

Jesus brings
calm to
the
storm



Pentecost 6
Sunday, July 4, 2021



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Jomax Campus
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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 dark clouds form and one of life's storms hit you head-on. But, you believe in God's promise, you have heard in his Words of his love and grace; you trust in him to take care of you. But in your distress, doubt takes over—will God really take care of me? Did he really mean what he promised?

How kind of Jesus to put up with us when you and I have these thoughts! How gracious of him to wait with his help until we have learned that the only ultimate help is from him, a lesson we would never learn without suffering, without the brink of disaster or despair from time to time. Hold fast to the promise that Jesus will not leave us or forsake, not even in death!

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 **OPENING HYMN**

When Trials Come | 5 V.s.

When trials come no longer fear For in the pain our God draws near
To fire a faith worth more than gold And there His faithfulness is told
And there His faithfulness is told.

Within the night I know Your peace The breath of God brings strength to me
And new each morning mercies flow As treasures of the darkness grow
As treasures of the darkness grow.

I turn to Wisdom not my own For every battle You have known
My confidence will rest in You Your love endures Your ways are good
Your love endures Your ways are good.

When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross
So in its shadow I shall run Till you complete the work begun
Till you complete the work begun.

One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope You called me to
And in your kingdom paved with gold I'll praise your faithfulness of old
I'll praise your faithfulness of old.

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 have prepared joys beyond understanding for those who love you. Pour into
our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire; 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

Job 38:1-11

“Who is this that obscures my plans with words without knowledge? ³ Brace yourself like a man; I
will question you, and you shall answer me. ⁴ “Where were you when I laid the earth’s foundation?
Tell me, if you understand. ⁵ Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you know! Who stretched a

measuring line across it? ⁶ On what were its footings set, or who laid its cornerstone— ⁷ while the morning stars sang together and all the angels shouted for joy? ⁸ “Who shut up the sea behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, ⁹ when I made the clouds its garment and wrapped it in thick darkness, ¹⁰ when I fixed limits for it and set its doors and bars in place, ¹¹ when I said, “This far you may come and no farther; here is where your proud waves halt?”

PSALM 124

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If the LORD had not been on our side when people attacked us,

C: They would have swallowed us alive

M: When their anger flared against us;

C: The flood would have engulfed us,

M: The torrent would have swept over us,

C: The raging waters would have swept us away.

M: Praise be to the LORD,

C: Who has not let us be torn by their teeth.

M: We have escaped like a bird from the fowler’s snare;

C: The snare has been broken, and we have escaped.

M: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

C: The Maker of heaven and earth.

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Acts 27:13-26

When a gentle south wind began to blow, they saw their opportunity; so they weighed anchor and sailed along the shore of Crete. ¹⁴ Before very long, a wind of hurricane force, called the North-easter, swept down from the island. ¹⁵ The ship was caught by the storm and could not head into the wind; so we gave way to it and were driven along. ¹⁶ As we passed to the lee of a small island called Cauda, we were hardly able to make the lifeboat secure, ¹⁷ so the men hoisted it aboard. Then they passed ropes under the ship itself to hold it together. Because they were afraid they would run aground on the sandbars of Syrtis, they lowered the sea anchor and let the ship be driven along. ¹⁸ We took such a violent battering from the storm that the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard. ¹⁹ On the third day, they threw the ship’s tackle overboard with their own hands. ²⁰ When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and the storm continued raging, we finally gave up all hope of being saved. ²¹ After they had gone a long time without food, Paul stood up before them and said: “Men, you should have taken my advice not to sail from Crete; then you would have spared yourselves this damage and loss. ²² But now I urge you to keep up your courage, because not one of you will be lost; only the ship will be destroyed. ²³ Last night an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I serve stood beside me ²⁴ and said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul. You must stand trial before Caesar; and God has graciously given you the lives of all

who sail with you.’²⁵ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will happen just as he told me. ²⁶ Nevertheless, we must run aground on some island.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. Alleluia. *(Mark 8:34b)*

(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

Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me | *CW433 3 Vs.*

Jesus, Savior, pilot me Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll, Hiding rock and treach'rous shoal.
Chart and compass come from thee: Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

As a mother stills her child, Thou canst hush the ocean wild.
Boist'rous waves obey thy will When thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sov'reign of the sea, Jesus, Savior, pilot me.

When at last I near the shore And the fearful breakers roar
'Twixt me and the peaceful rest, Then, while leaning on thy breast,
May I hear thee say to me, "Fear not! I will pilot thee."

SERMON

Jesus Brings Calm to the Storm

Mark 4:35-41

³⁵ That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.”³⁶ Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. ³⁷ A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. ³⁸ Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?” ³⁹ He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm. ⁴⁰ He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?” ⁴¹ They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”

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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

O Breath of God | 4 Vs.

