

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 7
Sunday, July 12, 2026

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Sunday 9am Worship

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Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal



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 Bible says Christians are different. Christians are people who believe in Jesus as their Savior. But they often look the same as those who do not believe in Jesus. How are Christians different? The answer is often something internal, attitudes or perspectives that come only from the work of the Holy Spirit in Word and sacrament. Ultimately, Christians are people who run to Christ for forgiveness because they have failed to live perfect lives. As we receive the mercy of Christ, it moves us to strive with all our being to do all the things that Jesus says Christians do, things that make Christians different.

Jul 5 Christians Find Rest in Jesus

Jul 12 Christians Are Planted by the Word

Jul 19 Christians Live as Wheat Among Weeds

Jul 26 Christians Seek Spiritual Wealth

Aug 2 Christians Trust God to Provide

Aug 9 Christians Answer Doubt With Faith

CHRISTIANS ARE PLANTED BY THE WORD Planting seed by hand can be extraordinary. In your hand, the seed looks lifeless and insignificant. You put the seed into the soil, and suddenly, all by itself, the seed germinates and sprouts and reaches to the sun. Except when it doesn't! Plant multiple seeds, and often only some will grow. The Bible describes Christians as planted by the Word. Why do some people grow in faith, and not others? What makes Christians different? The Bible describes the supernatural process by which God calls people to faith through the gospel. He promises that his Word always accomplishes his purpose. It is powerful all on its own, without our help. As we grow in faith, we give God thanks for the miracle of his work in our lives.

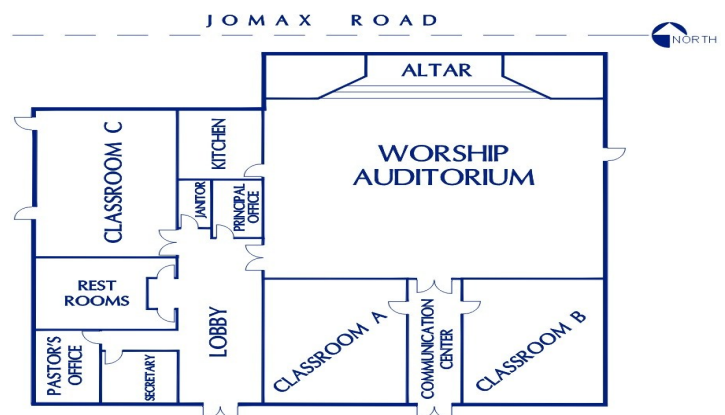
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 the Word

Opening Hymn: We Walk by Faith

CWH 830



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 We walk by faith and not by sight, no
2 We may not touch his hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rect - ed Lord, are
5 Lord, when our life of faith is done, in

gra - cious words we hear from him who spoke as
fol - low where he trod; but in his prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light we may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, but we be - lieve him near.
we re - joice and cry "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found.
and the Word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are with full and end - less sight.

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The greeting used by
St. Paul perfectly sum-
marizes Christianity.

Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Confession and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.



"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 disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.

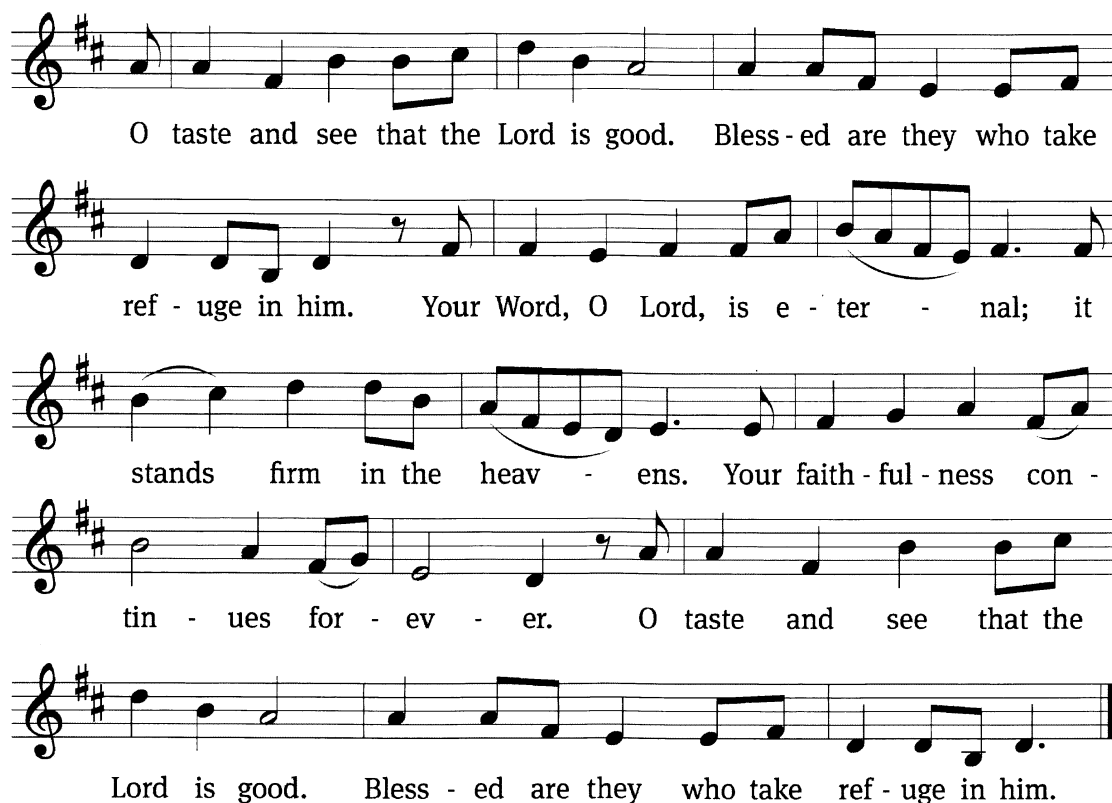


This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister; Sung response by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.



