



*Why does the Lord send
out the Holy Spirit?*

Pentecost
Sunday, May 23, 2021



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Jomax Campus

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Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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Lake Pleasant Elementary School
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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!



Fifty days after Christ's resurrection, God sent the promised Counselor on the day we call "Pentecost" (Greek for the word "fifty"). This day marked the birthday of the New Testament Church and celebrates the harvest of souls won by the Son and gathered by his servants empowered by his Spirit. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church and has been commemorated since at least 217 A.D.

The Church dresses in red to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift and the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church. This day culminates the Season of Easter when our risen Lord now empowers his people to be witnesses of the resurrection for the world.

Today, we celebrate God sending the gift of the Holy Spirit, the breath of God whose holy work makes us holy by teaching us his Word and thus bringing Christ to us and us to Christ.

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Service of Scripture and Song

GATHERING RITE FOR PENTECOST

| CW229

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

**This day at your creating word First o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day upon us shine And fill our souls with light divine.**

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

C: The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Congregation Sings:

**This day the Lord for sinners slain In might victorious rose again:
O Jesus, raise your people, too, From death of sin to life in you.**

M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Congregation Sings:

**This day the Holy Spirit came With fiery tongues of cloven flame:
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.**

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

**C: No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.
Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

C: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Congregation Sings:

**This day of light and life and grace We gather in our worship-place:
This holy hour, blest gift of love, Give we again to God above.**

M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Congregation Sings:

**All praise to God the Father be, To Christ, who set his people free,
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore.**

CATECHISM REVIEW The Institution and Blessing of Holy Communion *(Spoken Responsively)*

M: First: What is the sacrament of Holy Communion?

C: It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ for us Christians to eat and to drink.

M: Where is this written?

C: The holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and the Apostle Paul tell us: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: What blessing do we receive through this eating and drinking?

C: That is shown us by these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Through these words we receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation in this sacrament. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 37:1-14

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." ⁴Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'" ⁷So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the

breath; prophesy, son of man, and say to it, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.”¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.¹¹ Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.’¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them.¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.”

PSALM 143

(Spoken Responsively)

M: O Lord, hear my prayers, listen to my cry for mercy;

C: In your faithfulness and righteousness come to my relief.

M: Do not bring your servant into judgment,

C: For no one living is righteous before you.

M: My spirit grows faint within me;

C: My heart within me is dismayed.

M: Answer me quickly, O Lord;

C: Do not hide your face from me.

M: Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,

C: For I have put my trust in you.

M: Teach me to do your will, for you are my God;

C: May your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans?”⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language?⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors

from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” ¹³ Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” ¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵ These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶ No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ¹⁷ “In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. ⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. ¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. ²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. ²¹ And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

 **SERMON HYMN**

Holy Spirit | 3 V.s.

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord To renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see;

Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; May Your joy be seen in all I do—

Love enough to cover ev’ry sin In each thought and deed and attitude,

Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, Giving life to all that God has made,

Show Your power once again on earth; Cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice

That in unity the face of Christ Will be clear for all the world to see.

SERMON

Why does the Lord Send Out the Holy Spirit? *John 15:26-27; 16:4b-11*

“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me. ²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning. I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you, ⁵ but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’ ⁶ Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things. ⁷ But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸ When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹ about sin, because people do not believe in me; ¹⁰ about

righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; ¹¹ and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

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3rd ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SONG OF THE SEASON

All Praise to Him | 3 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs. 1; Congregation joins for Vs. 2 & 3

All praise to Him, the God of light, Who formed the mountains by His might.

All praise to Him Who names the stars That sing His fame in skies afar.

All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the galaxies above,

Yet bends to hear our every prayer With sovereign pow'r and tender care.

**All praise to Him whose love is seen In Christ the Son, the Servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne To pay the ransom for His own.**

**All praise to Him Who humbly came To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
Who lived to die, Who died to rise, The all-sufficient sacrifice.**

**All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts The love of God within our hearts,
The Spirit of all truth and peace The fount of joy and holiness**

To Father, Son, and Spirit now Our souls we lift, our wills we bow,

To You, the triune God, we raise With hearts of love our song of praise!

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH and LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

Breath of the Living God | LAP36 3 Vs.

