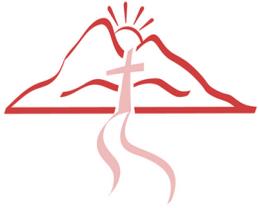


The Greatest Gift

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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.

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!



SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Our worship is an adaptation of the *Lessons and Carols* service traditionally held at King's College, Cambridge, England, on December 24th every year. *Lessons and Carols* was first held on Christmas Eve, 1918. It was planned by Eric Milner-White, who at the age of thirty-four had just been appointed Dean of King's College after experience as an army chaplain.

WORSHIP THEME

We trust that God will bless you in this service of lessons and carols/hymns. Our focus, "**The Greatest Gift**," is found in every lesson and song. The progression of lessons and songs gradually reveals more and more about this greatest gift. Imagine yourself as someone who over centuries is trying to figure out the nature of God's gift. Or, if the readings are not familiar to you, let the meaning of God's gift become clearer and clearer to you as you hear each lesson and sing each song.

Tonight we see God's gift, in the words of the second hymn, "in that poor, lowly stable, with the oxen standing by." By trusting what God's gift means for us, we look forward to seeing that gift in heaven where God's "praise will sound" for all eternity!



CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

A Service of Lessons and Carols

OPENING ANTHEM

My Soul in Stillness Waits
Ensemble

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.

O Lord of Light, our only hope of glory, Your radiance shines in all who look to you.

Come light the hearts of all in dark and shadow.

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.

O Spring of Joy, rain down upon our spirits. Our thirsty hearts are yearning for your Word.

Come, make us whole, be comfort to our hearts.

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.

(Interlude)

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.

O Root of Life, implant your seed within us, And in your advent draw us all to you,

Our hope reborn in dying and in rising.

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.

O key of Knowledge, guide us in our pilgrimage, We ever seek, yet unfulfilled remain.

Open to us the pathway of your peace.

For you, O Lord, my soul in stillness waits. Truly my hope is in you.

Stand

EXHORTATION AND PRAYER

M: Beloved in Christ: In this Christmas season it is our duty and delight to hear again the message of the angels and, in heart and mind, to go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us, the Christ-child, lying in a manger.

Let us read and learn in Holy Scripture the story of the loving purposes of God from the first days after our fall, and into the birth and glorious redemption brought to us by this Holy Child. Let us hear how peace was lost, and how peace is restored.

But first, let us pray, for this is good and right.

Heavenly Father, we pray for ourselves and all people who worship you and your Son this holy night. By your holy Word, lead us to say with the angels,

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We pray for your blessing upon the people of our city, our state, our nation, and our world.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We pray for the poor and helpless, the cold and hungry, the sick and sad, that you would give them the joy of your salvation and the comfort of your presence.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We pray for unbelievers and enemies of the Church, that through your Law and Gospel you would lead them to recognize your Son as their only hope for eternal life.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: Finally, we remember before you all those who rejoice with us in heaven, who live in greater light and beauty than we, that multitude which no one can number, who died in faith, and now praise you in your heavenly temple. We confess that we are united with them and with one another.

C: Glory to God in the highest!

M: We humbly offer up these prayers and praises in the words that Christ himself taught us.

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.

HYMN

Once in Royal David's City | CW50 4 Vs.

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby In a manger for his bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable, And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor and mean and lowly Lived on earth our Savior holy.

But our eyes at last shall see him Through his own redeeming love,
For that child, so dear and gentle, Is our Lord in heav'n above,
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor, lowly stable With the oxen standing by
Shall we see him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high.
Then like stars his children crowned, All in white, his praise will sound.

GOD PROMISES A NEEDED GIFT

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Humanity's separation from God dates to the beginning of time, to the fall into sin by the first humans, Adam and Eve. As tragic as this was, the account ends with God's promise of a stunning gift—that the woman's offspring, Christ, would ultimately defeat Satan and restore us to God.

