

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 11
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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



Not all wounds are bad. A skilled surgeon takes a deadly sharp scalpel and cuts through flesh and muscle. The result of that wound: not harm, but healing. In the same way, we often say that words cut us to the heart. Words can wound. Sometimes, however, those painful words provide the very healing we need.

“Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem” (Luke 13:22). Jesus knows that when he gets to Jerusalem, he is going to die. So, with a sense of extreme urgency, Jesus shares truths we need to hear, even though it hurts to hear them. In this series, we might not like everything that Jesus says. Yet, to ignore what Jesus teaches is to court eternal death. Hard as it may be, let us listen and take all that Jesus says to heart. For while Jesus speaks words that wound us, his intent is to heal our very soul.

Our worship follows this pattern:

Aug 17	God's Word Divides	Sep 14	The Found are Left; the Lost are Found
Aug 24	The Door is Very Narrow	Sep 21	No One Can Serve Two Masters
Aug 31	Those who Exalt Themselves Will be Humbled	Sep 28	What Helps in Life Fails in Death
Sep 7	Count the Cost	Oct 5	Increased Faith Increases Duty

THE DOOR IS VERY NARROW When it comes to the uncomfortable topic of who goes to heaven and who goes to hell, it is natural to want to avoid the issue. One way we do that is to direct our attention to more theoretical questions. “*What is heaven like?*” “*How old will we be there?*” Today someone asks, “*Lord, are only a few going to be saved?*” Jesus brushes all such questions aside. Instead, he answers the question we should be asking. “*How might I be saved?*” Jesus explains there is only one way—entering through a very narrow door. Jesus’ words cut deep! For he teaches that it is very easy to develop a false sense of security about our standing before God based on some superficial familiarity we have with him. Jesus warns that many who think they are on the path to heaven will end up shut out. These wounding words of Jesus provide healing, pushing us toward that narrow door: faith in him.

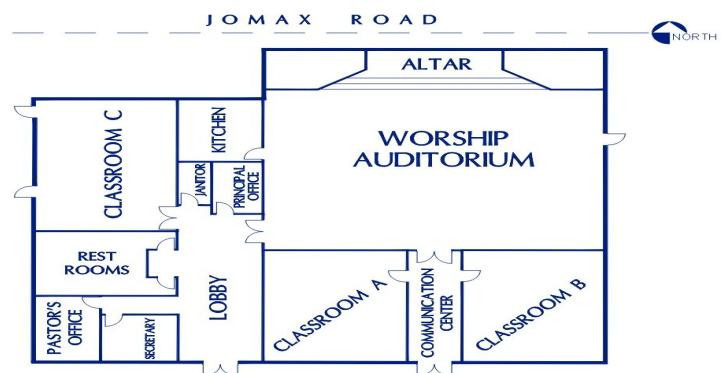
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Service Setting 3

Opening Hymn: Today Your Mercy Calls Us

CWH 916



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.”

(Colossians 3:16)



1 To - day your mer - cy calls us to wash a - way our sin.
2 To - day your gate is o - pen, and all who en - ter in
3 To - day our Fa - ther calls us, his Ho - ly Spir - it waits;
4 O all - em - brac - ing Mer - cy, O ev - er - o - pen Door,



How - ev - er great our tres - pass, what - ev - er we have been,
shall find a Fa - ther's wel - come and par - don for their sin.
his bless - ed an - gels gath - er a - round the heav'n - ly gates.
what should we do with - out you when heart and eye run o'er?



how - ev - er long from mer - cy our hearts have turned a - way,
The past shall be for - got - ten, a pres - ent joy be giv'n,
No ques - tion will be asked us how of - ten we have come;
When all things seem a - gainst us, to drive us to de - spair,



your pre - cious blood can wash us and make us clean to - day.
a fu - ture grace be prom - ised, a glo - rious crown in heav'n.
al - though we oft have wan - dered, it is our Fa - ther's home.
we know one gate is o - pen, one ear will hear our prayer.

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Invocation

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.



We call upon God to be
present with us. We
worship the triune God,
remembering our Bap -
tism in his name.

Confession and Absolution

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those



“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.

things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ. with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

The Word

Prayer of the Day

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this

First Reading

Isaiah 66:18–24

¹⁸“And I, because of what they have planned and done, am about to come and gather the people of all nations and languages, and they will come and see my glory.

¹⁹“I will set a sign among them, and I will send some of those who survive to the nations—to Tarshish, to the Libyans and Lydians (famous as archers), to Tubal and Greece, and to the distant islands that have not heard of my fame or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory among the nations. ²⁰And they will bring all your people, from all the nations, to my holy mountain in Jerusalem as an offering to the LORD—on horses, in chariots and wagons, and on mules and camels,” says the LORD. “They will bring them, as the Israelites bring their grain offerings, to the temple of the LORD in ceremonially clean vessels. ²¹And I will select some of them also to be priests and Levites,” says the LORD.

