

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Lent 3

Sunday, March 8, 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



“I didn't know I needed that” is a common expression of surprise and realization. It suggests that something, whether it's a piece of information, a lesson learned, or a newfound understanding, has come to light and is now recognized as being essential or valuable, even if it wasn't previously apparent.

Lent is the season of the Church Year when I recognize my greatest needs. During Lent, I realize that in Christ all my greatest needs are met. God knows what I need even when I don't have any idea. The Holy Spirit makes it clear, week after week, that if I lack Christ, I have nothing. But if I have Christ, I have exactly what I need.

Our journey through Lent follows this path:

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| 02-22 | A Champion | 03-15 | Sight |
| 03-01 | Faith | 03-22 | Life |
| 03-08 | Water | | |

WATER I recognize my deep spiritual thirst. I long for a good relationship with God and for everlasting life. I am tempted to satisfy that deep thirst with worldly things, a strategy doomed to failure. I realize that my thirst is satisfied only by the one who said, “Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst.” Jesus meets my greatest need.

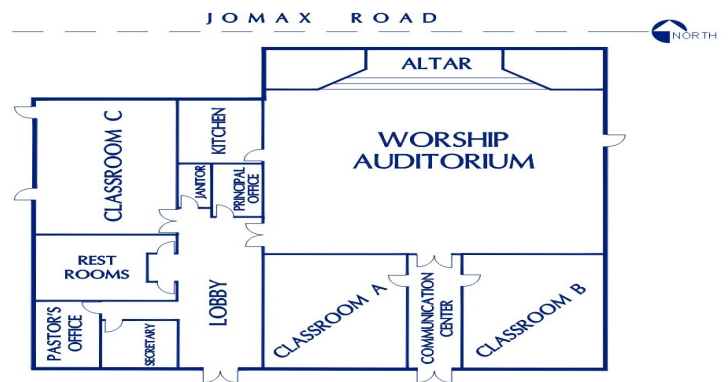
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 of Worship and Praise

Opening Hymn: Living Waters

Ensemble sings Vs. 1-3;

Congregation joins for Vs. 4



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)

*Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters.
Tired and broken, peace unspoken, come and drink these living waters.
Christ is calling, find refreshing at the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down, all the old gone, rise up in these living waters.*

Refrain:

*There's a river that flows with mercy and love,
bringing joy to the city of our God;
there our hope is secure, do not fear anymore,
praise the Lord of living waters.*

*Spirit moving, mercy washing; healing in these living waters.
Lead your children to the shoreline, life is in these living waters. (Refrain)*

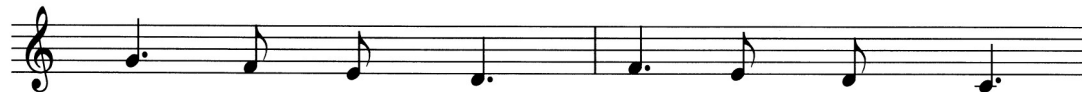
Congregation sings:



4. Are you thirs - ty? Are you emp - ty?



Come and drink these liv - ing wat - ers.



Love, for - give - ness; vast and bound - less



Christ, he is our liv - ing wat - ers. There's a



riv - er that flows with mer - cy and love; bring - ing



joy to the ci - ty of our God. There our

hope is se - cure; do not fear an - y - more;
 praise the Lord of liv - ing wat - ers.

Repeat last line

We Gather in God's Name

(Read/Sung Responsively)

M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Refrain

Change my heart, O God, Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

Verse

You are the Pot - ter. I am the clay; Mold me and

make me. This is what I pray. (To Refrain)



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." (1 John 1:9)



The song of confession is taken from Isaiah which reminds us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags", but along with Isaiah we acknowledge that through his Word our God is able to mold us into the humble servants he wants us to be.

M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, “He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord.” God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your
 prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life;
 I'm so glad you came to save us.
 You came from hea - ven to earth to show the
 way; from the earth to the cross my debt to
 pay From the cross to the grave; From the grave to the
 sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because our debt of sin was paid by Jesus, our victorious Savior.



For five centuries, Martin Luther's *Small Catechism* has served as the basic instruction book for the church. It directs us to God's Word and points to the only source for spiritual life, the Means of Grace: the Word and Sacraments. As lifelong students of the Catechism, we review these important truths from God's Word as we continue to grow in a deep appreciation for all that Jesus has done as our Savior.

Catechism Review: The Keys

(Spoken Responsively)

M: First: What is the use of the keys?

C: The use of the keys is that special power and right which Christ gave to his Church on earth: to forgive the sins of penitent sinners but refuse forgiveness to the impenitent as long as they do not repent.

M: Where is this written?

C: The holy evangelist John writes in chapter 20, “[Jesus] breathed on [his disciples] and said, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.’”



In his grace, God gives undeserving people water from a stone.

First Reading

Exodus 17:1-7

¹The whole Israelite community set out from the Desert of Sin, traveling from place to place as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²So they quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.”

Moses replied, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you put the LORD to the test?”

³But the people were thirsty for water there, and they grumbled against Moses. They said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt to make us and our children and livestock die of thirst?”

