

CROSS OF GLORY

Lutheran Church & School



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Sunday 9am Worship

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 cartoon character holds a sign saying, "The End Is Near." For Christians, this is not a message of fear. Instead, it is a message of watchful hope. Scripture teaches that the End Times began with Christ's first coming, especially his death and resurrection. Christ will come again on judgment day. Now we live in that in-between time, when salvation has been won, but full glory is still to come. It's the beginning of the end. Jesus himself makes clear that no one knows the day or hour of his return. This uncertainty is not meant to trouble us, but to keep us spiritually awake. Each day becomes an opportunity to live in repentance and faith, turning from sin and trusting fully in Christ's finished work for us. Our preparation for the end is not about trying to predict signs or earn God's favor. Instead, it is about remaining rooted in Jesus: hearing the Word, receiving the sacraments, and trusting the promises of forgiveness. These are God's ways of keeping us ready. **"The Beginning of the End"** reminds us that history is moving toward our own death and toward Christ's return. For believers, that end is truly a beginning.

Our path through the last weeks of the church year is:

Oct 4	Speak Truth to Power	Nov 1	Focus on the Future
Oct 11	Invite the Unworthy	Nov 8	Watch for the Final Events
Oct 18	Give to God What is God's	Nov 15	Put Your Affairs in Order
Oct 25	Stay Steadfast	Nov 22	Hope for the best

Don't you hate it when someone has prepared an excellent meal, but travel delays mean that certain friends or relatives don't get to enjoy it? Sometimes there are no leftovers, and an opportunity is lost. God has prepared an extraordinary spiritual meal for all people. It is received by faith. But it is not offered forever. The day will come when body and soul are separated, and those who do not believe in Jesus as their Savior will not share in his blessings. It's the beginning of the end. Now is the time to issue the invitation!

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:

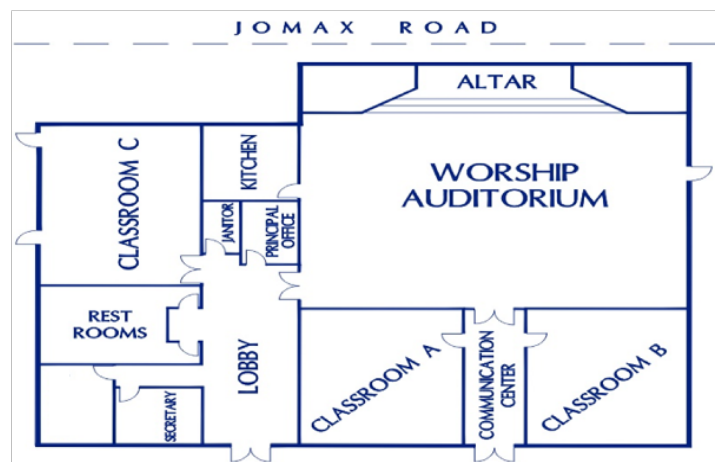


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CHURCH MAP



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!

SCRIPTURE & SONG (BAPTISM)

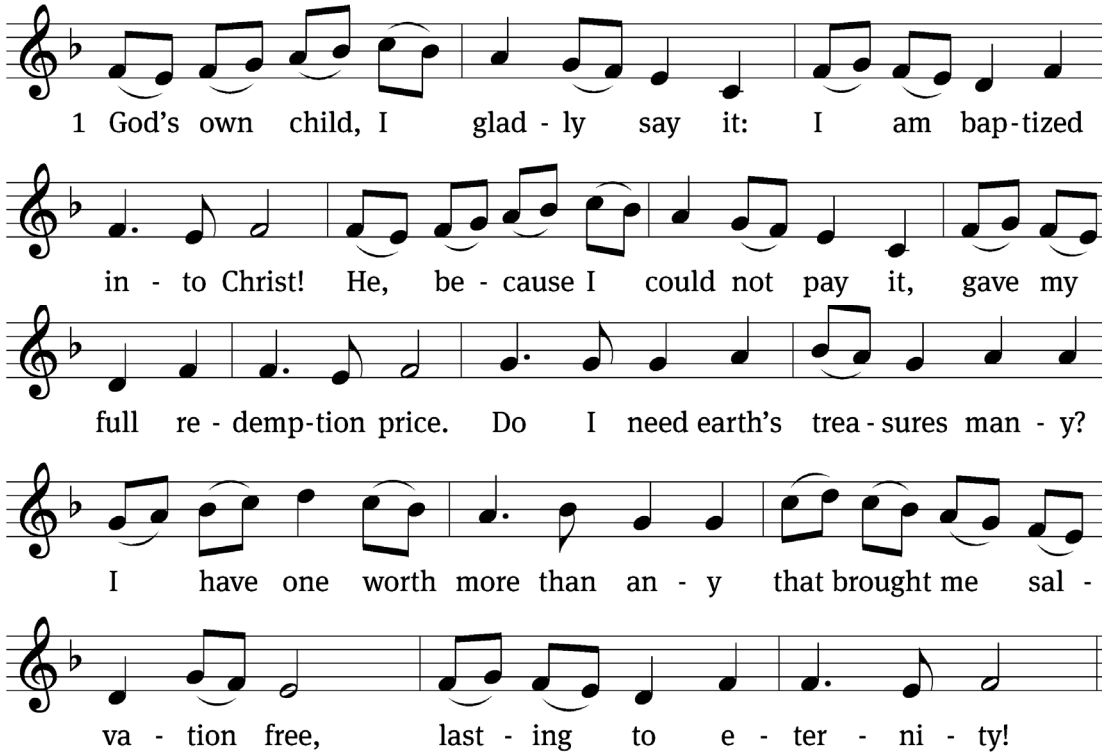
GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

