# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday 9am Worship

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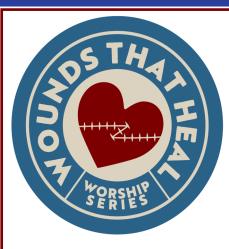
Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

# 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                    | <b>Sep 21</b> | 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         |

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS There are more than 2,300 Bible passages that speak about money. Why? Money is a master Satan frequently tempts us to serve. In fact, out of all the masters competing for our service besides God, money is probably at the top of the list. Money provides us with a false comfort and sense of security. Money serves as a source of pride. This week, Jesus' sharp words identify the impossibility of serving more than one master. More, Jesus teaches that if we dedicate our lives in service to money, money will always let us down. In contrast, God has proven that he is a master worth serving. When we serve God, money is put in its proper place. Instead of it being a master to serve, it becomes a tool in our service of our true Master.

### **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!

## The Service and Lord's Supper

### Opening Hymn: Before You I Kneel

CWH 735



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### Invocation

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

C: Amen.



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)



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



"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. " (I 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.



a cry to the Lord for help and strength.

### Confession

(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.

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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.

### Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

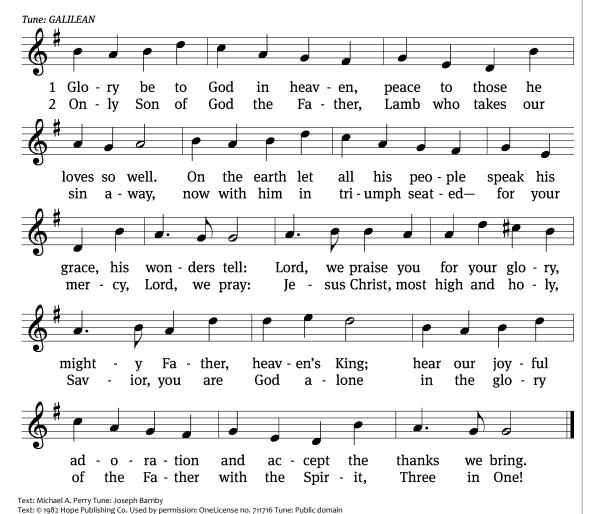
M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

### Glory to God in the Highest





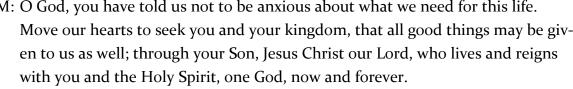
This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

### **Prayer of the Church**

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, you have told us not to be anxious about what we need for this life. Move our hearts to seek you and your kingdom, that all good things may be given to us as well; 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**

Ecclesiastes 5:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Whoever loves money never has enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with their income. This too is meaningless.

"As goods increase,

so do those who consume them.

And what benefit are they to the owners except to feast their eyes on them?



The main thoughts of

the day are collected or summarized in this

King Solomon knew from experience that if you serve money, you will end up sorely disappointed.

<sup>12</sup>The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether they eat little or much, but as for the rich, their abundance permits them no sleep.

<sup>13</sup>I have seen a grievous evil under the sun:

wealth hoarded to the harm of its owners,

14 or wealth lost through some misfortune,
so that when they have children
there is nothing left for them to inherit.

<sup>15</sup>Everyone comes naked from their mother's womb, and as everyone comes, so they depart.

They take nothing from their toil that they can carry in their hands.

<sup>16</sup>This too is a grievous evil:

As everyone comes, so they depart, and what do they gain, since they toil for the wind?

TAll their days they eat in darkness,

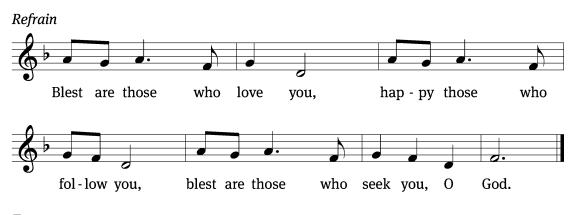
with great frustration, affliction and anger.

<sup>18</sup>This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. <sup>19</sup>Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup>They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.

Psalm 128C



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."