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Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949



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

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Blessed Lord, since you have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope 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.



God's Word produces the fruit that God desires.

First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-11

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.

⁷Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

⁸"For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,"
declares the LORD.

⁹“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
¹¹so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

Psalm

Psalm 65B



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.”

1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its
3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with
song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to
bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren
him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind
earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,
full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,
na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in
loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.
plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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The Children's Message

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



We sow the seed of God's Word, but only he can make it grow.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 3:5-11

⁵What, after all, is Apollos? And what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe—as the Lord has assigned to each his task. ⁶I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. ⁷So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow. ⁸The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and they will each be rewarded according to their own labor. ⁹For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building.

¹⁰By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. ¹¹For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.



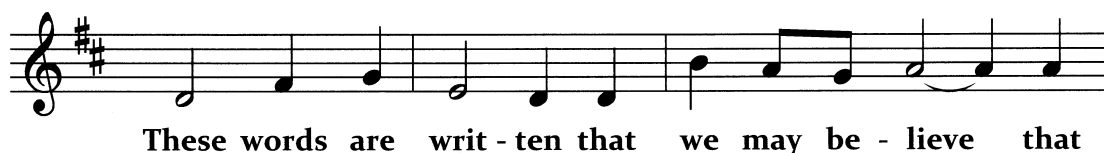
A verse from the holy scriptures is usually spoken in preparation for the reading of the Gospel which is read as the second reading or as part of the sermon.

The sung response is taken from John 20:31.

Gospel Acclamation

Isaiah 55:11

M: Alleluia. My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia.



Sermon Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

CWH 855



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth;
 3 The Church shall nev - er per - ish. Her dear Lord, to de - fend,
 5 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war



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



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the Word.
her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
to guide, sus - tain, and cher - ish, is with her to the end.
she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
One ho - ly name she bless - es, par-takes one ho - ly food,
Tho' there be those that hate her and strive to see her fail,
till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
and to one hope she press - es, with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
a - gainst both foe and trai - tor she ev - er shall pre - vail.
and the great Church vic - to - rious shall be the Church at rest.

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Sermon

Faith Planted By the Word

Matthew 13:1–9,18–23

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ²Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹Whoever has ears, let them hear.”

^{18a}Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²²The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”

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).



Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

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.

**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: O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

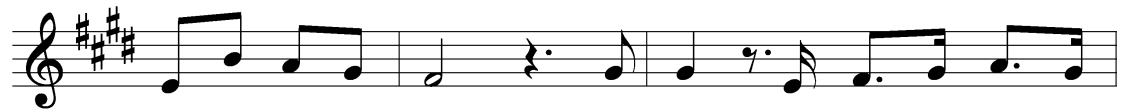
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This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.



1 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, great-est trea - sure
2 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, strong de - fend - er
3 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, gra-cious Sav - ior



of my long-ing soul, my God, like you there is no
of my wea - ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de -
of my ru - ined life, my guilt and cross laid on your



oth - er, true de - light is found in you a - lone.
ceiv - er, and my shield a - gainst his hate - ful darts,
shoul - ders, in my place you suf - fered, bled, and died.



Your grace, a well too deep to fath - om, your love ex -
my song when en - e - mies sur-round me, my hope when
You rose, the grave and death are con-quer-ed; you broke my



ceeds the heav - ens' reach, your truth, a fount of per - fect
tides of sor - row rise, my joy when tri - als are a -
bonds of sin and shame. O Lord, my rock and my Re -



wis - dom, my high - est good and my un - end - ing need.
bound - ing, your faith - ful - ness, my ref - uge in the night.
deem - er, may all my days bring glo - ry to your name.

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Vs. 3: Repeat last phrase

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 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.**

Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Guests and Members

We are so glad you worshipped with us today! Please use this QR code to let us know you joined us.



Offering: The gifts of Gods people are a response to God's blessings. If God has moved you to thank him in this way, you can use this QR code to give an offering.



We speak to God as our Father as 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.

Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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's Word Is Our Great Heritage

CWH 640

God's Word is our great her - i - tage and shall be ours for -
ev - er; to spread its light from age to age shall be our
chief en - deav - or. Thro' life it guides our way, in death it
is our stay. Lord, grant, while worlds en - dure, we keep its
teach - ings pure through - out all gen - er - a - tions.

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	July 12th	July 19th	July 26th
Counters	Bob Decker Len Collyard	Mike Ryan Nick Nickolai	Maggie Stevenson Nancy Murphy
Communion		Dawn	
Greeters	Henkel Family	Jahns Family	Ryan Family
Ushers	Gary Jeffers Tyler Holzhuetter Sharon Wilson	Jed Langum Grayson Langum Matthew Call	Michael Ryan Bentley Ryan Emily Proeber Jim Proeber
Sunday Refreshments	Stacy Aguilar Nancy Schrippa	Ashley Call Paula Considine Maggie Stevenson	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann
A/V	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras

Weekly QR Code/Newsletter

Please scan the QR code below to access our weekly newsletter.

If you would like to receive the monthly /weekly newsletter by email, please email Tracy at:

church.secretary@crossofglory.org



Quarterly Voters Meeting

Sunday, July 26 | 10:30 a.m.

Please plan to join us for our Quarterly Voters' Meeting, which will include two significant agenda items:

1. A 30-45 minute brainstorming session as we prayerfully consider where God may be leading Church of Grace (CoG) over the next 3-5 years.
2. Our fiscal year-end review.

We encourage all members to consider joining so we can get as much input as possible on possible directions forward for the amazing ministry God is giving to us



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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.
