



**Rejoice in our Blessed Fellowship**

**Easter 2**  
*Sunday, April 11, 2021*



**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*

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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!



Fellowship is a word used often in the church. It actually is defined as “friendly association, especially with people who share one's interests.” By nature, we are anything but in fellowship with God.—we are by nature firmly in the grasp of sin and as far from God as possible. By Jesus' redemptive work on the cross and the Holy Spirit's work through the Word on our hearts, we are transformed into a joyful fellowship with God, and thus also with our fellow believers.

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## Service of Word & Sacrament



### OPENING HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King | CW165 6 Vs.

O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,  
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

That night th' apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord most dear  
And said: "Peace be unto you here." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

When Thomas afterwards had heard That Jesus had fulfilled his word,  
He doubted that it was the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Thomas, behold my side," said he, "My hands, my feet, my body see;  
And doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;  
"You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Blessed are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been;  
In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### 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.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## **FIRST LESSON**

***Acts 18:1-11***

After this, Paul left Athens and went to Corinth. <sup>2</sup>There he met a Jew named Aquila, a native of Pontus, who had recently come from Italy with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had ordered all Jews to leave Rome. Paul went to see them, <sup>3</sup>and because he was a tentmaker as they were, he stayed and worked with them. <sup>4</sup>Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks. <sup>5</sup>When Silas and Timothy came from Macedonia, Paul devoted himself exclusively to preaching, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Messiah. <sup>6</sup>But when they opposed Paul and became abusive, he shook out his clothes in protest and said to them, “Your blood be on

your own heads! I am innocent of it. From now on I will go to the Gentiles.” <sup>7</sup> Then Paul left the synagogue and went next door to the house of Titius Justus, a worshiper of God. <sup>8</sup> Crispus, the synagogue leader, and his entire household believed in the Lord; and many of the Corinthians who heard Paul believed and were baptized. <sup>9</sup> One night the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision: “Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent. <sup>10</sup> For I am with you, and no one is going to attack and harm you, because I have many people in this city.” <sup>11</sup> So Paul stayed in Corinth for a year and a half, teaching them the word of God.

## PSALM 16

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Keep me safe, O God,

**C: For in you I take refuge.**

M: I said to the Lord, “You are my Lord:

**C: Apart from you I have no good thing.**

M: I have set the Lord always before me.

**C: Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

M: My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

**C: My body also will rest secure,**

M: Because you will not abandon me to the grave,

**C: Nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

M: You have made known to me the path of life;

**C: You will fill me with joy in your presence.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. *(John 20:29b)*

*(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 20:19-31*

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” <sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” <sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” <sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” <sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

 **SERMON HYMN** **We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight** | CWS756 5 V.s.

**We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear  
From him who spoke as none e’er spoke, But we believe him near.**

**We may not touch his hands and side Nor follow where he trod,  
But in his promise we rejoice And cry, “My Lord and God!”**

**Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound  
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.**

**For you, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:  
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.**

**Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light,  
We may behold you as you are With full and endless sight.**

**SERMON** **Rejoice in our Blessed Fellowship** **1 John 1:1-4**

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. <sup>2</sup> The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. <sup>3</sup> We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup> We write this to make our joy complete.

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

**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** Before the Throne of God Above | 3 Vs.  
*Soloist sings Vs. 1 ; Congregation joins for Vs. 2 & 3*

*Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,  
a great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.*

**When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there! The risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;  
the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;  
my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
with Christ, my Savior and my God.**

**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**

**May the Peace of God | CWS745 2 Vs.**

**May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.**

*Refrain:*

**And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his Communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart. [Refrain]**





**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**  
at New River, Kiwanis Park  
48606 N 17th Ave, New River, AZ

## New River Outreach Opportunity

**Sunday, April 18**

9:30 Am Worship in Kiwanis Club House

Picnic to follow

Hamburgers, hot dogs, games for all ages, playground, softball

Please consider this opportunity to worship in New River and support the outreach efforts of the Evangelism Committee. We are hoping to gauge interest for worship in New River and Desert Hills.

Let us know via the sign-up genius or at 623-224-8839 if you are able to attend so we can plan accordingly for food.



## Shine Like Stars

Cross of Glory Outdoor Talent Show

Friday, April 16, 2021

5:30 Food Trucks

6-8pm Live Show



*Come early to buy supper from a food truck.*



*Bring camp chairs for comfy seating.*



*We still need performers! Scan to sign up before April 12.*

## Corn Hole

On April 18 there is an outreach event in New River at the Kiwanis Club. We are in need of corn hole sets to borrow. We are hoping for three sets for the picnic and games that will follow the service.

## Communion Setup

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

## Church Cleaners

Cross of Glory is in need of a few more church cleaners for the rotation. If you are able to help, please contact Liz to add you to the rotation. If we have enough people, the rotation is once every two months. Contact Liz at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org).

