



***Christ the King Sunday***  
***Sunday, November 22, 2020***  
***FULL SCRIPT***



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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**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**

Welcome to Cross of Glory's online worship! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament, and we recognize that this can happen via technology as well as in a physical building. Thank the Lord for blessing us with the means to continue worshipping together in this way! As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power fill you.

Please take the time to note some things about how worship will work online:

**Attendance** – We would still like to gather an accurate account of who is worshipping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshipping by commenting in the chat box. List your full name (first and last) in your message.

**Chatting and discussing** – Before and after each service, there is time available to chat with others. We invite you to do so, as this is a way we can preserve the sense of community we have on a normal Sunday morning. We do ask that you keep chatting to a minimum during the service, so that others can focus on what's happening.

**Giving** – Please continue to give your attention to the gifts God asks you to give to support his work. During the time of the offering, an encouragement will be given to give electronically. You can do so by clicking the menu icon (3 horizontal bars) in the upper left corner, next to where it says Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Then click the word "Giving" to go to our Vanco page. You can also give by scanning the QR code in the bulletin with your phone's camera, or by mailing a check to us at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time!



God bless our time together in worship today!

## Worship focus

On Christ the King Sunday, we rejoice in our King who sits on the throne, but our sermon text today portrays the scene of a what seems a pitiful, beaten man standing before Pilate. The scene would seem like bad satire if not for its sad reality. Petty little men in a tiny little fortress bully the One who created light from darkness and divided land from sea.

He deserved the finest crown, but look what Man gave! He deserved the noblest scepter, but look what Man handed him! He deserved the sincerest devotion, but look what man offered! He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. The King of heaven came to earth, and look at what Man gave him! He could have swept them all away; he could have condemned us like he had the fallen angels. Man deserved nothing more—but look at what He gave! He gave his holiness for our sin and his death for our life. This scene is joyful because we know how it ends. The picture of our King wearing a crown of thorns is not tragic, but rather it is full of grace. We have a King in Christ who left his heavenly throne and reigned from the wood of the cross. Rejoice in Christ the King who came as our sacrifice!

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## *Service of Worship and Praise*

3RD AND 4TH GRADE CHOIR—Let us Go to the House of the Lord

*(Video Recording)*

INVOCATION FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

**C: I saw heaven standing open, and, there before me, was a white horse whose Rider is called "Faithful" and "True."**

M: With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself.

**C: He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is "The Word of God."**

M: The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

**C: He will rule them with an iron scepter. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

M: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!

**C: Amen.**



OPENING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden | CWS728 3 Vs.

Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—

The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed:

I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,

What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare:

To sing the hymn unending With all the martyr throng,

Amidst the halls of Zion Resounding full with song.

Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!

Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect,

Where they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight

Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.

Jesus in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest

Where sings the host of heaven Your glorious name to bless.

The Christ is ever with them; The daylight is serene.

The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.

There is the throne of David; And there from care released,

The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast.

To God enthroned in glory The Church's voices blend,

The Lamb forever blessed, The Light that knows no end.

## **WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME**

*(Read/ Sung Responsively)*

**M:** We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

**C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.**

*Congregation Sings:*

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.**

**You are the Potter. I am the clay; Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.**

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**M:** We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, "He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord." God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

**C: Amen.**

*Congregation Sings:*

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.**

**I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.**

**You came from heaven to earth to show the way;**

**from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave;**

**From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.**

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## FIRST LESSON

*Daniel 7:9-10*

“As I looked, “thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took his seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair of his head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. <sup>10</sup> A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before him. Thousands upon thousands attended him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. The court was seated, and the books were opened.

## CHOIR

**My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 15:20-28*

But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup> Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup> For he “has put everything under his feet.” Now when it says that “everything” has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. <sup>28</sup> When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all.

## SERMON HYMN

**Jesus Shall Reign | 4 V.s.**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till sun shall rise and set no more  
Blessings abound where'er He reigns The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains  
The weary find eternal rest And all the sons of want are blessed

*Refrain:*

To our King be highest praise Rising through eternal days  
Just and faithful He shall reign: Jesus shall reign!

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song  
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name. *[Refrain]*

Let every creature rise and bring Blessing and honor to our King  
Angels descend with songs again And earth repeat the loud amen! *[Refrain]*

Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup>They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup>and then twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. <sup>30</sup>They spit on him, and took the staff and struck him on the head again and again. <sup>31</sup>After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

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

## THE 2nd Article OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED

*(Read Responsively)*

**M:** 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.

**C:** 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.

**M:** *What does this mean?*

**C:** I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

**M:** He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

**C:** All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

## SONG OF THE SEASON Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near | 4 V.s.

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, Your Savior's gracious promise hear;  
His faithful Word you can believe: That as your days your strength shall be.

