

# Make Sure You've Got the Right Directions



*Lent 2*  
*Sunday, March 17, 2019*



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

**Church Phone: 623-224-8839 School Phone: 623-224-8841**

**[www.crossofglory.org](http://www.crossofglory.org)**

**Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor**

**Rev. Benjamin Foxen, Pastor**

### **Jomax Campus**

**10111 W Jomax Road,**

**Peoria, AZ 85383**

**Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship**

### **Vistancia Campus**

**Lake Pleasant Elementary School**

**31501 N. Westland Road**

**Peoria, AZ 85383**

**Sun. 9:30am Worship**



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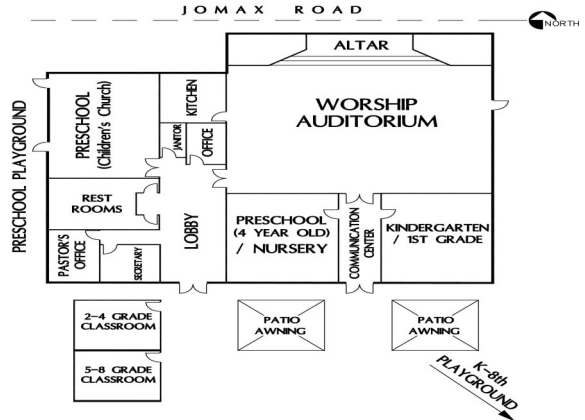
**Welcome to our Worship Center!** God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

### Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby .
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. If parents wish, the children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find age-appropriate and spiritually focused activities to work on during the regular sermon. At the time of the offering, children return to sit with their parents. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

### Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available



Jesus' journey on earth was racked with rejection. In fact, prophets had been murdered for centuries by the inhabitants of Israel, but Jesus was resolute in his mission to redeem humankind from sin. In our sermon text from Philipians, Paul contrasts the journey through life of those who are enemies of the cross of Christ and those who embrace it. Be it our journey through Lent, or our journey from grace to glory, our focus remains on the message of the cross. It is only in Jesus that we can find strength to be resolute on our journey to follow him.

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## Divine Service II



**OPENING HYMN**

**Children of the Heavenly Father** (*W449*) 4 *Vs.*

**INVOCATION**

(*Spoken Responsively*)

**CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION**

(*Spoken Responsively*)

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

(*Spoken Responsively*)

**GLORY BE TO GOD**

(*Sung to the tune of "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness Vs. 1-4 (CW376)*)

**SALUTATION**

(*Spoken Responsively*)

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

(*Spoken by Minister*)

**FIRST LESSON**

***Jeremiah 26:8-15***

**PSALM 42-43**

(*Spoken Responsively; Sung Response LAP14 2 Vs.*)

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

**VERSE OF THE DAY**

(*Spoken by Minister*)

**GOSPEL LESSON**

***Luke 13:31-35***



**SERMON HYMN**

**Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus** (*CW452*) 4 *Vs.*

**SERMON**

**Make Sure You've Got the Right Directions** ***Philippians 3:17-4:1***

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

*CD recordings of sermons freely supplied for study or sharing. Please request on the Friendship Card .*

**THE NICENE CREED**

(*Read Responsively*)



**SONG OF THE SEASON**

**Father We Have Sinned** 2 *Vs.*

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER (Spoken by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (Spoken by Minister)

## THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE (Read Responsively)

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (Sung to the tune of “I Lay My Sins on Jesus” (CW 372) 2 V.s.)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Spoken by Minister)

LORD’S PRAYER (Spoken by All)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (Spoken by Minister)

LAMB OF GOD (Sung by Congregation)

DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT (Please refer to “Worship Welcome” in chair pocket)

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord’s Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Abide with Me (CW588)

SONG OF SIMEON (Sung to the tune of “O Savior, Precious Savior” (CW 368) 2 V.s.)

CLOSING PRAYER (Spoken by Minister)

BLESSING (Spoken by Minister)



CLOSING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden (CWS728) 2 V.s.