Jomax Worship Volunteers	April 18th	April 25th	May 2nd
Counters	Wempner/ Voigt	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/
Cleaners	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson	Ebel/ Koutia
Communion Setup	Lynn Wempner	-	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	John Kull Bill Grams Paul Pappenfuss	Verl Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April 12th 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
April 12th 6:30 p.m.	Grams Growth Group
April 12th 6:30 p.m.	Church Council
April 14th 11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal– Teacher Inservice
April 15th 10:00 a.m.	Mom's Growth Group
April 15th 4:00 p.m.	Catechism Study Hall
April 15th 5:00 p.m.	Catechism
April 16th 6:00 p.m.	Talent Show
April 17th 9:00 a.m.	LWMS Spring Rally at Cross of Glory
April 17th 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
April 17th 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
April 18th 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
April 18th 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Online)
April 18th 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service Vistancia w/ Communion
April 18th 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
April 18th 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School

## LOOKING AHEAD

April 19th 6:30 p.m.	Grams Growth Group
April 22nd 10:00 a.m.	Mom's Growth Group
April 22nd 4:00 p.m.	Catechism Study Hall
April 22nd 5:00 p.m.	Catechism
April 22nd 6:30 p.m.	BIC Class– Pastor Foxen
April 22nd 7:00 p.m.	Board of Ed
April 24th 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
April 24th 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
April 24th 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion
April 24th 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Online)
April 24th 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service Vistancia w/ Communion
April 24th 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School
April 24th 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

## LWMS Spring Rally at Cross of Glory

The LWMS Grand Canyon West Circuit Spring Rally will be held at Cross of Glory on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with an opening devotion. You may attend in person or online.

The guest speaker for the rally will be Pastor Jonathan Leach, who serves as the chairman of the East Asia Administrative Committee. Administrative committees oversee the various mission fields of our synod. The committee members visit the mission fields to help them in their work of overseeing things. The circuit board is recommending that mission fund donations and the freewill offering be sent to the Asia Lutheran Seminary. If you plan to attend in person, the rally will be done by 12:30. No lunch will be served, but you may bring a sack lunch if you desire. To register and for more information, see link in weekly news, or pick up a form at church in person.

## Finance Manager Position

We are receiving applications for a finance manager. The deadline for applications has been extended. If you're interested in the position, you can get a full description from the office. Applications can be picked up at the office.

This position requires proficiency in MS Office and accounting software such as QuickBooks. The responsibilities include church/school accounting and billing; providing monthly reports for the treasurer, pastors and principal; and ability to learn new programs such as TADS and Realm. This person will be working directly with the treasurer to make sure all financial activity is organized and searchable.

## Vacation Bible School

This year VBS is July 26th-30th. If you are able to help please sign up in link from weekly news or let Liz or Pastor Foxen know. If you are wanting to register your child the link is available on our website.



## Scam Alert

Some of our members have received scam text messages supposedly from Pastor John Ehlers saying it was urgent to call him because he needs a favor, and it gives a link to call. When you follow the link, it will go to a message and then someone will call you back. This is a scam! No one from Cross of Glory will ever text or message you asking for favors or money.

## Private Communion

During this time, many have been watching our worship services online. We're glad we have this capability so that people can worship the way they are most comfortable. Unfortunately, people who watch online do not have the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. If any would like to receive Communion in the home, please contact the office or one of the pastors, and one of them will happily set up a time to visit you so you can partake of this sacrament.

## Sunday School



Sunday School begins  
Today at 10:30!

# 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.*

**Leslie Kirwan**, Daughter of Corinne Julian, as she mourns the loss of her husband.

**Dave Sauer**, Praises for the successful hip surgery after biking fall, prayers for continued healing.

**Anna Burke**, Grandmother of Delia Akao as she battles advanced Liver cirrhosis. Bring comfort and strength to her and her daughter caring for her.

**Karen Juardo**, as she recovers at home after her recent hospitalization.

**Michelle Zane**, who underwent successful knee replacement revision on February 23 and is now at home recovering.

**Judy Sasse**, as she recovers from a broken wrist and stitches on her face from a fall.

**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.

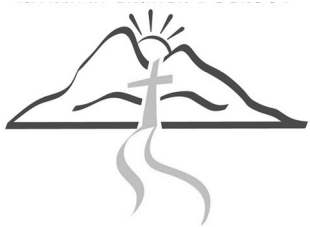
**Major JD Larson**, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

**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.

**The Family of Merl Meitner**, who served Cross of Glory Lutheran School as a one-year emergency teacher (after his retirement from the teaching ministry), unexpectedly died on Friday, March 5. A service of Christian funeral will be held on June 26, 2021, in Chetek, WI, officiated by Pastor Jeff Seelow of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, WI. All memorials are to be directed to West Lutheran High School, 3350 Harbor Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447. All sympathy cards can be mailed to Cinda at 1416 Second St., Chetek, WI 54728. .



**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.