune: Public domain



The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people". (1 Timothy 2:1)

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.

Prayer of the Church for Palm Sunday

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

C: Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

C: Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.

C: Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

~Silent prayer~

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this Holy Week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

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 speak to God as
our Father as Jesus
taught us. (Matthew 6)



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.

Blessing

M: 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.



1 No tramp of sol - diers' march - ing feet
2 And yet he comes. The chil - dren cheer;
3 What fad - ing flow'rs his road a - dorn;
4 Now he who bore for mor - tals' sake

with ban - ners and with drums, no sound of mu - sic's
with palms his path is strown. With ev - 'ry step the
the palms, how soon laid down! No bloom or leaf but
the cross and all its pains and chose a ser - vant's

mar - tial beat: "The King of glo - ry comes!"
cross draws near: the King of glo - ry's throne.
on - ly thorn the King of glo - ry's crown.
form to take, the King of glo - ry reigns.

To greet what pomp of king - ly pride
A - stride a colt he pass - es by
The sol - diers mock, the rab - ble cries,
Ho - san - na to the Sav - ior's name

no bells in tri - umph ring, no cit - y gates swing
as loud ho - san - nas ring, or else the ver - y
the streets with tu - mult ring, as Pi - late to the
till heav - en's raft - ers ring, and all the ran - somed

o - pen wide: "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
stones would cry "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
mob re - plies, "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"
host pro - claim "Be - hold, be - hold your King!"

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HOLY WEEK
Schedule

APR. 13	<u>Palm Sunday.</u> Service at 9am
APR. 17	<u>Maundy Thursday.</u> Service at 7pm
APR. 18	<u>Good Friday.</u> Service at 7pm
APR. 20	<u>Easter Sunday.</u> Sunrise Service at 7am Breakfast at 8am Easter Service 9:30am



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.



Weekly QR Code -



VBS Information

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 the 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!

Please note that there will be a short meeting after the service today. Please attend if you plan to volunteer or if you would like to learn more about the event.



Worship Volunteers	April 13th	April 20th	April 27th
Counters	Nancy Murphy Maggie Stevenson	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan
Communion			Shannon
Cleaners	Koutia/Piepenbrink	Gullerud/Kugler	Plitzuweit/Peterson
Greeters	Jennifer Lee Nancy Murphy	Bill Brooks Shannon Brooks	Gary Jeffers Brenda Jeffers
Ushers	Len Collyard Nick Nicholai Steve Semmann	John Kull Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger Bill Brooks
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Easter Breakfast	Jennifer Lee Rachel Plitzuweit
A/V	Kelly Simpson Joel Ditter	Hailey Ditter Bentley Ryan	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras

In our prayers

If you have a prayer request please email church.secretary@crossofglory.org.



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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.