

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Midweek Lent 2**

**Wednesday, March 4, 2026**

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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

**The Misery of Mankind.** When people look at the world the question often surfaces, “Why?” Why is there fear, anger, and selfishness? Why is there pain, regret, and death? Why is there guilt and the endless pain of conscience? The answer is sin. Sin was brought into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed the Lord. As a result everyone born since is infected by their single action. This has doomed us to the misery with which we live. We cannot escape it because it is the consequence and inheritance of sin. Yet, even though sin increased from the time of Adam, so did God’s undeserved love. That love was displayed in its fullest when Jesus came into the world. Through Jesus there is mercy. Mercy which more than covers a multitude of sin. There is mercy to heal every misery with which we must struggle. While the world can offer no solution for the misery of mankind, there is a solution through the mercy of Jesus.



Our journey through Lent takes the following path:

Feb 18	Fear Which Seizes the Heart is Removed	Mar 11	Hearts Once Polluted are Purified
Feb 25	A Life of Pain Fades to an Eternity of Joy	Mar 18	The Reign of Death is Defeated
Mar 04	Paradise Which was Lost is Restored	Mar 25	Sin which Multiplies is Surpassed by Grace

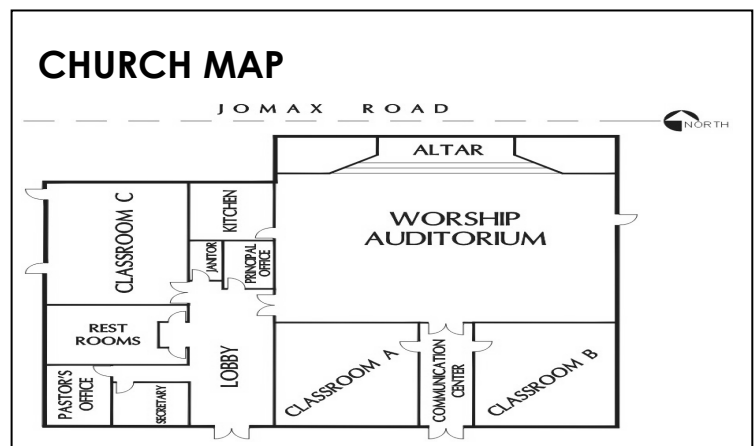
Two experiences bring misery to this life. One is loss. The other is regret. Both are connected. Whenever we suffer loss, regret is usually there. What could we have done differently? What should we have done before we experienced loss in the first place? Adam and Eve knew both. As a result their lives were miserable. Every day they lived outside of Eden. Paradise was lost, and what only remained was the regret of what they should have done. The Lord did not allow their misery and regret to go unanswered. Not only did he promise to resolve their loss in the seed of the woman, he also gave them hope to know what they lost would be regained. We live with the same assurance. This life of loss and regret will be enveloped by the joys of heaven. Paradise will be ours. The misery of this life will be replaced by the mercy of Jesus. We can live with comfort, peace and hope through every time of loss and regret.

## VISITOR INFORMATION

**New to Cross of Glory?** We are so glad you joined us today!

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.



## 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

## Gathering Rite for Lent

(Spoken Responsively; Sung Responses CWH 579)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you;

C: **And also with you.**

M: O Lord, open my lips;

C: **And my mouth shall declare your praise.**

M: Come quickly to save me, O God;

C: **O Lord, come quickly to help me.**

M: The sacrifices God wants are a broken spirit,

C: **A broken and crushed heart, O God, you will not despise.**

**Congregation sings:**



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,



our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.



Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!



Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our



sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. In the 40 days of Lent, we focus on Jesus' mercy and tremendous sacrifice. It's a time for reflection, prayer, and to appreciate God's gift of salvation through Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection.

M: Jesus invites us, “come to me all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

**C: O Lord, in humility we come. We are weary because our sins weigh us down, and there is no relief. We are burdened by the just sentence you placed upon our sinful disobedience, and there is no place to turn for reprieve.**

*Congregation sings:*

2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,  
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!  
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

*Refrain*  
Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!  
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our  
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

M: Jesus assures us, that if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**C: O Lord, in mercy you sought us. You heard our desperate cry for rescue, and you secured the forgiveness of our sins. How blessed we are that your precious blood purifies us from all our sins and guilt.**

M: It is only by grace through faith we can ever have the confidence to say, “I sought the Lord and he answered me. From all my terrors, he has delivered me. From all my distress he saved me. Taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is everyone who takes refuge in him.