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who walk in obedi-/ence to him.
You will eat the fruit of your / labor;
  blessings and prosperity / will be yours.
Your wife will be like a fruitful vine with- / in your house;
  your children will be like olive shoots around your / table. Refrain
Yes, this will be the / blessing
  for the man who / fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from / Zion;
  may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days / of your life.
May you live to see your children's / children—
  peace be on / Israel.
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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Blessed are all who / fear the Lord,

### The Children's Sermon

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

### **Second Reading**

1 Timothy 6:6–10,17–19

<sup>6</sup>But godliness with contentment is great gain. <sup>7</sup>For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. <sup>8</sup>But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. <sup>9</sup>Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.



Saint Paul teaches that serving money will lead to spiritual destruction. But serving God with our money leads to a fulfilling life.



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

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17

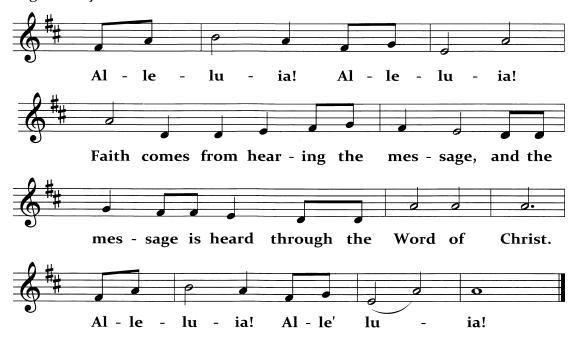


This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

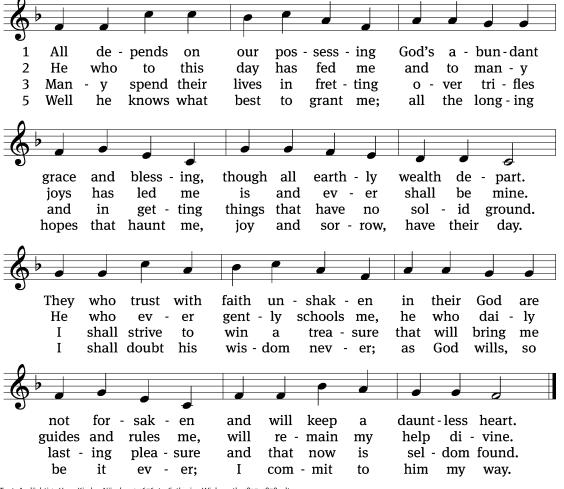
Matthew 6:33

M: Alleluia. Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Alleluia.



### Hymn of the Day: All Depends on Our Possessing

CWH 807



Sermon Luke 16:1–13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup>So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

<sup>3</sup>"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup>I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

<sup>5</sup>"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

6" 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied.

"The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

7"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?'

"'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied.

"He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

<sup>8</sup>"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup>I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup>"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup>So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?

<sup>13</sup>"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

### The Nicene Creed

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

- C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
- M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?
- C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered

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).

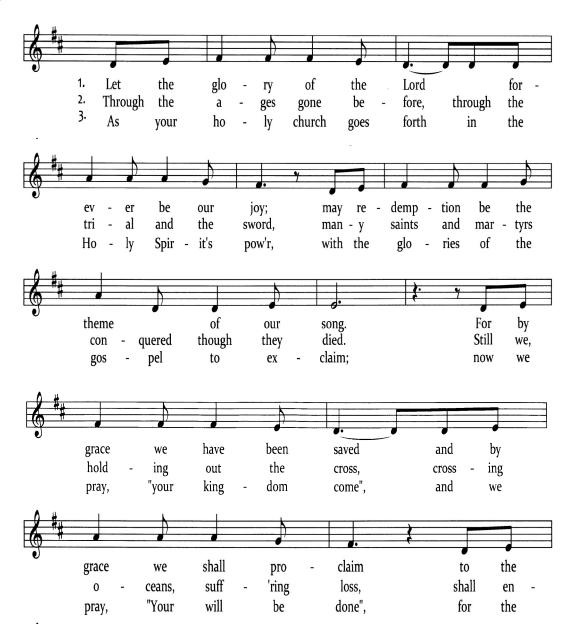


After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Nicene Creed was written in 325 A.D. to address false ideas about the divinity of Jesus Christ. That explains why the second article of the Nicene Creed is longer than its counterpart in the Apostles' Creed.

