

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 9
Sunday, July 26, 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 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 SEEK SPIRITUAL WEALTH What do you consider your life's top priorities? Many people start with family and friends. Financial security and health follow closely. Reputation and recreation make the cut. How about faith? Is it the top priority? What if other priorities must be sacrificed to keep faith the top priority? The Bible helps Christians keep worldly wealth in perspective. It can buy the things of this world, things that rust and decay, but there is something more valuable. True wealth is spiritual wealth. It can be found only in God and his eternal blessings for us in Christ.

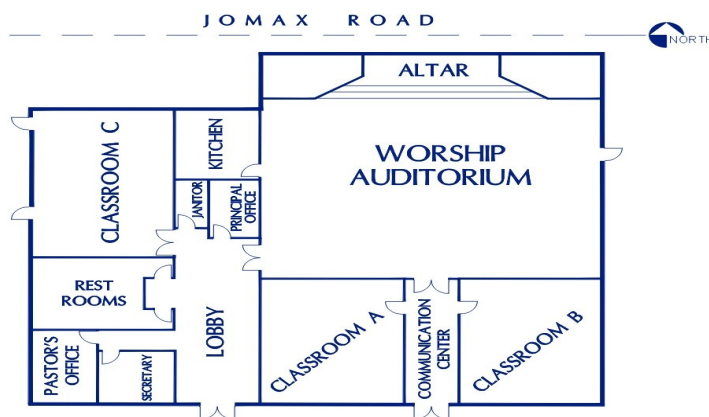
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism

(CWH679 Sung Responses)

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

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my
full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?
I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -
va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
(*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

Congregation Sings:

2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'



God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service reminds us of the continual blessings of Baptism.

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."

(*Romans 6:3,4*)



"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)



M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Congregation Sings:



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.

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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.

Congregation Sings:

4 Death, you can - not end my glad-ness: I am bap-tized
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long

in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven

her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,

faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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Catechism Review: The Blessings of the Lord's Supper (Spoken Responsively)

M: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words: “Given” and “poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins.” Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

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 life-long 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.



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



When the Lord offered Solomon anything he wanted, Solomon chose spiritual wealth



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."

Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."

⁶Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁷"Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties. ⁸Your servant is here among the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?"

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

Psalm 63

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You, God, are my God,

C: earnestly I seek you;

M: I thirst for you,

C: my whole being longs for you,

M: in a dry and parched land

C: where there is no water.

M: I have seen you in the sanctuary

C: and beheld your power and your glory.

M: Because your love is better than life,

C: my lips will glorify you.

M: I will praise you as long as I live,

C: and in your name I will lift up my hands.

M: Because you are my help,

C: I sing in the shadow of your wings.

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:17–21

¹⁷Command 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. ¹⁸Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹In 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.

²⁰Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith.

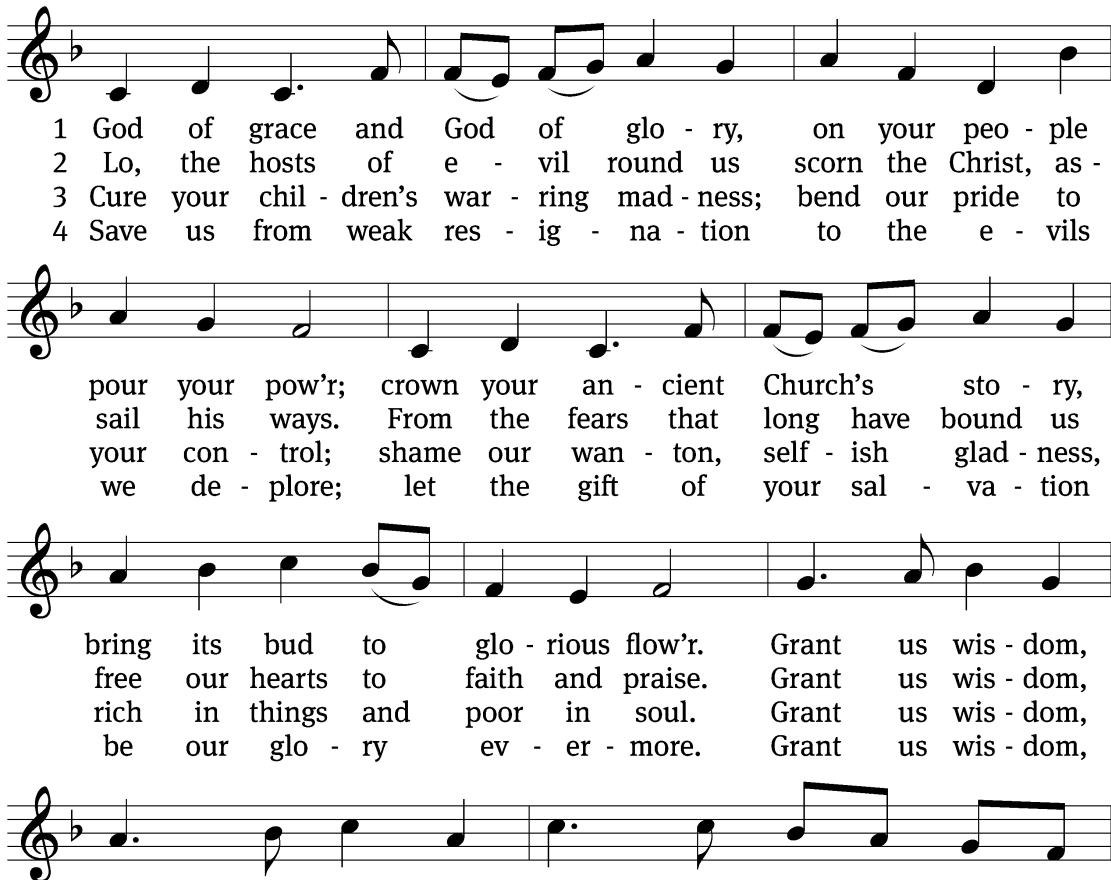
Grace be with you all.