### **IN OUR PRAYERS**

For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.

**Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

**Charles Klar**, a friend of James & Cristy Meringer was diagnosed with acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) and is awaiting a bone marrow transplant. A donor has been found!

**Dennis Powers**, is now with his heavenly father. Please keep his family in your prayers.

**Phyllis Beeson**, friend of Shawn Novak diagnosed with cancer in Hospice care.

**April Johnson**, is at home after she suffered the stroke and is still recovering.

### **MILITARY**

**Major JD Larson**, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirtland AFB in New Mexico.

**Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen**, son of Rick and Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri and Lilli, USMC.

**Major Nick Borns**, son-in-law of Rich and Linda Kugler, logistics officer at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military. Please pray that the heavenly father keeps him safe in his journey.

### **PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION**

***Before Communing:*** Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

***After Communing:*** Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.



| <b>Worship<br/>Volunteers</b> | Mar. 17  | Mar. 24   | Mar. 31   |
|-------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>Refreshments</b>           | Ally Kelly/<br>Susie Cornell                                   | Angela Hall/<br>Stacy Cornell   | Clara Naber   |
| <b>Greeters</b>               | Hansen   | Yauck   | Wilson  |
| <b>Church<br/>Cleaning</b>    | Plitzuweit/<br>Alcoba/Peterson                                 | Ebel  | Meringer  |
| <b>Counters</b>               | Sasse/Brooks   | Sasse/Cannon  | Wempner/Cornell   |
| <b>Communion<br/>Set-Up</b>   | Corinne Julian   | -   | -   |
| <b>Ushers</b>                 | Steven Julian/<br>Bill Grams/<br>John Kull/<br>Paul Pappenfuss | Bill Brooks/<br>Brian Ehinger/<br>Jake Ehinger/<br>Trey Ehinger/<br>Jon Yauck | Gary Jeffer/<br>Verl Naber/<br>Grant Stern/<br>John Wempner                   |
| <b>Vistancia<br/>Ushers</b>   | Don Bollmeier/<br>Al Alcoba/<br>Rich Kugler/<br>Kelly Simpson  | Steven Julian/<br>Bill Grams/<br>John Kull/<br>Paul Pappenfuss                | Bill Brooks/<br>Brian Ehinger/<br>Jake Ehinger/<br>Trey Ehinger/<br>Jon Yauck |



## ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

### JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

#### **Bible Information Class**

This will be starting on Thursday, March 7th from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are interested, please speak with Pastor Foxen or talk with the secretary.

### VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

#### **Potluck - Brunch on March 24th**

There will be a potluck/brunch right after service on March 24th! Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a dish to pass!

### **THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY**

|       |    |         |   |
|-------|----|---------|---|
| March | 18 | 6:30 pm | Growth Group with Gary Jeffers                    |
| March | 18 | 7:30 pm | Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers                   |
| March | 19 | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study Group                         |
| March | 20 | 9:00 am | Mornings with Mommy                               |
| March | 20 | 5:00 pm | Catechism Class                                   |
| March | 20 | 6:00 pm | Lent - Soup Supper                                |
| March | 20 | 7:00 pm | Lent Worship Service                              |
| March | 20 | 8:00 pm | Choir Practice                                    |
| March | 21 | 6:30 pm | Group Bible Information Class                     |
| March | 23 | 7:30 am | Growth Group with Al Alcoba                       |
| March | 23 | 6:00 pm | Worship Service at Jomax                          |
| March | 24 | 9:00 am | Worship Service at Jomax                          |
| March | 24 | 9:30 am | Worship Service at Vistancia                      |
| March | 24 |         | Potluck/Brunch in Vistancia - Right After Service |