- death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
- M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?
- C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Song of the Season: Let the Nations Be Glad





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.



### **Offering 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 Sacrament

**Preface** (Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.



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

The pastor and people prepare to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal.

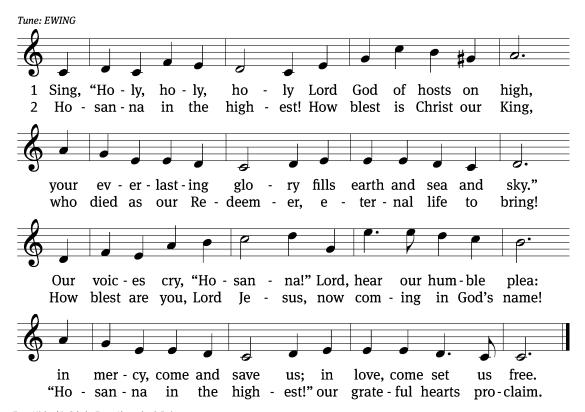
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who promised that wherever two or three come together in his name, there he is with them to shepherd his flock until he comes again in glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:



Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The Sanctus contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

### Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus

(Sung by Congregation)



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### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.





The pastor speaks the words which Jesus disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for

spoke when he instituted the Supper with his God's use in this special meal.

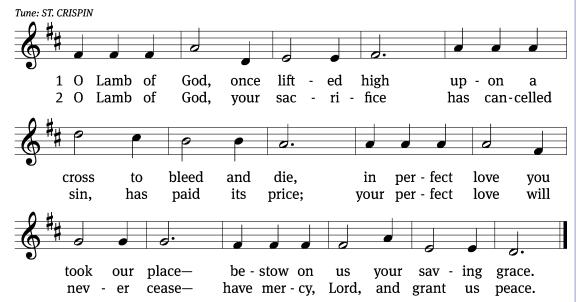
### Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

### O Christ, Lamb of God Agnus Dei

(Sung by Congregation)



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Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God". John the Baptist spoke these words as he pointed to Jesus coming toward him (John 1:29). As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death.

Gluten-free wafers are available. If you point at the tray of wafers, you will be presented with a tray of gluten free wafers which you are invited to take.

**Alcohol-free white grape juice** can be taken from the wine tray .



This hymn is sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.

### **Distribution of Sacrament**

We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to to-day, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.

### Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

CWH 668



Let me praise God's boundless favor, whose own feast of love I savor, bidden by his gracious call. Wedding garments he provides me, with a robe of white he hides me, fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation, comfort in my tribulation, balm to heal the troubled soul. God, my shield from ev'ry terror, cleanses me from sin and error, makes my wounded spirit whole.

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### **Thanksgiving and Proclamation**

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### **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.

### Closing Hymn: God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

CWH 749



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We offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and has promised to do for us in the future.



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.

### **Ways To Serve**

| Worship                | September                                  | September                          | October             |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Volunteers             | 21st                                       | 28th                               | 5th                 |
| Counters               | Nick Nickolai                              | Maggie Stevenson                   | Joel Ditter         |
|                        | Michael Ryan                               | Nancy Murphy                       | Nancy Schirripa     |
| Communion              | Sharon                                     |                                    | Andrea              |
| Cleaners               |  | Gullerud/Kugler                    | Plitzuweit/Peterson |
| Greeters               | Stevenson Family                           | Ryan Family                        | Ditter Family       |
| Ushers                 | Jon Naber                                  | Dave Goelzer                       | Chris Patterson     |
|                        | Rich Kugler                                | Karen Goelzer                      | Bob Decker          |
|                        | Kelly Simpson                              | Zach Plitzuweit                    | Grant Stern         |
| Sunday<br>Refreshments | Ally Kelley<br>Sue Proeber<br>Brenda Grams | Stacey Aguilar<br>Maggie Stevenson | Rene Koutia         |
| A/V                    | Chris Patterson                            | Hailey Ditter                      | Elise Plitzuweit    |
|                        | Bentley Ryan                               | Joel Ditter                        | Pedro Contreras     |

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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.