



**Pentecost 9**  
***Sunday, July 25, 2021***



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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**Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor**

**Rev. Benjamin Foxen, Pastor**



**Jomax Campus**  
10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship**

**Vistancia Campus**  
Lake Pleasant Elementary School  
31501 N. Westland Road  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sun. 9:30am Worship**

**Welcome to our Worship Center!** God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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 worshiping 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 worshiping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshiping 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 the forefront of those sharing the Savior by sharing his Word are those that he has specifically called into that office. What should we expect of them? We should expect that they are ready for some to receive and some to reject that word. Notice that he sends them to share only what they have received; he does not give them permission to fudge the message when many or most reject it. For Jesus does not come through false doctrine to create or strengthen faith. It is in faithfulness to the message and reliance on his promise that repentance is worked which both confesses sin and rejoices in absolution. He will keep his promise when and how it pleases him without the "help" of our opinions, our compromises of the truth, our eagerness to be popular and always successful.

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## Service of Celebration and Reverence

### OPENING HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead | CW564 2 Vs.

*Refrain:*

There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole;  
There is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin-sick soul.  
Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain,  
But then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. *[Refrain]*  
If you cannot preach like Peter, If you cannot pray like Paul,  
You can tell the love of Jesus And say he died for all. *[Refrain]*

### WE APPROACH GOD

*(Spoken Responsively; Sung songs of response—"Triune God" and "Melodic Gloria)*

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

**C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.**

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.

**C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.**

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

**C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."**

*(Sung by Congregation)*

**Triune God your love has found me; you have brought me to this place.**

**And you promised you will lead me, safely home by your good grace.**

**Jesus sought me, a lost wanderer, cut off from the fold of God;**

**He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with his precious blood.**

**To your grace now I'm a debtor; daily I'm in need of you!**

**Let your mercy like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to you.**

**Prone to wander, such a sheep I am; prone to leave your shepherd's love.**

**So I pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life above!"**

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing

for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven.  
Amen.

*(Sung by Congregation)*

**Glory to the God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.  
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

#### **CATECHISM REVIEW Table of Duties – Pastors and Teachers**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

- M: A pastor must be above reproach, the husband of but one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to much wine, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money.
- C: He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect. He must not be a recent convert. He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it. (1 Timothy 3:2,3,4,6; Titus 1:9.)**
- M: Anyone who receives instruction in the Word must share all good things with his instructor. (See Galatians 6:6.) In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel. (1 Corinthians 9:14.)
- C: The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, [ ...] "The worker deserves his wages." (1 Timothy 5:17,18.)**
- M: Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account.
- C: Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. (Hebrews 13:17.)**

#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

*Amos 7:10-15*

Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: “Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. <sup>11</sup> For this is what Amos is saying: “‘Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land.’” <sup>12</sup> Then Amaziah said to Amos, “Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. <sup>13</sup> Don’t prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king’s sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom.” <sup>14</sup> Amos answered Amaziah, “I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. <sup>15</sup> But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, ‘Go, prophesy to my people Israel.’”

## PSALM 78

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: O my people hear my teaching;

**C: Listen to the words of my mouth.**

M: I will utter things from of old—

**C: What we have heard and what our fathers have told us.**

M: We will not hide them from their children;

**C: We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD.**

M: The LORD decreed statutes for Jacob

**C: And established the law in Israel,**

M: So the next generation would know them,

**C: And they in turn would tell their children.**

M: Then they would put their trust in God

**C: And would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## SECOND LESSON

*Titus 1:5-9*

The reason I left you in Crete was that you might put in order what was left unfinished and appoint elders in every town, as I directed you. <sup>6</sup> An elder must be blameless, faithful to his wife, a man whose children believe and are not open to the charge of being wild and disobedient. <sup>7</sup> Since an overseer manages God’s household, he must be blameless—not overbearing, not quick-tempered, not given to drunkenness, not violent, not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>8</sup> Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good, who is self-controlled, upright, holy and disciplined. <sup>9</sup> He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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

