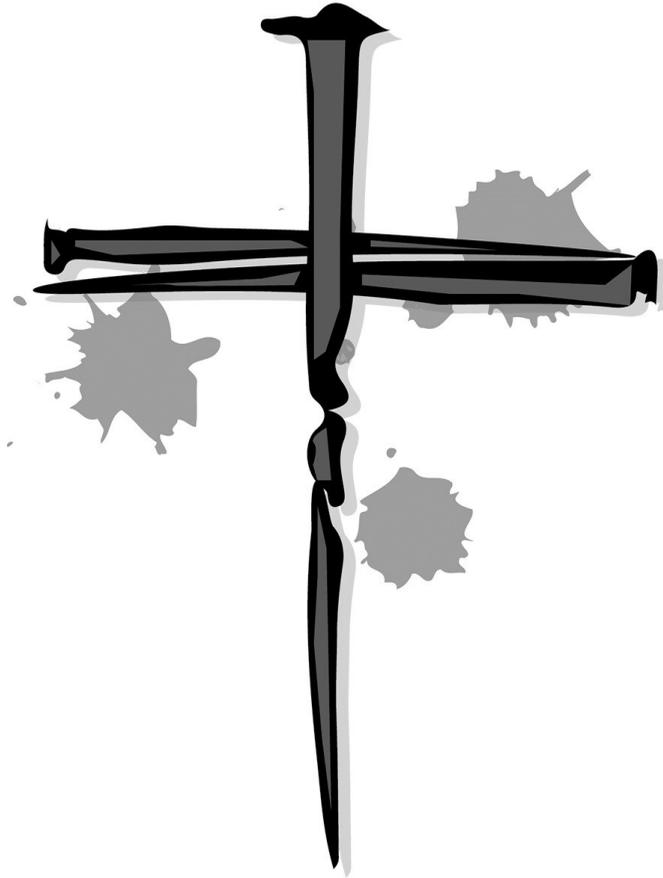


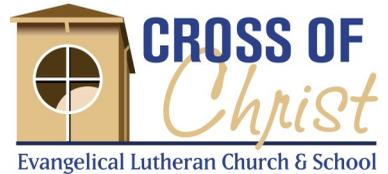
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Welcome



The **Order of Service** is printed out for you in this bulletin.

LARGE PRINT VERSIONS of the bulletin are available from the ushers.

Our Communion Practice - Cross of Christ observes the biblical practice of member communion (This has been called close/closed communion by some.) If you are not a member at Cross of Christ, or at other Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) or Evangelical Lutheran Synod (ELS) congregations, we kindly ask that you speak with our pastor before communing. We thank you for respecting our teaching in this regard and look forward to speaking with you! *Communion is offered on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday of each month.*

Guest - we welcome you and invite you to sign our guest book in the atrium or fill out the guest register in the pew.

Parents with small children—we enjoy children in worship! However, if you need to leave during the service, we encourage you to use the nursery area in the lobby. If nursing, please feel free to use room 213 for your comfort.

Restrooms and changing tables are located upstairs and downstairs, past the elevators.



*Please turn off or mute **cell phones** during the worship service .*

Three Words of Truth:

Love One Another

Tonight's Focus

Jesus warned that one of the signs of the end would be that “the love of most will grow cold,” primarily because of “the increase of wickedness.” The hallmark of early Christianity in the Roman Empire was the Christians’ love for one another—something that even the pagans noted. Tonight we are reminded to consider the practice of Christian love—with the greatest love of all, the suffering and death of our Savior for our sins, as the backdrop and motivation.

Serving in our worship...

5:00 pm

Pastor: Rev. Erich Westphal

Organist: Julie Cison

Ushers: Bruce Knapp

Dennis Philippi

Jason Hahn

Ethan Knapp

Logan Wreisner

7:00 pm

Rev. Erich Westphal

Julie Cison

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Opening Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” (CW# 125)

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

C: Amen.

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever.