⁸ Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." ¹¹ And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" ¹² The man said, "The woman you put here with me —she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." ¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, "Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

ANTHEM

Creator of the Stars
Ensemble

Congregation joins for 2nd and 3rd refrains

*Creator of the stars of night, Your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all, We pray you hear us when we call.*

*In sorrow that the ancient curse Should doom to death a universe,
You came, O Savior, to set free your own in glorious liberty.*

Refrain:

Come, O come, into the night, O child of light!

Come, O come! The earth will bow; come save us now! O come!

*When this old world drew on toward night, you came: but not in splendor bright,
Not as a monarch, but the child of Mary, virgin, mother mild.*

*At your great Name, O Jesus, now all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
All things on earth with one accord, like those in heav'n shall call you Lord. [Refrain]*

*Come in your holy might, we pray, Redeem us for eternal day;
Defend us while we dwell below from all assaults of our dread foe.*

*To God Creator, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three-in-One,
Praise, honor, might and glory be from age to age eternally. [Refrain]*

GOD'S GIFT IS DESCRIBED

SECOND LESSON

Isaiah 11:1-9

Striking symbolic language describes the gift more than 700 years before it was given.

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. ²The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the LORD— ³and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; ⁴but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. ⁵Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. ⁶The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them. ⁷The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox. ⁸The infant will play near the cobra's den, and the young child will put its hand into the viper's nest. ⁹They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

ANTHEM

Choral Group
Come, Messiah

*O come, Divine Messiah, the world in silence waits the day
when hope shall sing its triumph, and sorrows flee away.*

*O come, Desire of nations, whom priest and prophet long foretold,
and break the chains that bind us, redeem your long-lost fold.*

*Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of grace,
Come, Messiah! We long to see your face. Come Messiah, come!*

*O come, dear Child of promise, for lowly shall your cradle be,
though clothed in human likeness, we shall the Godhead see!*

*Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of grace,
Come, Messiah! We long to see your face.*

*Come, Messiah! Dispel our night with the dawn of grace,
Come, Messiah! We long to see your face. Come Messiah, come!*

GOD REVEALS WHERE HIS GIFT WILL APPEAR

THIRD LESSON

Micah 5:2-4

God wants there to be no doubt about his gift. Through prophecy he reveals the exact tiny village where Jesus would be born. The wonder of fulfilled prophecy continues to convince people about the validity of God's gift even today.

² “But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are small among the clans of Judah, out of you will come for me one who will be ruler over Israel, whose origins are from of old, from ancient times.” ³ Therefore Israel will be abandoned until the time when she who is in labor bears a son, and the rest of his brothers return to join the Israelites. ⁴ He will stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they will live securely, for then his greatness will reach to the ends of the earth.

HYMN

O Little Town of Bethlehem | CW65 3 Vs.

O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep And dreamless sleep The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting light.
The hopes and fears Of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

For Christ is born of Mary, And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, The angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love.
O morning stars, together Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing To God the King And peace to all the earth.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin And enter in; Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels The great glad tidings tell;
Oh, come to us, Abide with us, Our Lord Immanuel!

GOD'S GIFT COMES THROUGH A MIRACLE

FOURTH LESSON

Luke 1:26-38

*So many of God's ways of intervening in our world are beyond our understanding.
We are blessed to receive God's gift when, like Mary, we humbly accept God's plan and marvel at it.*

²⁶ In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, ²⁷ to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. ³⁰ But the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. ³¹ You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. ³² He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, ³³ and he will reign over Jacob's descendants forever; his kingdom will never end." ³⁴ "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" ³⁵ The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. ³⁶ Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month. ³⁷ For no word from God will ever fail." ³⁸ "I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her.