M: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. *(Isaiah 55:11b)*

*(Sung by the Congregation)*

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,  
and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## SERMON HYMN

**I Hear the Savior Calling | CW560 4 Vs.**

**I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.  
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see  
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,  
But, dying Christ did save me, and now he calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me.  
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.  
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, My Lord's decree  
That all have been forgiven My Savior calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me;  
To serve the best I'm able, What'e'er the call may be.  
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key  
We spread the gospel tidings -My Savior calls for me!**

**I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.  
From door to door I witness; To share my Savior's plea  
Yet nothing can be added No word on bended knee;  
Beyond the simple gospel My Savior calls for me!**

## SERMON

### **Jesus Wants the Gospel Preached**

***Mark 6:7-13***

Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits. <sup>8</sup>These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. <sup>9</sup>Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. <sup>10</sup>Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. <sup>11</sup>And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them." <sup>12</sup>They went out and preached that people should repent. <sup>13</sup>They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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## APOSTLES' CREED

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**C:** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

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.

## SONG OF THE SEASON

O Breath of God | 4 V.s.

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

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## 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.

## 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

**I Love to Tell the Story | CW562 2 Vs**

**I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;  
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.**

***Refrain:***

**I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory  
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.**

**I love to tell the story, For those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.  
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. *[Refrain]***

## Work Day!!!

We invite you to join with church members, students, and church family members to spruce up our campus prior to the start of school. We will have both inside and outside tasks to accomplish - assembling new desks, washing windows, changing filters, pulling weeds, safety check playground equipment, washing down desks, and more. Water and light refreshments will be provided to fuel your work. Thank you, in advance, for giving of your time and energy for the good of our students!

## Golden Agers

You are invited to join the Golden Agers for breakfast at:

Lou's Tivoli Gardens  
12555 W Bell Rd  
Surprise, AZ 85375

We will meet at 9:30 a.m. on August 5, the first Thursday of the month. Please RSVP to Judy Sasse by text or email two days in advance to get a count. Call 602-618-6967 or email [sasseja43@aol.com](mailto:sasseja43@aol.com).

Looking forward to seeing everyone again for our monthly fellowship get-together.

## 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 26-30th	Vacation Bible School
August 1, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
August 1, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
August 1, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
August 1, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
August 2, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)

### LOOKING AHEAD

August 3, 6:00 p.m.	Evangelism Meeting
August 3, 7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
August 5, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
August 8, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 8, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
August 8, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
August 8, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
August 9, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

Jomax Worship Volunteers	August 1st	August 8th	August 15th
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Wempner/ Brooks</b>	<b>Wempner/ Moline</b>	<b>Wempner/ Plitzuweit</b>
<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Foxens</b>	<b>Coates/ Simkauskas</b>	<b>Martins/ Ehlers</b>
<b>Communion Setup</b>	<b>Shannon Gullerud</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Sharon Kull</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud</b>	<b>Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson</b>	<b>Cody Hall Levi Foxen Tanner Plitzuweit</b>
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	<b>Rene Koutia</b>	<b>Ally Kelley Liz Simkauskas</b>	<b>Sharon Wilson Shannon Gullerud</b>

## 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.

### 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 Worship Volunteers	August 1st	August 8th	August 15th
Setup	Taylor/McGrath	Taylor	Freeman
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	
Piano Player/Music	-	-	
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	
Refreshments	-	-	

## Voters' Meeting

The next voters' meeting will be **today at 11:30 a.m.** Please join us as we discuss and make decisions for our congregation! One of the items on the agenda is a proposal from the council to begin another capital fund drive. The goal is to encourage members to consider giving to the fund drive to decrease the amount of money the church will need to borrow for the building project. This was announced as part of the plan when the loan amount was increased after prices went up.

## Vacation Bible School

This year vacation Bible school is July 26-30. We've got over 190 registered! What a blessing to be able to reach so many children with God's Word.

AUG 6

6:30PM

Cross of glory  
invites you



FREE

Live music

Enter the homemade  
ice cream contest

10111 W Jomax Rd

# 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.