(CWH679 SUNG RESPONSES)

M: We gather 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. (Psalm 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."

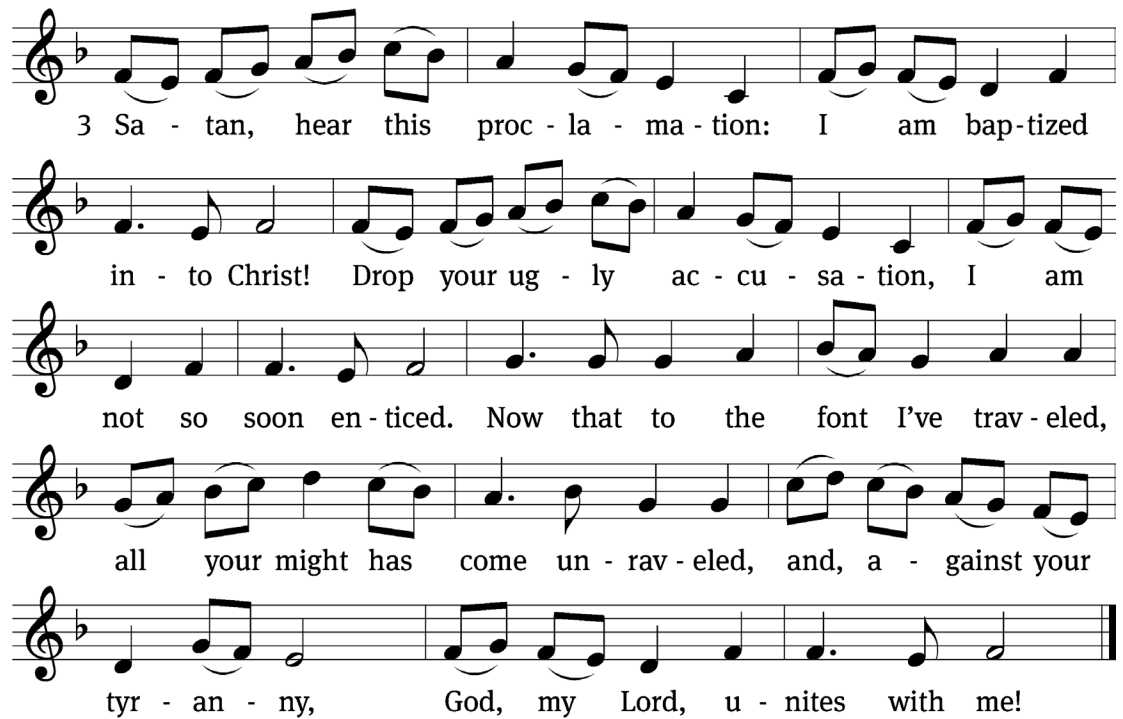
(1 John 1:9)



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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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.¹

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CATECHISM REVIEW: FIRST & SECOND COMMANDMENTS (SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY)

M: You shall have no other gods.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things.

M: You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not use his name to curse, swear, lie, or deceive, or use witchcraft, but call upon God's name in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(SPOKEN BY MINISTER)

M: Almighty God, you invite us to trust in you for our salvation. Deal with us not in the severity of your judgment but by the greatness of your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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



The prophet Isaiah describes the heavenly banquet which is entered through faith in God and his salvation.

FIRST READING

ISAIAH 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain
the LORD of Armies will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of aged wines,
with the best cuts of meat,
and with the finest wines.
⁷On this mountain
he will destroy the shroud that covers all peoples,
the burial cloth stretched over all nations.
⁸He has swallowed up death forever!
The LORD God will wipe away the tears from every face.
He will take away the shame of his people throughout the earth.
For the LORD has spoken.
⁹On that day it will be said,
“Look, here is our God!
We waited for him, and he saved us!
This is the LORD!
We waited for him.
Let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation!”



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.”

PSALM 84

(SPOKEN RESPONSIVELY)

M: How lovely is your dwelling place,
C: LORD Almighty!
M: My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the LORD;
C: my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.
M: Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
C: they are ever praising you.
M: Better is one day in your courts
C: than a thousand elsewhere;
M: I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
C: than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
M: LORD Almighty,
C: blessed is the one who trusts in you.

THE CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO SIT IN FRONT WITH PASTOR)



We proclaim that we are saved through faith alone.