**Breath of the living God on the waters in the beginning moving,
Breath of the living God, you fill all creation with fruitful life.**

Refrain:

**Come now and live within us, and with your gifts enrich us,
Breath of the living God, O most holy Spirit of the Lord!**

**Breath of the living God, you conceived the Son, Jesus to be like us;
Breath of the living God, so you recreated all who live in him. [Refrain]**

**Breath of the living God, you bring us to life in baptismal water;
Breath of the living God, we new creatures live by your living breath. [Refrain]**

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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| May 24, 6:30 p.m. | Grams' Growth Group |
| May 26, 6:00 p.m. | Preschool Closing Program |
| May 27, 6:30 p.m. | Grade school Closing Service |
| May 28, 11:30 a.m. | Early Dismissal– Last Day of School |
| May 30, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service at Jomax |
| May 30, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (online) |
| May 30, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service Vistancia (New River) |
| May 30, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| May 30, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday School |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| June 3, 6:30 p.m. | New River Growth Group |
| June 5, 6:00 p.m. | Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax) |
| June 5, 6:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Facebook Live) |
| June 6, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax) |
| June 6, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Online) |
| June 6, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Vistancia at New River) |
| June 6, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| June 6, 11:30 a.m. | Call Meeting |
| June 12, 6:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| June 12, 6:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Facebook Live) |
| June 13, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| June 13, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Online) |
| June 13, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Vistancia at New River) |
| June 13, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study |

Call Meeting

At our recent voters' meeting, we approved a school budget that provided funding for a release time teacher for our new principal as well as a music teacher. These are both part-time positions that we need to issue calls for. At its most recent meeting, the Church Council set a call meeting for **Sunday, June 6, at 11:30 am**. A couple of names have also been recommended by the Board of Education and Church Council to fill these positions - Kim Pappenfuss for the release teacher, and Becky Foxen for the music teacher. Other names may also be put forward. If you'd like to do so, please submit the name in writing to one of the pastors so it can be sent on to our district president, who creates our call lists.

Meditations & Used Meditations

New *Meditations* are in your box if you ordered them, or you can find a copy in the entry on the bookshelf. Please let us know if you desire to be on the list to receive quarterly *Meditations*. Each subscription costs \$20 per year. This cost is not a line item in our budget, so a designated donation through your regular offering or by bringing a check to the office is appreciated. We still have time to order more. Please let Liz know by e-mailing cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

When you pick up your next quarter's *Meditations*, drop off your used copy from the last quarter. There is a box next to the new *Meditations*. The WELS Prison Ministry appreciates this donation and distributes *Meditations* to prisoners who are always anxious to receive them. Thank you.

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 in the weekly news.

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.

Vistancia News

Our first Month in New River went well. We had visitors that want to continue worship with us. We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis park for the time being as we won't have a place to worship in Vistancia until August. If you are interested in joining us, the address is 48606 N 17th Ave, New River, Az. When using navigation, Google maps is the best choice, Apple may get you lost. Our service time is 9:30 a.m.

Please let Pastor Ehlers or Liz know when you are able to volunteer in the areas of setting up worship, greeting/ushering, piano playing, Midi/PowerPoint/sound system, and refreshments.

Communion will be at 9:00 a.m. on Communion Sundays in New River.

Good Shepherd Bible Camp(GSBC) Registration

Good Shepherd Bible Camp is returning this summer! Join us in celebrating our 50th Anniversary this July 11 -17!

Register TODAY on our website <https://goodshepherdbiblecamp.com>

GSBC is open to all students entering the 4th grade through the 10th grade next Fall. Staff are welcome from the 11th grade and up.

Counters

We need a few more volunteers for counting offerings after church on Sundays. If you are interested in helping count please contact John Wempner at jandlwempner@gmail.com.

Fellowship and Refreshments

We are thrilled that we will resume refreshments and fellowship following the service on Sunday, May 30. If you are interested in getting on the schedule to provide refreshments and clean up afterward, please contact Clara Naber at cnaber42@gmail.com.

Communion Setup and Altar Guild Leader

We need volunteers to help on the Communion set-up rotation and an Altar Guild leader to spearhead the changing of paraments. 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.

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.

| Jomax Worship Volunteers | May 30th | June 6th | June 13th |
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| Counters | Wempner/ Brooks | Wempner/ Schirripa | Wempner/ Brooks |
| Cleaners | Plitzuweit/ Peterson | Coates/ Simkauskas | Patterson/ Pappenfuss |
| Communion Setup | - | Lynn Wempner | - |
| Ushers | John Kull Kim Moline | Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelley Simpson | Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger |
| Sunday Refreshments | Clara Naber | Rachel Plitzuweit | Paula Considine |

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.

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.

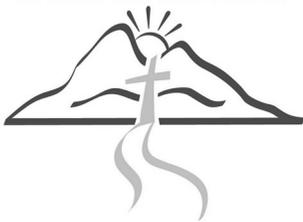
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.

Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 1930am (Vistancia)
Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)