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, And if the conflict should be long,  
The Lord will make the tempter flee That as your days your strength shall be.

*Refrain:*

So, sing with joy, afflicted one; The battle's fierce, but the victory's won!  
God shall supply all that you need; Yes, as your days your strength shall be.

Should persecution rage and flame, Still trust in your Redeemer's name.  
In fiery trials you shall see That as your days your strength shall be. *[Refrain]*

When called to bear your weighty cross Or sore affliction, pain, or loss,  
Or deep distress or poverty, Still as your days your strength shall be. *[Refrain]*

## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

### LORD'S PRAYER

*(Sung by Congregation)*

*Sung by Congregation:*

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.

### BLESSING

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: 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.



## ENSEMBLE

**You are my King!**

# Call News and Meeting

At our call meeting on Sunday, November 15, the voters extended two calls for our school.

The first call was extended to Andrew Aguilar to be our principal and 7-8 grade teacher. He currently serves as superintendent of California Lutheran High School. He is married with 5 children, whose ages range from 23 down to 13. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. If you'd like to be in touch with him, his email address is [aaguilar@clhsonline.net](mailto:aaguilar@clhsonline.net).

The second call was extended to our current 3-4 grade teacher, Rachel Severeid. She currently holds a 1-year provisional call from us, and we are seeking to make it permanent. The call also includes teaching departmentalized music and instrumental lessons in the school. Rachel is also holding a call from Emmanuel in Tempe to teach third grade and do music and drama. Please keep her in your prayers as she thinks about where she can best serve. She is open to hearing from you as well. You can contact her via [email](mailto:rachel.severeid@crossofglory.org): [rachel.severeid@crossofglory.org](mailto:rachel.severeid@crossofglory.org) or phone: 920-629-1278.

# Thanksgiving Service



## Thanksgiving Worship Service

November 25, 7:00 p.m.  
at the Jomax Campus

Please see sign-up on the Sign-up-Genius



# Church Decorating and Fellowship

On November 28, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., there will be a church decorating party. After the decorating is completed, pizza will be provided. If you choose to participate, you can bring a white elephant gift to trade.



## Mornings with Mommy

DEC 5 • 9:30AM • LIVE-STREAMED ACTIVITIES  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY,  
BABY JESUS**

RSVP TO GET A CRAFT KIT - AGES 1-6



Enjoy a live-streamed “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party geared to ages 1-6. This event will feature a retelling of the Christmas story featuring live nativity animals, age-appropriate songs and crafts, a “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” finale and suggested activities for families to continue the celebration after the event!

Anyone who RSVPs will be notified when the craft kits are available to be picked up. Craft kits include a nativity ornament craft, a nativity sticker set, a birthday candle for baby Jesus and more!

Please RSVP via Emailed News Letter!

## Advent by Candlelight

Our annual Advent by Candlelight will be held December 6 at 3:00 p.m. with set-up at 2:00 p.m.

Out of respect for everyone's personal preferences for safety and levels of isolation, we are celebrating Advent by Candlelight in a number of ways this year.

For the large-group, in-person option at the Jomax campus, we will have spaced-out seating with 5 at a table (unless family units up to 8 want to sit together). We will serve individually-wrapped treats, and servers will wear gloves and masks. Masks are optional but encouraged for attendees.

To be a virtual table host, you may sign up to host a group of friends or family in your home while you, as a small group, tune in to the service via zoom. Details will be largely left to the hostess to invite, prepare, serve and start the Zoom meeting for the program at your home.

For individuals who would like to watch from home without hosting a small group, a Zoom link will be provided, and we look forward to joining hearts with you!

Please signup online or let Liz or Becky now if you plan to attend.

ADVENT BY  
CANDLELIGHT

12.6.20 | 3PM | A TIME OF QUIET REFLECTION FOR WOMEN



## Voters Meeting Update

At the special November 8 voters' meeting, the proposal to go ahead with the application for an increased mortgage loan not to exceed \$900,000 was approved.



# Communion Update

## Communion Sunday Changes

At their meeting on November 3, the Elders decided to return to having communion being served on only the first and third Sundays of each month. The service format will remain unchanged from the one being used now. That means communion will be served after the regular service. All COVID 19 safety measures now used will remain in place.

**This change will become effective on Sunday, November 22.** Therefore, if you now watch the service on TV and come to church on certain Sundays for communion make a note of this change.