SECOND READING

ROMANS 1:16-17

¹⁶For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes—to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. ¹⁷For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed by faith, for faith, just as it is written, “The righteous will live by faith.”



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

1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
 2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
 4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -
 6 Je - sus, be wor - shiped end - less - ly! Your bound - less

are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
 word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
 on the o - cean shore, you have for all a
 mer - cy has for me, for me and all your

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
 these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
 ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.
 hands have made, an ev - er - last - ing ran - som paid.

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SERMON

MATTHEW 22:1-14

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).

¹Jesus spoke to them again in parables. He said, ²“The kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent out his servants to summon those who were invited to the wedding banquet, but they did not want to come.

⁴“Then he sent out other servants and said, ‘Tell those who are invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner. My oxen and my fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet!’

⁵“But those who were invited paid no attention and went off, one to his own farm, another to his business. ⁶The rest seized the king’s servants, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷As a result, the king was very angry. He sent his army and killed those murderers and burned their town.

⁸“Then he said to his servants, ‘The wedding banquet is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy. ⁹So go to the main cross-roads and invite as many as you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those servants went out to the roads and gathered together everyone they found, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹But when the king came in to see the guests, he saw a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ¹²He said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without wearing wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless. ¹³Then the king told the servants, ‘Tie him hand and foot and throw him into the outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”



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.**



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.

SONG OF THE SEASON: EVERY PROMISE OF YOUR WORD

1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the
2. When I stum - ble and I sin, con - dem -
3. When I'm faced with an - guished choice, I will
4. Hope that lifts me from des - pair; love that

set - ting of the sun, I will
na - tion press - ing in, I will
lis - ten for your voice, and I'll
casts out ev' - ry fear, as I

stand on ev' - ry pro - mise of your Word.
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Words of pow - er, strong to save, that will
 You are faith - ful to for - give that in
 Through this dark and troub - led land you will
 Not for - sa - ken, not a - lone, for the



nev - er pass a - way, I will
 free - dom I might live, so I
 guide me with your hand as I
 Com - for - ter has come, and I



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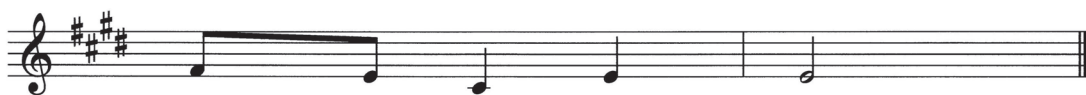
For your co - ve - nant is
 Guilt to in - no - cence re -
 And you've pro - mised to com -
 Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for



sure, and on this I am se -
 stored, you re - mem - ber sins no
 plete, ev' - ry work be - gun in
 me, grace for all! I do be -



cure I can stand on ev' - ry
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 lieve! We will stand on ev' - ry



pro - mise of your Word.
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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 entranc-
 es to the sanctuary either before or after the service.*

*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)

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:

SUNG BY CONGREGATION:

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
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

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

CONGREGATION JOINS FOR FINAL VERSE AND REFRAINS

*How I long to breathe the air of heaven
where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets.
To look upon the one who bled to save me,
and walk with him for all eternity.*

Refrain:

*There will be a day when all will bow before him.
There will be a day when death will be no more;
standing face to face with he who died and rose again.
Holy, holy is the Lord.*

*And every prayer we prayed in desperation,
the songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear.
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
when He returns to wipe away our tears. (Refrain)*

*And on that day, we join the resurrection,
and stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"*

Sung by Congregation:



And on that day, we join the res - ur -
rec - tion and stand be - side the he - roes of the
faith. With one voice, a thou - sand gen - er -
a - tions sing, "Wor - thy is the Lamb who was slain!"

There will be a day when all will bow be - fore
him. There will be a day when death will be no
more; stand - ing face to face with he who died and
rose a - gain. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.
So let it be to - day we shout the hymn of hea -
ven. With an - gels and the saints, we raise a might - y
roar. Glo - ry to our God who gave us life be -
yond the grave. Ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord.

WAYS TO SERVE

Worship Volunteers	October 11th	October 18th	October 25th
Counters	Karin Hansen Becky Jahns	Bob Decker Len Collyard	Mike Ryan Nick Nicholai
Communion		Sharon	
Greeters	Piepenbrink Family	Jahns Family	Naber Family
Ushers	John Kull Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Ally Kelley Carla Van Poppelen	Stacey Aguilar Nancy Schirripa	Shannon Gullerud Heidi Pudlo
A/V	Kelly Simpson Elise Plitzuweit	Stacey Aguilar Andrew Aguilar	Pedro Contreras Chris Patterson

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Sunday
October 25th

Jr. Youth Group - 1pm-3pm
Youth Group - 3pm-5pm

It's Fall Y'all



Join us for an afternoon of autumn crafting and devotion
Paint pumpkins. Make crafts. Hang with friends.
Snacks and drinks will be provided.

For more info and to register use the QR Code:



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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.