Paul warns against arrogance and false hope, sins that commonly go with worldly wealth.

Sermon Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

CWH 770



1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on your peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn the Christ, as -
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour your pow'r; crown your an - cient Church's sto - ry,
sail his ways. From the fears that long have bound us
your con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we de - plore; let the gift of your sal - va - tion

bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age lest we miss your king - dom's
grant us cour - age, serv - ing you whom we a -



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



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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).

Sermon

Matthew 13:44–52

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked.

“Yes,” they replied.

⁵²He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”



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.

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: O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

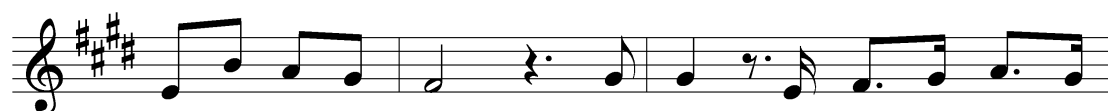
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This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.



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.



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.

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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.

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

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.**



In the Blessing and Response, the minister speaks a summary of Ephesians 1. The congregation responds by singing the doxology (song of praise). Finally, the minister speaks the **Apostolic Blessing**. This is the blessing which the apostle Paul spoke as he concluded his second letter to the church at Corinth. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

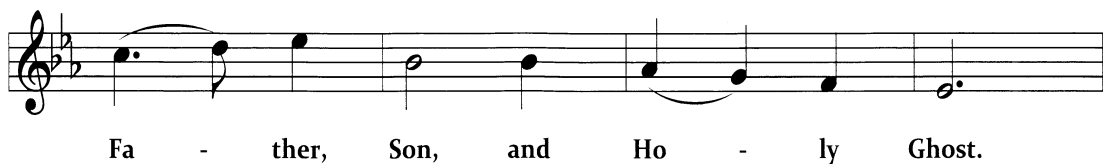
Blessing and Response

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Congregation sings:

Praise God from whom all bless - ings
flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
praise him a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host; praise



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

Closing Hymn: My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

CWH 626

Ensemble sings Vs. 1; Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

*My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain,
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,
who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in his light
and wrote his law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.*

Congregation sings:

2 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be -
3 My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a -

side, who floods my weak-ness-es with strength and
bove, whose wis-dom is my per-fect peace, whose

caus-es fears to fly, whose ev-'ry prom-ise is e -
ev-'ry thought is love. For ev-'ry day I have on

nough for ev-'ry step I take, sus-tain-ing me with
earth is giv-en by the King. So I will give my

arms of love and crown-ing me with grace.
life, my all, to love and fol-low him.

* This phrase repeats at the end of st. 3.

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Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	July 26th	August 2nd	August 9th
Counters	Maggie Stevenson Nancy Murphy	Karin Hansen Becky Jahns	Bob Decker Len Collyard
Communion		Shannon	
Greeters	Ryan Family	Ditter Family	Piepenbrink Family
Ushers	Michael Ryan Bentley Ryan Emily Proeber Jim Proeber	John Kull Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Paula Considine Sharon Wilson	Linda Stern Sue Proeber Brenda Grams
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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.