### **LOOKING AHEAD INCLUDING SCHOOL**

|       |    |         |                                 |
|-------|----|---------|---------------------------------|
| March | 25 | 6:30 pm | Growth Group with Gary Jeffers  |
| March | 25 | 7:30 pm | Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers |
| March | 26 | 9:30 am | Women's Bible Study Group       |
| March | 26 | 6:30 pm | Board of Ed                     |
| March | 27 | 9:15 am | Mothers Growth Group            |
| March | 27 | 5:00 pm | Catechism Class                 |
| March | 27 | 6:00 pm | Lent - Soup Supper              |
| March | 27 | 7:00 pm | Lent Worship Service            |
| March | 27 | 8:00 pm | Choir Practice                  |
| March | 28 | 6:30 pm | Group Bible Information Class   |
| March | 30 | 7:30 am | Growth Group with Al Alcoba     |
| March | 30 | 6:00 pm | Worship Service at Jomax        |
| March | 31 | 9:00 am | Worship Service at Jomax        |
| March | 31 | 9:30 am | Worship Service at Vistancia    |



# Growth Groups

Here's a list of the various groups that we have active. You have the opportunity to sign up for them on our [website](#) or by getting in touch with the leaders of the group. Enjoy!

## **Men's Group**

Led by Al Alcoba. The group meets from 7:30 - 9:00 am on Saturday mornings.

## **Women's Bible Study Group**

They meet on Tuesdays from 9:30 - 11:00 am at Karen Jurado's home.

## **Book Study: *Is Genesis History?***

Led by Gary Jeffers, this group meets on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

## **Mothers' Growth Group for Moms and Kids**

Led by Ally Kelley and Liz Simkauskas every other Wednesday from 9:15 - 11:45 am. The moms are studying a book titled *Ladies of Legacy*, which takes a look at women from the Bible.

## **Book Study: *The Study of World Religion***

Led by Pastor John Ehlers on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. There will be a new time & date change will occur on March 4th from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

**Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 am:** *Civil Government, Gods other Kingdom*. There is a book that you can purchase thru NPH, but it is not necessary to have.

## **Gary Jeffers' Bible Study is doing a Service Project**



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church group will be going on 3/30 from 12-2pm to help pack food boxes for St. Mary's Food Bank.

Want to volunteer? You can call the secretary to register or look for the sign up genius to register there.



**The overall theme for the 2019 Lenten sermons is “Three Words of Truth.” Each service focuses on a poignant three-word phrase from the record of Jesus’ passion and resurrection.**

March 6 (Ash Wednesday) – Love One Another – Pastor Ben Foxen

March 13 – Watch and Pray – Pastor Bruce Ahlers, Our Savior’s, Sun City

March 20 – I Am He – Pastor John Sprain, Shepherd of the Valley, Surprise

March 27 – What Is Truth? – Pastor Dave Clark, Grace, Glendale

April 3 – Take Him Away! – Vicar, Grace, Glendale

April 10 – Is It I? – Pastor Lincoln Albrecht, River of Life, Goodyear

April 14 (Palm Sunday) – Save Us Now!

April 18 (Maundy Thursday) – Take and Eat; Take and Drink

April 19 (Good Friday) – Tenebrae Service

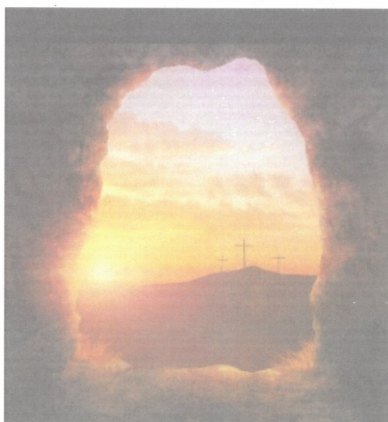
April 21 (Easter Sunrise Service)

April 21 (Easter Festival Service) – Remember Jesus Christ: He Has Risen!