⁴Then Moses cried out to the LORD, “What am I to do with these people? They are almost ready to stone me.”

⁵The LORD answered Moses, “Go out in front of the people. Take with you some of the elders of Israel and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶I will stand there before you by the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it for the people to drink.” So Moses did this in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the place Massah and Meribah because the Israelites quarreled and because they tested the LORD saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

Choir

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy
Words by Joseph Hart
Arranged by Keith Christopher

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-8

¹Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.



God's love is poured into my heart like living water.



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



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
 2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
 3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light.



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
 the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
 Look un - to me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
 I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
 I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
 my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
 and in that light of life I'll walk till trav - ling days are done.

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Sermon

Quench the Thirst of Your Soul

John 4:5–26

⁵So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon.

⁷When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?" ⁸(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)

⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)

¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water."

¹¹"Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?"

¹³Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water."



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).

¹⁶He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”

¹⁷“I have no husband,” she replied.

Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. ¹⁸The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”

¹⁹“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem.”

²¹“Woman,” Jesus replied, “believe me, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. ²²You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. ²⁴God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

²⁵The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.”

²⁶Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am he.”



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

Today, we confess the first article of The Apostles' Creed, which focuses on the first person of the Trinity, God the Father, the all-powerful creator of all things who is the provider of all we need. The explanation is taken from Luther's Small Catechism.



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.

The 1st Article of the Apostles' Creed (Creation)

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

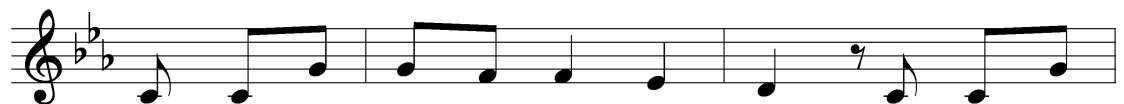
M: And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

C: God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.

This is most certainly true.

Song of the Season: The Blood of the Lamb

CWH 418



1 The Fa - ther sees his chil - dren's chains. From Phar - aoh's
2 The lamb is slain as sun is set— a per - fect
3 As mid - night looms, the hour of death, God seeks the
4 Chil - dren of God, we too were slaves: our mas - ter—

land they cry in pain. To res - cue
 lamb, with - out de - fect. They stain their
 first - born, steals their breath, but pass - es
 sin! Our end— the grave! But free - dom

them, he makes a way: the blood of the lamb.
 doors with in - no - cence: the blood of the lamb.
 o'er doors drenched in red: the blood of the lamb.
 came in crim - son shades: the blood of the Lamb.

**This perfect Lamb is Jesus Christ.
 He gave himself as sacrifice.
 His life poured out, the final price:
 the blood of the Lamb.**

**The blood he spilled, the life he spent,
 he gives us now in sacrament.
 Eternal life on Christ depends:
 the blood of the Lamb.**

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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.

The Lord's Prayer

(Sung by Congregation)

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your
 name, your king - dom come, your will be done on
 earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our



*Today we sing the prayer 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.



Jesus came to bring peace—to make all things right between God and sinful mankind.

“For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.”

Colossians 1:19-20

dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins, as
we for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Lead us
not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from
e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er, and the glo - ry are
yours now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

Ensemble

He is Making All Things Right

Words and Music by Byran Fowler, Skye Peterson and Ben Shive
Congregation sings final refrains

Oh, He is making all things right.

*Hail the rightful ruler, Christ who come to save.
King of truth and justice, Lord of love and grace.
He who bore the cross to bring his people peace,
broke the chains of sin and set the captive free.*

He is making all things right, he is making all things right.

*Hail the humble Shepherd, bending low to serve.
Bread for all our hunger, water for our thirst.
He who helps his neighbor, loves the least of these,
welcomes in the stranger, sets the captive free.*

*He is making all things right, he is making all things right.
In his goodness, in his time, he is making all things right.
Oh, He is making all things right. Oh, He is making all things right.*

*Hail the coming Savior, hope of every heart,
healer of the nations, bright and morning star.
He will win the battle, put the world at peace .
He'll finally and forever, set the captive free.
He'll finally and forever, set the captive free.*

Congregation sings:

He is mak - ing all things right,
he is mak - ing all things right.
In his good - ness, in his time,
he is mak - ing all things right.

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Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	March 8th	March 15th	March 22nd
Counters	Maggie Stevenson Nancy Murphy	Becky Jahns Karin Hansen	Zach Plitzuweit Nancy Schirripa
Communion		Andrea	
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Peterson	Aguilar/Sivey	Gullerud/Piepenbrink
Greeters	Jeffers Family	Langum Family	Plitzuweit Family
Ushers	Bill Brooks Jed Langum Grayson Langum	Michael Ryan Bentley Ryan Emily Proeber Jim Proeber	John Kull Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia Dolly Ehinger Carla VanPoppelin	Heidi Pudlo Korrrin Deines	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson Sugirtha Samuel
A/V	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Bentley Ryan Pedro Contreras	Elise Plitzuweit Bentley 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.