



Jesus Brings a New Teaching

Mark 2:18-22

Pentecost 2
Sunday, June 6, 2021



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Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383

Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

Vistancia Campus
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
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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!



In our reading from Mark 2 today, Jesus begins to explain a new paradigm for God’s people—a new teaching. Things were changing. Jesus has come to fulfill the Old Testament law. With his death all the prophecies would be fulfilled. The old Testament ceremony will therefore be replaced by the New Testament message. When Jesus died on the cross for the sins of mankind, the curtain in the temple was torn in two; access to God was wide open. No more need for sacrifices and rituals that pointed forward. Christ had fulfilled all that was promised.

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 **OPENING HYMN**

Gather Us In | CHS778 3 Vs.

Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this place our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.
We are the young our lives are a myst'ry We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in the rich and the haughty, Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.
Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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.

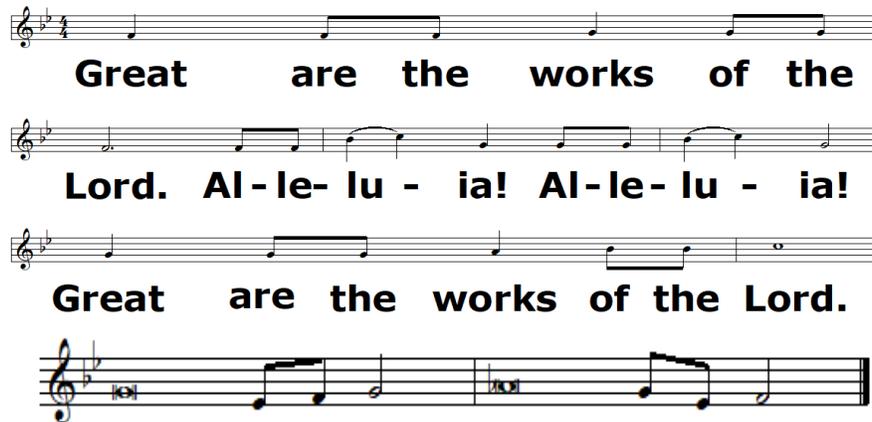
O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Hosea 2:14-16,19,20

“Therefore I am now going to allure her; I will lead her into the wilderness and speak tenderly to her. ¹⁵ There I will give her back her vineyards, and will make the Valley of Achor a door of hope. There she will respond as in the days of her youth, as in the day she came up out of Egypt. ¹⁶ “In that day,” declares the LORD, “you will call me ‘my husband’; you will no longer call me ‘my master.’ ¹⁹ I will betroth you to me forever; I will betroth you in righteousness and justice, in love and compassion. ²⁰ I will betroth you in faithfulness, and you will acknowledge the LORD.

*Refrain*

M: My heart is stirred by a no-ble theme,

C: as I recite my verses for the King.

M: You are the most excel-lent of men.

C: and your lips have been anoint-ed with grace.

M: Gird your sword upon your side, O Might-y One;

C: Clothe yourself with splendor and ma-jesty.

M: In your majesty ride forth vic-tor-ious-ly;

C: Let your right hand display awe-some deeds.

Refrain

M: Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ev-er;

C: A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your king-dom.

M: You love righteousness and hate wick-ed-ness;

C: Therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

M: I will perpetuate your memory through all gen-e-ra-tions;

C: therefore the nations will praise you for ever and ev-er;

ALL:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spir-it,

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be forever A-men.

Refrain

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 19:6-9

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. ⁷Let us rejoice and

be glad and give him glory! For the wedding of the Lamb has come, and his bride has made herself ready. ⁸ Fine linen, bright and clean, was given her to wear.” (Fine linen stands for the righteous acts of God’s holy people.) ⁹ Then the angel said to me, “Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!” And he added, “These are the true words of God.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path. Alleluia. *(Psalm 119:105)*

(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!



SERMON HYMN

The Law Commands and Makes Us Know | CW286 4 Vs.

The law commands and makes us know What duties to our God we owe,
But 'tis the gospel must reveal Where lies our strength to do his will.

The law uncovers guilt and sin And shows how vile our hearts have been;
The gospel only can express Forgiving love and cleansing grace.

What curses does the law pronounce Against the one who fails but once!
But in the gospel Christ appears, Pard'ning the guilt of num'rous years.

My soul, no more attempt to draw Your life and comfort from the law.

Flee to the hope the gospel gives; The one who trusts the promise lives.

SERMON

Jesus Brings a New Teaching

Mark 2:18-22

Now John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting. Some people came and asked Jesus, “How is it that John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees are fasting, but yours are not?” ¹⁹ Jesus answered, “How can the guests of the bridegroom fast while he is with them? They cannot, so long as they have him with them. ²⁰ But the time will come when the bridegroom will be taken from them, and on that day they will fast. ²¹ “No one sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment. Otherwise, the new piece will pull away from the old, making the tear worse. ²² And no one pours new wine into old wineskins. Otherwise, the wine will burst the skins, and both the wine and the wineskins will be ruined. No, they pour new wine into new wineskins.”

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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

All Praise to Him | 3 V/s.

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

(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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Sung by Congregation)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by Minister)

M: 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Sung by Congregation)

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace.

Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT

(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance.. Thank you for honoring our practice.*



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared | CW312

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

(Sung by Congregation)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CLOSING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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**

Every Promise of your Word | 3 V's.

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, And on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Vistancia Events

Below are three outreach events geared to getting to know people in the new Mystic neighborhood in Vistancia. Pastor Ehlers is looking for two people to help out at each event. Please let Pastor Ehlers or Liz know if you are able to help.

Donut Day - Friday, June 4, 8:00- 10:30

Bomb Pop Day - Thursday, June 24, 12:00-5:00

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.

Vistancia Worship Volunteers	June 13th	June 20th	June 27th
Setup	Taylor/ Freeman	Freeman	-
Usher/ Greeter	Ed Taylor	-	-
Piano Player	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	Ed Taylor	Ed Taylor	-
Refreshments	Maxine Freeman	Ed Taylor	-

Construction Zone

On Monday, June 7th construction will begin in the west parking lot to connect Cross of Glory (Jomax) to city water. It may be preferable to park in the east parking lot while construction is going on.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 17, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
June 19, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
June 19, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
June 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
June 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Online)
June 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)

Vacation Days

June 18th	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
June 11th– July 2nd	Pastor Foxen
July 2nd	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
July 2nd– July 23rd	Pastor Ehlers
July 16th– July 21st	Principal Aguilar

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.

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.

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	June 13th	June 20th	June 27th
Counters	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Brooks
Cleaners	Patterson/ Pappenfuss	Ebel/ Koutia	Kelley/ Grams
Communion Setup	-	Shannon Gullerud	-
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Liz Simkauskas/ Ally Kelley	Rene Koutia

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.

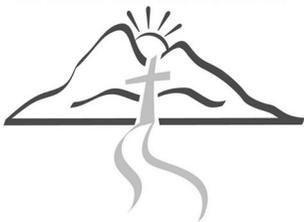
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.