M: In my selfishness I have often loved myself more than others and, to my shame, more than you—you who are my life and my salvation, my joy and my peace.

C: O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus’ sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

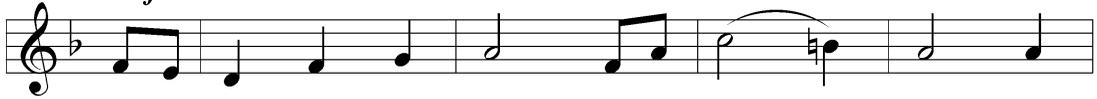
Prayer

M: Almighty and merciful God, you never despise what you have made and always forgive those who turn to you. Create in us such new and contrite hearts that we may truly repent of our sins and obtain your full and gracious pardon; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Psalm 116

Refrain

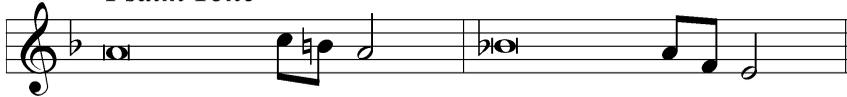


I will lift up the cup of sal - va - tion and



call on the name of the Lord.

Psalm Tone



I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

The LORD is gracious and righteous;
when I was in great need, he saved me.

Refrain

For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

How can I repay the LORD
for all his goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

**as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

Psalm Prayer

M: God of love and faithfulness, you showed favor to your people by sending your one and only Son to be our Savior. Help us to trust in him as our gracious Redeemer and so enjoy the peace he came to bring, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Passion History

Luke 20:19-21:4

Jesus teaches in the temple.

The Gospel of Luke, more than any other, fits the category of ancient biography. Luke, as "narrator" of events, sees Jesus as the Savior of all people, always on the side of the needy and the deprived. Narrated in the New International Version by British actor Richard E. Grant, this epic production - featuring specially constructed sets and the authentic country side of Morocco - has been critically acclaimed by leading religious scholars as a unique and highly authentic telling of the story of Jesus.

Seasonal Response

C: All we like sheep have gone astray, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. By his wounds we are healed.

Hymn of the Day

"Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed" (CW# 129)

Sermon

John 13:31-35

³¹ When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. ³² If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

³³ "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. ³⁴ "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Offering

Please take a moment to sign the friendship register located in your pew and pass it to those worshipping with you. Guests, please include your address or email address.

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Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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: O God our Father, by your mercy and might, the world turns safely into darkness and returns again to light. We place into your hands our unfinished tasks, our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes, knowing that only what you bless will prosper. To your great love and protection, we commit each other and all those we love, knowing that you alone are our sure defender; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

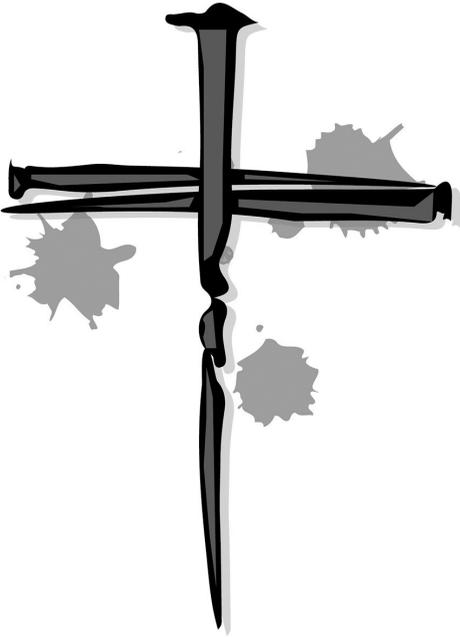
C: Amen.

Closing Hymn

"Jesus, Refuge of the Weary" (CW# 108)

Midweek Lenten Series 2019

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*Wednesdays at 5:00 pm & 7:00 pm
Lenten Supper served at 5:45 pm*

*March 20
Watch and Pray*

*March 27
I Am He*

*April 3
What Is Truth?*

*April 10
Take Him Away!*

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