ANTHEM

Soloist
Magnificat

*My soul will magnify the Lord; I rejoice in God my Savior,
In the wonder of His favor. For He has done great things for me;
He was mindful of His servant. Every age shall call me blessed.
The Hope of Abraham come In the giving of a Son;
For He who promised is mighty In remembering His mercy.*

*My soul will magnify the Lord For His grace to those who fear Him
Through every generation. The proud He scatters to the wind
As the ruler's strength is broken, And the rich are left with nothing.
The humble lifted high, And the hungry satisfied;
Our Portion and our Treasure, Our Hope and Help forever.*

THE GIFT IS "GOD WITH US"

FIFTH LESSON

Matthew 1:18-25

*The first lesson described the human race's separation from God.
God's gift to end this separation is his Son, Immanuel—"God with us."*

¹⁸ This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.¹⁹ Because Joseph her husband was faithful to the law, and yet did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. ²⁰ But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." ²² All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: ²³ "The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel" (which means "God with us"). ²⁴ When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. ²⁵ But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

ANTHEM

Ensemble
He is the Gift

*In every star we see and all the songs we sing
Of shepherds on a hillside, of goodwill and peace.
The lights on every tree and all the gifts we bring
In every part of Christmas we'll see Jesus our King.
For He is the light that shines from the star,
He is the shepherd watching over us all.
And He is the peace that wise men still seek.
Our Savior born that we might live He is the gift.
Hope and joy and strength He offers all our days,
Pure and perfect blessings all wrapped in His grace.
And when the lights come down the moments disappear
But Jesus who gives us everything will still be here.
For He is the light that shines from the star,
He is the shepherd watching over us all.*

*And He is the peace that wise men still seek.
Our Savior born that we might live He is the gift.
Our Savior born that we might live; He is the gift.*

GOD'S GIFT ARRIVES

SIXTH LESSON

Luke 2:1-7

In a fulfillment of the prophecy in tonight's third lesson, God uses the mighty powers of this world to accomplish his will and to deliver his gift to an otherwise doomed world.

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ² (This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³ And everyone went to their own town to register. ⁴ So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵ He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷ and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.

ANTHEM

Ensemble
What Child is This?

*What child is this, who laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary. (Repeat)
So bring him incense, gold and myrrh; Come, peasant, king, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone him
This, this is Christ the King Whom shepherds guard and angels sing.
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary.
Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through, The cross he born, for me, for you:
Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the Son of Mary!
The Babe, the Son of Mary.*

GOD'S GIFT IS CELEBRATED

SEVENTH LESSON

Luke 2:8-14

*The angels can't help but celebrate God's gift. The shepherds eagerly spread the word of this gift as announced by the angels.
We join them, glorifying and praising God for all that we have come to know about God's great gift.*

⁸ And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. ⁹ An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. ¹¹ Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." ¹³ Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, ¹⁴ "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests."

ANTHEM

Choral Group
Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

*Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise, join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"*

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King"

*Christ, by highest heaven adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come, offspring of the virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see; hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell, Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]*

Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia, alleluia!

*Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die,
born to raise the sons of earth, born to give us second birth. [Refrain]*

GOD'S GIFT IS WORSHIPPED

EIGHTH LESSON

Luke 2:15-20

*The shepherds rushed to see the gift as announced by the angels.
As the shepherds, we bow to our knees and worship Jesus, God's great gift.*

¹⁵When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about." ¹⁶So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. ¹⁷When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. ¹⁹But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

ANTHEM

Ensemble
Go Tell it on the Mountain

Go, tell it, go tell it on the mountain; go, tell it; go tell it on the mountain.

Go, tell it; go tell it on the mountain; Jesus Christ is born!

Refrain:

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere.

Go, tell it on the mountain, that Jesus Christ is born!

*While shepherds kept their watching O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light. [Refrain]*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when lo' above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. [Refrain]*

*Down in a lonely manger the humble Christ was born,
And God sent our salvation that blessed Christmas morn. [Refrain]*

Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.

Jesus Christ is born!

OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

CANDLE LIGHTING

*Following the offering prayer, candles will be lit during this time according to directions displayed on monitors—
The minister will light his candle from the Christ Candle and light the candles of the ushers who will then light the candles of those seated on the end of each aisle. Each individual in each row will light the candle of the person next to them.
The unlit candle should be tipped towards the vertical lit candle to avoid dripping wax.*

ANTHEM

Choral Group
Night of the Father's Love
Congregation joins singing Vs. 2-3 of Silent Night

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, He.
Of the things that are, that have been and the future years shall see, evermore and evermore.
Silent night!, holy night! All is calm, all is bright,
Round yon virgin mother and child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.*

**Silent night!, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight.
Glories stream from heaven afar; Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia;
Christ, the Savior is born, Christ, the Savior is born.**
**Silent night!, holy night! Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from thy holy face With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.**
Sleep in heavenly, peace...evermore and evermore.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, who makes us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your only Son, Jesus Christ, grant that as we joyfully receive him as our Redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: May he, who by his incarnation gathered things earthly and heavenly into one, fill us with such joy that comes with the knowledge of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of eternal life. And the blessing of God Almighty—the Father, the Son, † and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

ENSEMBLE

O Holy Night

*O holy night! The stars are brightly shining, It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world, In sin and error pining. Till He appeared, And the soul felt its worth.
A thrill of hope The weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks A new and glorious morn.
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices. O night divine, O night when Christ was born.
O night divine, O night, O night divine!*

Cross of Glory Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2021 are now available. They may be picked up at the Jomax facility from your mailbox in the hallway entrance to the sanctuary of the church. This year, for those who have been consistently using the on-line VANCO system for their giving, a box of envelopes has not been issued since it is assumed that you will continue to use the VANCO system. If at any time, you would like to go back to the use of envelopes for your offering, please let our Financial Secretary know (john.kull@cox.net or 858 395 5666) and a box of envelopes will be placed in your mailbox. Thank you for your continued support of our mission at Cross of Glory!

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Please contact Liz with your size if you desire a Thrivent T-shirt, and she will put one in your box in the communication entryway. Contact her at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

December 25th 10:00 am	Christmas Day Service
December 26th 6:00 pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
December 26th 6:00 pm	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
December 27th 9:00 am	Worship Service (Jomax)
December 27th 9:00 am	Worship Service Online
December 28th 6:30 pm	New River Growth Group
December 31st 6:00 pm	New Years Eve Service
January 1st	New Years Day
January 2nd 6:00 pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 2nd 6:00 pm	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
January 3rd 9:00 am	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 3rd 9:00 am	Worship Service Online

LOOKING AHEAD

January 4th	Classes Resume
January 5th 6:00 pm	Evangelism Meeting
January 5th 7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
January 6th 10:00 am	Mom's Growth Group
January 7th 4:00 pm	Catechism Study Hall
January 7th 5:00 pm	Catechism
January 9th 6:00 pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 9th 6:00 pm	Worship Service Facebook Live
January 10th 9:00 am	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 10th 9:00 am	Worship Service Online
January 10th 10:30 am	Sunday Bible Study
January 10th 7:00 pm	Vistancia Zoom Devotion

Jomax Worship Volunteers	December 24th	December 25th	December 27th	December 31st	January 3rd	January 10th
Counters	-	-	Wempner	-	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Cornell
Cleaners	-	-	Plitzuweit/ Alcoba/ Peterson	-	Ebel/Koutia	Patterson
Communion Set-up	-	-	-	-	Lynn Wempner	-
Ushers	3:30 pm Kelly Simpson Al Alcoba Rich Kugler 6:00 pm John Kull Bill Grams Paul Pappen- fuss	10:00 am Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner	6:00 pm Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	Cody Hall Levi Foxen Tanner Plitzuweit	John Kull Bill Grams Paul Pappen- fuss

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.

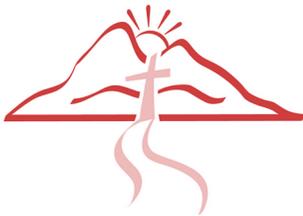
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.