

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Epiphany 1

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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

“Epiphany” comes from a Greek word that means “reveal.” It is the season when you see Jesus begin his public ministry, revealing the reason the Son of God came to earth. During Epiphany, you will come to understand that when the true identity of Jesus is revealed, you realize your own true identity as well.

Our journey through the Epiphany season follows this path:

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| 01-11 | Jesus is the Christ, the Anointed One | 02-08 | Jesus Calls You Salt and Light |
| 01-18 | Jesus Is the Lamb of God | 02-15 | Jesus is the Son of God in Glory |
| 01-25 | Jesus Is the Light | | |
| 02-01 | Jesus Calls You Blessed | | |

JESUS IS THE CHRIST, THE ANOINTED ONE. “Christ” is not the family name of Jesus. It is a title. The Greek word “Christ” and the Hebrew word “Messiah” both mean the same thing: “The Anointed One.” Anointing was the practice of pouring liquid over the head of someone to signify selection for some special task. When the Lord had someone anointed, he also poured his Spirit over them. It was the fulfillment of promises made over centuries.

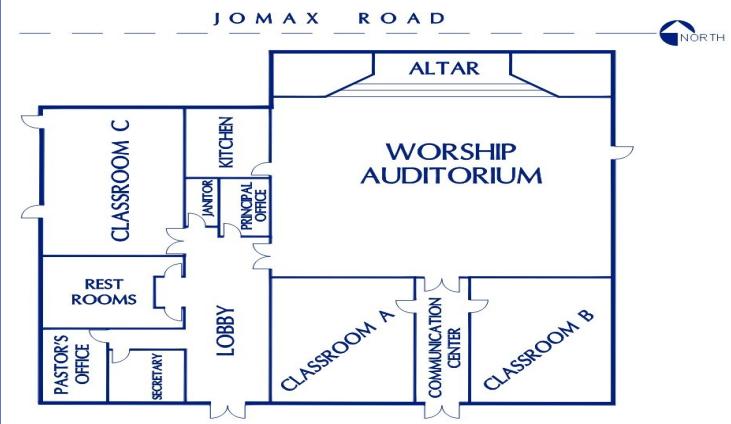
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

God's People Gather

Gathering Rite on Worship

(Spoken Responsively;
Sung Responses "Oh, What High and Holy Privilege")

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

C: Amen.

M: I was glad when they said to me,

C: Let us go to the house of the Lord!

Sung by Congregation:



1. Oh, what high and ho - ly priv - 'lege
once a - gain to gath - er here
in the name of our Lord Je - sus,
as we see his day draw near.
May we join in joy - ful rev - 'rence
with thanks - giv - ing, faith and love,
as he wel - comes in his peo - ple
to the throne of grace a - bove.

M: That you would allow us to gather in worship not out of duty but with joy and delight,

C: We praise you, Lord!



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on the gathering of God's people to receive his gifts of Word and sacrament and to respond with praise, thanksgiving, and service. It's a time for believers to be spiritually fed and strengthened in their faith.

M: That you would bring us to a place where you promise to meet your people,

C: We praise you, Lord!

M: For the blessing of seeing the sacred symbols of your house and the mutual encouragement found in seeing one another,

C: We praise you, Lord!

M: For being with us in all places and through all situations, and bringing us together as members of one body of Christ,

C: We praise you, Lord!

Sung by Congregation:

2. Oh, what high and holy privilege,
voices raised in prayer and praise;
boldly bringing great petitions,
gladly singing hymns of faith.
May his grace at work among us
cleanse and heal us from our sin,
that our prayers may not be hindered
and our praises honor him.

M: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: the maker of heaven and earth.

M: Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness.

C: Almighty God, merciful Father, I confess to you that I have not loved you with all my heart. In what I have done and left undone; I have pursued my ways instead of your ways. I have not loved others as you command. For this I deserve your punishment now and forever.



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

I am sorry for my sins. I repent of them. I beg for your mercy. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, who suffered and died for us. Cleanse me from my sins. Release me from my guilt. Grant me your Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life.

M: Jesus says to his people, "If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven." Do you believe this?

C: Yes, I believe.

M: In the name and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I forgive you all your sins.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

3. Oh, what high and ho - ly priv - 'lege,
hear - ing from the word of God;
heav - en speaks in per - fect wis - dom,
earth re - sponds and stands in awe.
Do our hearts not burn with - in us
as we see God's pro - mis - es
find their fin - al yes in Je - sus,

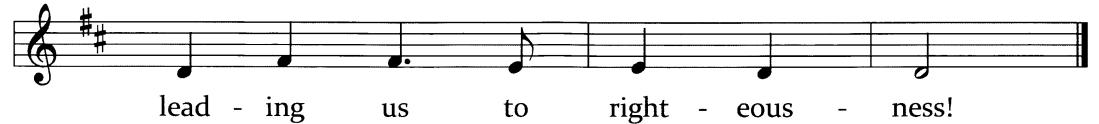
Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.



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



The Lord promises to put his Spirit on the Messiah.



Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children, and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; 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

Isaiah 42:1-7

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.”

⁵This is what God the LORD says—
the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out,
who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it,
who gives breath to its people,
and life to those who walk on it:

⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness;
I will take hold of your hand.

I will keep you and will make you
to be a covenant for the people
and a light for the Gentiles,

⁷to open eyes that are blind,
to free captives from prison
and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

Psalm 45

(Spoken Responsively)



M: My heart is stirred by a noble theme

C: as I recite my verses for the king.

M: You are the most excellent of men

C: and your lips have been anointed with grace.

