

SPEAK, LORD, YOUR
SERVANT IS LISTENING!



Epiphany 2
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Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
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Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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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!



The immeasurable power of the Word of God: It is in the Word that we hear the call of God that has in it the secret power of God to give what he commands. He commands: Believe! and the Word creates faith. He says, Follow me! and the Word creates the desire and the ability to follow him. That he should consider it glorious to call sinners, is that not an amazing thing? That he should attach such power to his Word that we answer the call, is that not a wonder that lasts an eternity for each of us?

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Service of Word & Sacrament

OPENING HYMN

Speak O Lord | CWS735 3 Vs.

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises. And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak O Lord, as your Church is built and you fill the earth with your glory.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Spoken/ Sung Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: *(Congregation Sings)*

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;

you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us,

you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as firstfruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. ¹⁴ He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁵ So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. ¹⁶ May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, ¹⁷ encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

PSALM 139a

(Spoken Responsively)

M: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me;

C: You perceive my thoughts from afar,

M: You discern my going out and my lying down;

C: You are familiar with all my ways.

M: Where can I go from your Spirit?

C: Where can I flee from your presence?

M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

C: If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

M: If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

C: If I settle on the far side of the sea,

M: Even there your hand will guide me,

C: Your right hand will hold me fast.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia.

(Isaiah 49:3)

(Sung by Congregation)

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

John 1:43-51

The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me."⁴⁴ Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. ⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." ⁴⁶ "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here truly is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit." ⁴⁸ "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." ⁵⁰ Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that." ⁵¹ He then added, "Very truly I tell you, you will see 'heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on' the Son of Man."

Speak, O Savior; I am list'ning, As a servant to his lord.
Let me show respect and honor To your holy, precious Word,
That each day, my whole life through, I may serve and follow you.
Let your Word e'er be my pleasure And my heart's most precious treasure.

Oh, what blessing to be near you And to listen to your voice!
Let me ever love and fear you; Let your Word still be my choice.
Many hardened sinners, Lord, Flee in terror at your Word,
But to all who feel sin's burden You give peace and words of pardon.

Lord, your words are waters living Where I quench my thirsty needs.
Lord, your words are bread life-giving; On your words my spirit feeds.
Lord, your words will be my light Through death's cold and dreary night;
Yes, they are my sword prevailing And my cup of joy unfailing.

As I pray, dear Jesus, hear me; Let your words in me take root.
May your Spirit e'er be near me That I bear abundant fruit.
May I daily sing your praise, From my heart glad anthems raise,
Till my highest praise is given In the endless joy of heaven.

SERMON

Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening!*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. ²One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. ³The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the LORD, where the ark of God was. ⁴Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." ⁵And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. ⁶Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." ⁷Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. ⁸A third time the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. ⁹So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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THE NICENE CREED

(Read in Unison)

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all

that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

SONG OF THE SEASON

Sing We the Song of Emmanuel | 3 *Vs.*

Sing we the song of Emmanuel; This the Christ who was long foretold.

Lo in the shadows of Bethlehem, Promise of dawn now our eyes behold.

God Most High in a manger laid; Lift your voices and now proclaim:

Great and glorious, Love has come to us; Join now with the hosts of heaven.

Come we to welcome; Emmanuel King who came with no crown or throne.

Helpless He lay, the Invincible, Maker of Mary, now Mary's son.

O what wisdom to save us all, Shepherds, sages, before Him fall.

Grace and majesty, what humility; Come on bended knee, adore Him.

Go spread the news of Emmanuel; Joy and peace for the weary heart.

Lift up your heads, for your King has come; Sing for the Light overwhelms the dark.

Glory shining for all to see, Hope alive, let the gospel ring.

God has made a way, He will have the praise; Tell the world His name is Jesus.

THE OFFERING *and* OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by Congregation)

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.



CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am, Lord (CEL589) 3 Vs.

**I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry;
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain:

**Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord. Where you lead me. I will hold all people in my heart.**

**I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, given them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them Whom shall I send? [Refrain]
I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them, my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]**

Call News

The call news continues. This past Sunday, Pastor Foxen received a call to serve as pastor to Abiding Hope Lutheran Church in Ocala, Florida. The congregation there has 140 members. He would be the only pastor.

Please keep Pastor Foxen in your prayers as he weighs where he can best serve God with the gifts he's been given. He's eager to talk with you about the call and receive your advice and counsel. Feel free to contact him anytime: ben.foxen@crossofglory.org or 262-444-2746.

Communion Set-Up

We are looking for volunteers to help on the Communion set-up rotation. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Wempner.

Thrivent T-Shirts

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

Women's Bible Study

The women's Bible study group completed the study of "In God's Orchard: Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life." If you are interested in doing the study on your own or would like to give the book as a gift, you may contact Liz in the church office to purchase one for \$12.

Cross of Glory 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!

New Growth Groups

Pastor Foxen's Growth Group

New series about Jesus: "The Chosen"
Time & Location TBA
Contact Pastor Foxen or the Office

Grams Group (in person)

Financial Peace University (starts January 25)
Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Location: Sun City West
Contact Tim and Brenda Grams

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

January 18th	No School-MLK Jr. Day
January 19th	Early Enrollment
January 19th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
January 20th 10:00 am	Mom's Growth Group
January 21st 4:00 pm	Catechism Study Hall
January 21st 5:00 pm	Catechism
January 23rd 6:00 pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 23rd 6:00 pm	Worship Service Facebook Live
January 24th	Christian Education Sunday
January 24th 9:00 am	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 24th 9:00 am	Worship Service Online
January 24th 10:30 am	Sunday Bible Study
January 24th 7:00 pm	Vistancia Zoom Devotion

LOOKING AHEAD

January 25th 3:45 pm	Basketball Practice B-Teams
January 25th 6:30 pm	New River Growth Group
January 26th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
January 26th 2:30 pm	B-Team Games (A)
January 26th 3:45 pm	Basketball Practice B-Teams
January 27th 10:00 am	Mom's Growth Group
January 28th 2:30 pm	A-Team Game
January 28th 4:00 pm	Catechism Study Hall
January 28th 5:00 pm	Catechism
January 28th 7:00 pm	Board of Ed
January 30th 6:00 pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 30th 6:00 pm	Worship Service Facebook Live
January 31st 9:00 am	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 31st 9:00 am	Worship Service Online
January 31st 10:30 am	Sunday Bible Study
January 31st 7:00 pm	Vistancia Zoom Devotion

Jomax Worship Volunteers	January 24th	January 31st	February 7th
Counters	Wempner/ Sasse	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Voight
Cleaners	Simkauskas/ Pappenfuss	Patterson	Kelley/ Grams
Communion Set-up	-	-	Susie Cornell
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson

ACSTO

If you or someone you know is considering Christian education for the family, a **parent workshop** on how to leverage the tax credit for the tuition is being offered by ACSTO. Please see below for details. We **strongly** encourage all parents to attend this workshop on **Wednesday, January 27, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** The more informed you are, the more prepared you'll be to benefit from the tax credit! For more information on how to donate or how the tax credit works, get in touch with Becky Foxen at 623-340-8354.

Preschool families have the opportunity to get **\$100 off** their tuition bill by making a donation to our school through ACSTO. See below for details, and don't miss out on this chance to save some money!

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- How to **apply**
- Our **award process**
- How to make the program **work for you**

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27TH

6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

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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.

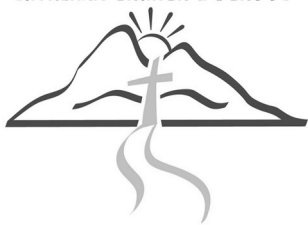
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.