Soloist will sing Vs. 1 and Congregation will join for Vs. 2-4

*O breath of God, come fill this place; Revive our hearts to know Your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise That we may know the Risen Christ.*

**O Word of God, so clear and true, Renew our minds to trust in You;
And give to us the bread of life That we may know the Risen Christ.**

**O love of God, so unrestrained, Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.
Let us reflect Your sacrifice That we may know the Risen Christ.**

**May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit make us one.
In holiness let us unite That we may know the Risen Christ.**

THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Redeemer of the World, you once came on a rescue mission to deliver the human race from bondage to sin, death, and the devil.

C: In you alone can true freedom be found.

M: Your blood bought our freedom. Our souls are no longer slaves to sin, and death is not our master. But you have not promised us an earthly life free from danger or oppression.

C: You have promised to give us the strength to overcome Satan and his allies. You have assured us that the Crown of Life is waiting for all who put their trust in you.

M: And, Lord, you have added to this blessing. You have allowed us to live in a country that gives us the freedom to serve and worship you without hindrance. Our laws grant us personal freedoms that so many of the people of this world do not have.

C: We thank you for these undeserved gifts, and we ask that you preserve these freedoms for our children, and their children's children.

M: Do not let our indifference or negligence forfeit these gifts. Do not let us forget that these freedoms come not as the result of our wisdom or strength, but only from your gracious hand.

C: Jesus, you once said that those whom the Son makes free are free indeed. Keep us in this freedom no matter what may be taking place in our life, or the world around us.

M: We thank you, Lord for our country. Hold it always in the palm of your hand.

C: We thank you Lord for freedom. Amen.

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**

Abide with Me | CW588

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.

Change and decay in all around I see;

O thou who changest not, abide with me!

Come not in terrors, as the King of kings,

But kind and good, with healing in thy wings,

Tears for all woes, a heart for ev'ry plea;
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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**

God Bless our Native Land | CW619 2 Vs.

God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand
Through storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,
Ruler of wind and wave, Do thou our country save By thy great might.
For her our prayers shall rise To God above the skies;
On him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,
Guarding with watchful eye, To thee aloud we cry, God save the state!

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Vistancia Events

Below 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.

Super Soaker with City of Peoria– Thursday, July 15, 11:00-1:00 (Mountian Vista Club Pool)
 National Hot Dog Day– Thursday, July 15, 4;00-6:00 (Vistancia Event in Mystic)

New River Growth Group

Chosen
 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River
 Contact Pastor John Ehlers

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	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th
Setup	Taylor/ Freeman	Freeman	Taylor
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	Freeman	-	-

Construction Zone

On Monday, June 7, construction began in the west parking lot to connect Cross of Glory (Jomax) to city water. The workers hit caliche sooner than they expected. They have brought in some jackhammers to break it apart. Expect it to be noisy here during the week. **Please park in the east parking lot while construction is going on.**

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

July 11, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
July 11, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
July 11, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
July 11, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax Online)
July 12, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

July 15, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
July 18, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
July 18, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
July 18, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
July 18, 2:00 p.m.	Worship service (Jomax Online)
July 19, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)

Vacation Days

June 21st	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
June 11th– July 2nd	Pastor Foxen
July 5th– July 9th	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
July 2nd– July 23rd	Pastor Ehlers
July 16th– July 21st	Principal Aguilar

Jomax Worship Volunteers	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th
Counters	Wempner/ Plitzuweit	Wempner/ Cornell	Wempner/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	-	Liz Simkauskas	-
Ushers	John Kull Kim Moline	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger
Sunday Refreshments	Jon Naber	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras	Paula Considine

Special Voters' Meeting

At the voters meeting last Sunday, the voters selected Platinum Builders (Matthew Randall) as the contractor for the upcoming building project and approved the terms of the Church Extension Fund (CEF) loan, which were approved by the CEF committee last week.

Call Meeting Results

The congregation met on June 6 to issue two part-time, one-year calls. Kim Pappenfuss was called to teach departmentalized language arts and art in grades 5-8. She will be providing a good amount of the release time for our new principal. The second call was issued to Becky Foxen to teach music in grades 1-8. These calls were issued in agreement with the budget that the voters passed at their meeting last April.

Please keep these two women in your prayers as they consider the calls they have received!

Important Worship News For Jomax

First, regarding communion, the elders have decided to continue for now with a dismissal prior to celebrating the sacrament. This is being done on a trial basis, and the elders will re-evaluate in their July meeting.

Second, it has been decided that we will be moving our Saturday night service to Monday night. This change will take hold the weekend of June 20 so that there is time to communicate the change a number of times. **This means the last Saturday evening service will take place this Saturday, June 12th, at 6:00 pm. There will not be a Saturday service on June 19th. The first Monday service will take place on June 21st at 7:00 pm.**

The main reason for this change is to make a worship service available to those who are gone for the weekend. As with all changes, we will monitor how things go with this and re-evaluate if need be.

Vacation Bible School

This year vacation Bible school is July 26-30. We've got over 170 registered! We have taken down the public registration link. If you would still like to register, please contact our office, and we'll see if we can find a spot for you.

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.



National Hot Dog Day

JULY 15TH, 2021 • 4 PM TO 6 PM
AT THE MYSTIC CLUBHOUSE PATIO & GRILL



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.