M: Gird your sword on your side, you mighty one;

C: clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

M: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;

C: a scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

M: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

C: therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions.

M: I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

C: therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ever.

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."

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Acts 10:34-38



³⁴Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

The Holy Spirit was poured out onto Peter's listeners as he told them how God anointed Jesus.

Hymn of the Day: To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

CWH 377



1 To Jor - dan's riv - er came our Lord, the Christ, whom
2 The Sav - ior came to be bap - tized— the Son of
3 As Je - sus in the Jor - dan stood and John bap -
4 Then from God's throne with thun - drous sound came God's own



heav'n - ly hosts a - dored, the God from God, the
God in flesh dis - guised— to stand be - neath the
tized the Lamb of God, the Ho - ly Spir - it,
voice with words pro - found: "This is my Son," was

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



Light from Light, the Lord of glo - ry, pow'r, and might.
 Fa - ther's will and all his prom - is - es ful - fill.
 heav'n - ly dove, de - scand - ed on him from a - bove.
 his de - cree, "the one I love, who pleas - es me."

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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).



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.

Sermon

Matthew 3:13-17

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented.

¹⁶As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

The Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**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.**

Song of the Season: Christ Begins

CW 385



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 We stand and we watch on the bank, wide-eyed.
 2 Mar - y's whis - per - ing, but it's not the time.
 3 See the sun out - shined on the hill and hide.
 4 We stand, gath - ered round on the moun - tain - side.

Wa - ter runs and all heav - en
 Yet six jars are filled with the
 Clothes like light - ning white,
 Watch the clos - ing clouds heav - en
 hide him

o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 fin - est wine. Tell me, who is this by our side?
 o - pens wide, and a voice like thun - der re - plies.
 from our eyes; with a voice u - nit - ed we cry:

Refrain

Here's my Proph - et, my Priest, my King, a
 light in the dark, Christ steps in; here's my Sav - ior, my
 God, my King, the time has come, Christ be - gins.

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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.

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.

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

**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 close the worship service with the words, “**Go in peace.**” - we are at peace because we know that Christ has liberated us who believe from sin, the law’s bondage, and spiritual slavery, enabling us to live a life of freedom through faith and love. (Galatians 5:1)

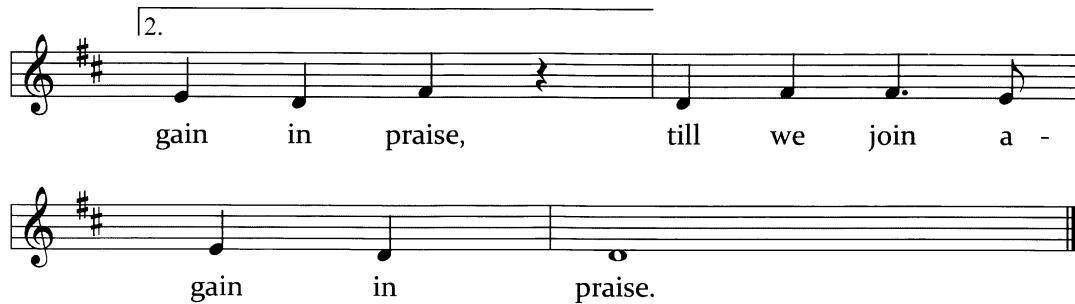
Blessing

(Spoken Responsively; Sung Responses
“Oh, What High and Holy Privilege”)

4. Oh, what high and ho - ly priv - - 'lege,
this com - mun - ion that we share
with the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it
and his peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.

As we go, with God's great bless - ing,
in the keep - ing of his grace;
go in peace, to love and ser - vice,
till we join a - gain in praise.

1.



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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Hymn: Christ, Your Footprints through the Desert

CWH 379
(Melody: CWH 766)

Christ, your footprints through the desert
led to Jordan's flowing stream;
there you heard the herald crying
Israel's old, prophetic dream:
"He is coming! He is coming!
He will cleanse the earth with flame!
Sinners, plunge beneath the waters!
Wash away your guilt and shame!"

Christ, you heard the stirring summons
as by Jordan's bank you stood;
bathed, though sinless, with your people
in the river's cleansing flood.
High above, the heavens opened;
came the Spirit as a dove;
spoke a voice beyond all hearing:
"See my Son, the One I love!"

Son of God, the road from Jordan
led at last to Calv'ry's hill.
There upon the cross forsaken,
you fulfilled the Father's will.
Lamb of God, we see you dying,
sinless, yet for sinners slain.
But where death rose up to triumph,
you began your glorious reign!

God, in Baptism you have made us
one with Christ, our risen Lord,
freed us, claimed us, cleansed, forgiven

thro' the water and the Word.
 Help us hear your urgent summons,
 calling us to serve you now.
 Send us forth, your sons and daughters,
 with the cross upon our brow.

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Ways To Serve

| Worship Volunteers | January 11th | January 18th | January 25th |
|------------------------|---|---|--|
| Counters | Maggie Stevenson Nancy Murphy | Becky Jahns Karin Hansen | Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa |
| Communion | | Sharon | |
| Cleaners | Plitzuweit/Peterson | Aguilar/Sivey | Koutia/Piepenbrink |
| Greeters | Henkel Family | Brian Maurice Maggie Stevenson | Ryan Family |
| Ushers | Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger | Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson | Chris Patterson Bob Decker Grant Stern |
| Sunday Refreshments | Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson Sugirtha Samuel | Stacy Aguilar Nancy Schirripa | Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann |
| A/V | Rene Koutia Gus Koutia | Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter | Kelly Simpson 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.