²²“As the new heavens and the new earth that I make will endure before me,” declares the LORD, “so will your name and descendants endure. ²³From one New Moon to another and from one Sabbath to another, all mankind will come and bow down before me,” says the LORD. ²⁴“And they will go out and look on the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; the worms that eat them will not die, the fire that burns them will not be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind.”



Many of those closest to God’s saving acts will reject them and perish. Meanwhile, many who seemed to be far from the kingdom will hear of God’s grace, believe, and be saved.

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 103B



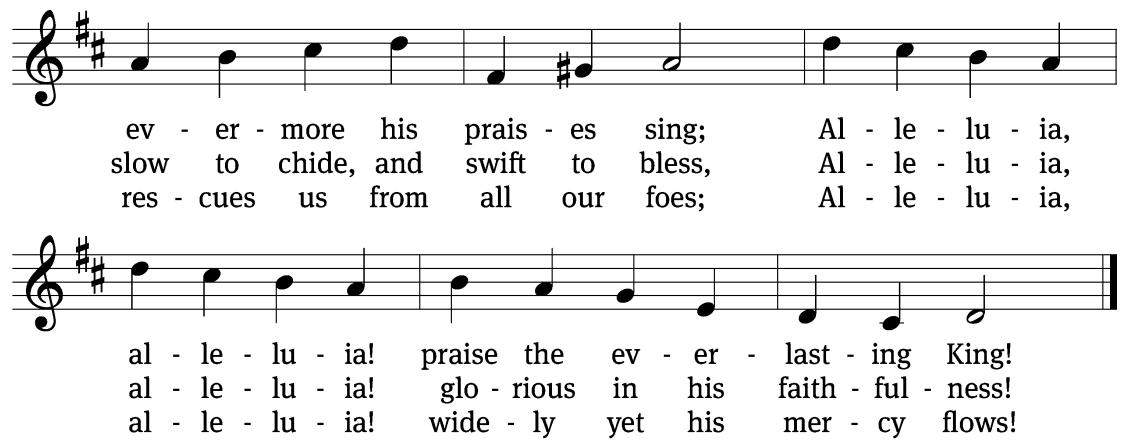
1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his feet your
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple
3 Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble



trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as ev - er,
frame he knows. In his hand he gent - ly bears us,



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.”



ev - er - more his prais - es sing; Al - le - lu - ia,
 slow to chide, and swift to bless, Al - le - lu - ia,
 res - cues us from all our foes; Al - le - lu - ia,
 al - le - lu - ia! praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 al - le - lu - ia! glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 al - le - lu - ia! wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows!

Text: Henry F. Lyte Tune: John Goss Text and tune: Public domain

Children's Sermon

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



Entering the narrow door into eternal life has nothing to do with keeping the Law of Moses. It has everything to do with Jesus, the mediator of the new covenant, who paid for our sin with his blood.

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:18–24

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded: “If even an animal touches the mountain, it must be stoned to death.” ²¹The sight was so terrifying that Moses said, “I am trembling with fear.”

²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, ²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 13:29

M: Alleluia. People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Alleluia.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



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.



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph - song, and
 soon, soon, to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest;



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958 Text and tune: Public domain

Sermon

Narrow-Minded Christians

Luke 13:22–30

²²Then Jesus went through the towns and villages, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, “Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?”

He said to them, ²⁴“Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. ²⁵Once the owner of the house gets up and closes the door, you will stand outside knocking and pleading, ‘Sir, open the door for us.’

“But he will answer, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from.’

²⁶“Then you will say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’

²⁷“But he will reply, ‘I don’t know you or where you come from. Away from me, all you evildoers!’

²⁸“There will be weeping there, and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, but you yourselves thrown out.

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).

²⁹People will come from east and west and north and south, and will take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed there are those who are last who will be first, and first who will be last.”



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.

Apostles' Creed

**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.**



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.

Song of the Season: Take My Life and Let It Be

CWH 696



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would



Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments and my days, let them
of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and
for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with
I with-hold; take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879 Tune: Henri A. C. Malan, 1787–1864 Text and tune: Public domain

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.

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

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.



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.

1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's
 3 So when - e'er the sig - nal's giv - en us from earth to
 joy and peace. Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
 joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
 call a - way, borne on an - gels' wings to heav - en,
 tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. O re - fresh us,
 in our hearts and lives a - bound! Ev - er faith - ful,
 glad the sum - mons to o - bey, may we ev - er,
 O re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
 may we ev - er reign with Christ in end - less day.

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	August 24th	August 31st	September 7th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nickolai Michael Ryan	Maggie Stevenson Nancy Murphy
Communion			Shannon
Greeters	Proeber Family	Hotz Family	Freeman Family
Ushers	Gary Jeffers Tyler Holzhueter Sharon Wilson	Michael Ryan Bentley Ryan Emily Proeber Jim Proeber	John Kull Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink Liz Henkel	Paula Considine	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plitzuweit
A/V	Kelly Simpson Bentley Ryan	Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud

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YOUTH GROUP



KTR GLENDALE

Sunday Aug. 24th
5-7:30pm

\$25 per person
Food included



All upcoming 6-12th graders welcome!
RSVP through the band app or contact Heather Ryan



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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.