CROSS OF GLORY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# HOLY WEEK SERVICES

*Words of Truth : Jesus is Risen*



Worship with us on Jomax Road:

April 14 Palm Sunday 9 AM

April 18 Maundy Thursday 7PM

April 19 Good Friday 7 PM

April 14 Easter Sunrise 7 AM

April 21 Easter Festival Service 9 AM

Worship with us in Vistancia  
at Lake Pleasant Elementary School:

April 14 Palm Sunday 9:30

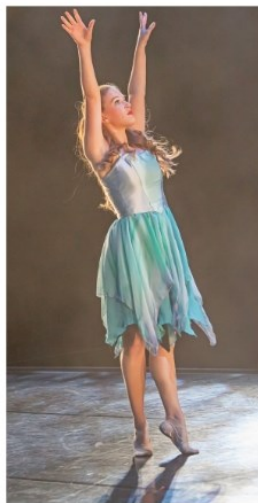
April 21 Easter Festival Service 9:30

CROSS OF GLORY ANNUAL

# Talent Show

FRIDAY, APRIL 5 - 6:30 PM

Sign up for an act in the school entrance!



Share a piano piece, organize a group performance, sing a solo, make people laugh, or share a special trick you can do! Sign up today!

# CROSS OF GLORY

## 2-Year-Old Preschool Pre-registration

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR  
10111 W JOMAX RD, PEORIA  
623-224-8839

### *What is "pre-registration"?*

We are getting closer to our dream goal of building a new early childhood center! God-willing, we will soon be able to offer a 2-year-old preschool class at Cross of Glory Lutheran School. In order to facilitate this process we are calling for a 2-year-old preschool pre-registration. Pre-registration means that you would be interested in using this service (if we can provide it by the fall of 2019). Pre-registering your child would guarantee their enrollment--up to the first 16 students. Beyond 16 students, we will generate a waiting list. This pre-registration involves no cost to you, but it is vital for our planning purposes.

### *What can you expect in our 2-year-old preschool?*

Our goal at Cross of Glory Preschool is to nurture the Christian development of the whole child: spiritually, emotionally, socially, physically, intellectually, and creatively. At the 2-year-old level, this includes story time, Bible time, music, sensory bins and crafts. At Cross of Glory, we know that all children are precious gifts of God. They are the next generation and the promise of the future. As such, they are treated with love and respect in a sincere and caring Christian environment.



### **YES, WE WOULD LIKE TO PRE-REGISTER FOR 2-YEAR-OLD PRESCHOOL FOR 2019-2020**

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent's name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

### **WE WANT TO RESERVE A SPOT IN THE FOLLOWING PROGRAM**

- ☐ 5 Days All Day (7am-5:30pm) \$1000 / month
- ☐ 5 Days Half Days (7am-12pm) \$575 / month
- ☐ 3 Days All Day (7am-5:30pm) \$675 / month
- ☐ 2 Days All Day (7am-5:30pm) \$475 / month
- ☐ Other if offered: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form to the Cross of Glory office or call 623-224-8839 to pre-register by phone.

# ACSTO

Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization

[APPLY ONLINE](#)

**19-20 Applications are available!**

## 2018 TAX CREDIT MAXIMUMS

### Single Taxpayers

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| ORIGINAL<br>TAX CREDIT | <b>\$555</b>  |
| OVERFLOW<br>TAX CREDIT | <b>\$552</b>  |
| <b>COMBINED TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$1107</b> |

### Married Filing Jointly

|                        |               |
|------------------------|---------------|
| ORIGINAL<br>TAX CREDIT | <b>\$1110</b> |
| OVERFLOW<br>TAX CREDIT | <b>\$1103</b> |
| <b>COMBINED TOTAL</b>  | <b>\$2213</b> |

**OR THE ACTUAL TAX, *WHICHEVER IS LESS***



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These are expiring at the end of the month.

## FIRST LESSON: *Jeremiah 26:8-15*

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!” Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

## GOSPEL LESSON: *Luke 13:31-35*

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.” He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem! ‘Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”



**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of

the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied “Lamb of God” who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God’s Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible’s claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus’ saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible’s primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we’re all sinners equally saved by Jesus’ substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus’ love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church’s plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.

***Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)***  
***Sunday Worship at 9:am (Jomax) 9:30am (Vistancia)***  
***Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)***