## Live Nativity

We are planning a Live Nativity December 13th from 3-5pm and need volunteers to help. Please review the [Sign-up](#) in the weekly news or contact Liz if there is something you would like to help with. This is a great opportunity for Cross of Glory to interact with the community and school to share the message of the Savior.

**DRIVE THRU LIVE NATIVITY**  
*Dec. 13, 3-5pm*

## Men's Conference in Phoenix



*Men of His Word* is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The first conference for *Men of His Word- Arizona* will be held on **January 30, 2021 in Phoenix**. The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually and be inspired by God's Word and fellowship with your fellow Christian brothers. For more information, visit [MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/](https://www.menofhisword.org/Phoenix/) and click on the Early Bird Registration button. Registering will give you regular updates about the conference, but does not obligate you to attend.

## Meditations

**New meditations** have arrived and are located in the communications center. Please let Liz know if you would like one put in your mailbox.

## ASCTO

We have a custom Cross of Glory link that will make donating your tax dollars a little easier this year! For more information on how to donate or how the tax credit works, get in touch with Becky Foxen at 623-340-8354 or follow our link in the emailed news letter to donate.



# Vistancia Events

## Vistancia Holiday Lights Tour

It's that special time of year again. Time to bundle up in a cozy sweater, brew delicious hot cocoa, and scour the neighborhoods looking for the best-of-the-best home Christmas light displays Vistancia has to offer! This holiday season, start a new family tradition by driving neighborhood to neighborhood to see the lighted spectacle in Vistancia. All submissions will be added to an easy-to-follow neighborhood guide that will be handed out on Friday, Dec. 18.

Our Vistancia Campus is hosting a stop on the Vistancia Holiday Lights tour offering holiday treats to anyone driving around enjoying the festive lights. This event takes place on December 18, from 6-8 p.m.



## Christmas Concert



On Sunday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m., Cross of Glory will be performing its normal Christmas Eve Concert in the Park for the residents in Vistancia.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	November 22nd	November 29th	December 6th	December 13th
Counters	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman	Wempner/Wilson
Cleaners	Ebel/Koutia	Patterson	Piepenbrink/ Pappenfuss	Martins/Ehlers
Communion Set-up	-	-	Susie Cornell	-
Ushers	Steven Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson

# THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

November 24th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
November 25th 7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Facebook Live (Vistancia)
November 25th 7:00 pm	Thanksgiving Service
November 26th	Thanksgiving Day
November 28th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax
November 29th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax
November 29th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
November 29th 9:30 am	Worship Service in the Park (Vistancia)
November 29th 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study The Book of Romans

## LOOKING AHEAD

December 1st 9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
December 1st 6:00 pm	Evangelism Meeting
December 1st 6:30 pm	Grams Growth Group
December 1st 7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
December 2nd 10:00 am	Mom's Growth Group
December 3rd 4:00 pm	Catechism Study Hall
December 3rd 5:00 pm	Catechism
December 5th 7:30 am	Work Day
December 5th 6:00 pm	Worship Service W/Communion
December 6th 9:00 am	Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)
December 6th 9:00 am	Worship Service Online
December 6th 9:30 am	Worship Service in the Park (Vistancia)
December 6th 10:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study

## Growth Groups

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Topic: The Book of Romans

Sundays at 10:30am In Person or Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74701697177?pwd=OFp0WHhjMVZBN3pzVEZEQm9zVWZtUT09>

Meeting ID: 747 0169 7177

Passcode: 7t71C8

### Vistancia Weekly Devotion

Sundays at 7:00 pm via ZOOM

(if interested in joining contact Pastor Ehlers)

### New River Growth Group

The Gospel of Matthew

2nd & 4th Mondays at 6:30 pm

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

Contact Pastor John Ehlers

### Mom's Group (Zoom only)

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Contact Ally Kelley

### Gram's Group

The Story of Joseph

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Location: Sun City West

Contact Tim and Brenda Grams

### Women's Bible Study

'In God's Orchard' Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Location: West Olive Avenue, Peoria

Contact Karen Jurado

# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR 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.*

**Marilyn Bagwell**, sister of Sharon Kull, was recently diagnosed with cancer. May the Holy Spirit continue working in her heart and protect and care for her and perhaps cure her if that is his will.

**Juanita Word**, who is recovering at home after a fall.

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

## MILITARY

**E4 Specialist Alice Henderson**, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

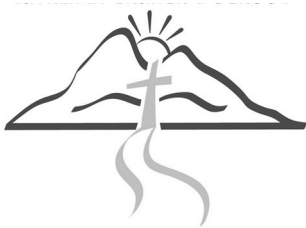
**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**Major JD Larson**, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland 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 & Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.



**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.