## Congregation sings:



3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;  
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;  
our sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more.

*Refrain*  
Praise the Lord! His mer - cy is more!  
Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our  
sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

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## Evening Prayer

M: O gracious Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, you have always loved us with an everlasting love. That love was displayed when you went the way of the cross. Daily lead us to acknowledge it was our sins and disobedience which made it necessary for you to suffer and die. Now, because of your undeserved mercy, we are free from our misery. Bless us as we worship you—together with your Father and the Spirit—our only true and saving God.

C: Amen.

## The Passion History according to the Four Gospels

### Part 3– The Capture and Trial of Jesus



A prayer this evening to ask for God to bless our worship.



During midweek Lent services, we read 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.



## Confession of Faith: Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

We confess the explanation from Luther's Small Catechism of 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.

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**



This hymn follows the theme of the sermon.

## Hymn of the Day: What Wondrous Love Is This

CWH 526



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What  
2 When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when  
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to



won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is  
I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink-ing  
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the



this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse  
down be-neath God's right-eous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown  
Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme,



for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!  
for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul.  
I will sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing.

Text: A General Selection of . . . Hymns and Spiritual Songs, Lynchburg, 1811, alt.  
Tune: Southern Harmony, New Haven, 1835, ed. William Walker Text and tune: Public domain

## The Misery of Mankind; The Mercy of Jesus

### Paradise Lost

Genesis 3:22-24

<sup>22</sup>The Lord God said, "Look, the man has become like one of us, knowing good and evil. Now, so that he does not reach out his hand and also take from the Tree of Life and eat and live forever—" <sup>23</sup>the Lord God sent him out from the Garden of Eden to work the soil from which he had been taken. <sup>24</sup>So he drove the man out, and in front of the Garden of Eden he stationed cherubim and a flaming sword, which turned in every direction to guard the way to the Tree of Life.

### Paradise is Restored

Revelation 22:1-5

<sup>1</sup>The angel showed me the river of the water of life, which was as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and the Lamb. <sup>2</sup>In the middle of the city's street and on each side of the river was a tree of life that yielded twelve kinds of fruit. The tree yields its fruit every month, and its leaves are for the healing of the nations.

<sup>3</sup>There will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city. His servants will worship him. <sup>4</sup>They will see his face. His name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>There will no longer be any night or any need for lamplight or sunlight, because the Lord God will shine on them. And they will reign forever and ever."

## Paradise Which was Lost is Restored

### Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks

### Evening Litany

(Spoken Responsively)

M: O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,  
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,  
O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,  
Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons in one God.

**C: Have mercy on us.**

M: By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: By your bloody sweat and bitter agony, by your cross and suffering, and by your precious death and burial:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: By your triumphant resurrection, by your glorious ascension, and by the promised coming of the Holy Spirit:

*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).*



*This is a responsive prayer - a series of petitions spoken during an evening vespers service.*

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: In our times of trouble, in our times of prosperity, in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: From all spiritual blindness; from self-pride and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of true Christ-like love; From all deadly sin and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil; From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of the heart, and contempt for your Word and your will:

**C: Good Lord, deliver us.**

M: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**C: Have mercy on us.**

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**C: Grant us your peace.**

M: Lord, have mercy on us.

**C: Christ, have mercy on us.**

M: Lord, have mercy on us, and hear us as we pray:



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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**C: 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.**

## **Evening Prayer**

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your people, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness while praying with boldness and confidence, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns



*We close the service  
asking God for the  
peace only he can give.*

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## The Benediction

**M:** Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.

May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Christ.

The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it.

**C: Amen.**



*We are dismissed with  
the words of 1 Thessalo-  
nians 5.*

## Closing Hymn: Now the Light Has Gone Away

CWH 784



1 Now the light has gone a - way; Fa - ther, lis - ten while I pray,  
2 Je - sus, Sav - ior, wash a - way all that I've done wrong to - day.  
4 Now my eve - ning praise I give; you once died that I might live.  
5 Ah, my best and kind - est Friend, you will love me to the end.



ask - ing you to watch and keep and to send me qui - et sleep.  
Make me ev - er more like you, good and gen - tle, kind and true.  
All your pre - cious gifts are free— oh, how good you are to me!  
Let me love you more and more, al - ways bet - ter than be - fore.

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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.*

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