

# Look to Jesus as your provider



**Pentecost 11**  
**Sunday, August 8, 2021**



## Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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**Jomax Campus**  
10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383

**Sun. 9am Worship & Mon. 7pm Worship**

**Vistancia Meeting in New River**  
**Kiwanis Clubhouse**  
48606 N.17th Ave.

New River, AZ 85087  
**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! 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.

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!



## Worship focus

How long can you go without food? Most of us have been blessed to never have had to go a day without food. Food is the fuel that keeps our bodies going—that allows us to function. As food is the fuel for our bodies, so God's Word is the fuel for our souls. Just as we need to ingest food daily for optimal health, we need a regular diet of God's Word for a healthy soul. We thank Jesus, the provider of the life-giving nutrition for both body and soul.

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## *Divine Service II*

### OPENING HYMN

Guide me, O Thou Great Jehovah | *CW331 3 Vs.*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy pow'rful hand.  
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliv'rer, Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

### INVOCATION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

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

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*(Sung to the tune of "Jesus Will Reign Where'er the Sun" | CW582 4 Vs)*

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.**

**Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.**

**O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.**

**You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## SALUTATION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

*Exodus 16:1-15*

The whole Israelite community set out from Elim and came to the Desert of Sin, which is between Elim and Sinai, on the fifteenth day of the second month after they had come out of Egypt. <sup>2</sup>In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat around pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death." <sup>4</sup>Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days." <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you will know that it was the LORD who brought you out of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you will see the glory of the LORD, because he

has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we, that you should grumble against us?" <sup>8</sup> Moses also said, "You will know that it was the LORD when he gives you meat to eat in the evening and all the bread you want in the morning, because he has heard your grumbling against him. Who are we? You are not grumbling against us, but against the LORD." <sup>9</sup> Then Moses told Aaron, "Say to the entire Israelite community, 'Come before the LORD, for he has heard your grumbling.'" <sup>10</sup> While Aaron was speaking to the whole Israelite community, they looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud. <sup>11</sup> The LORD said to Moses, <sup>12</sup> "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them, 'At twilight you will eat meat, and in the morning you will be filled with bread. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God.'" <sup>13</sup> That evening quail came and covered the camp, and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the dew was gone, thin flakes like frost on the ground appeared on the desert floor. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to each other, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread the LORD has given you to eat.

## PSALM 145

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

**C: His greatness no one can fathom.**

M: One generation will commend your works to another;

**C: They will tell of your mighty acts.**

M: The Lord upholds all those who fall

**C: And lifts up all who are bowed down.**

M: The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food at the proper time.

**C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

M: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**C: To all who call on him in truth.**

M: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

**C: He hears their cry and saves them.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

### SECOND LESSON

**2 Corinthians 9:8-11**

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

You're the Word of God the Father From before the world began.  
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet Has been fashioned by Your hand.  
All creation holds together By the power of Your voice.  
Let the skies declare Your glory; Let the land and seas rejoice!  
You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

Yet You left the gaze of angels, Came to seek and save the lost,  
And exchanged the joy of heaven For the anguish of a cross.  
With a prayer You fed the hungry; With a word You calmed the sea;  
Yet how silently You suffered That the guilty may go free!  
You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

With a shout You rose victorious, Wresting vict'ry from the grave,  
And ascended into heaven, Leading captives in Your way.  
Now You stand before the Father, Interceding for Your own;  
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home!  
You're the Author of creation; You're the Lord of ev'ry man;  
And Your cry of love rings out across the lands.

**SERMON****Look to Jesus as Your Provider***Mark 6:30-44*

The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. <sup>31</sup>Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, “Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest.” <sup>32</sup>So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. <sup>33</sup>But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. <sup>34</sup>When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things. <sup>35</sup>By this time it was late in the day, so his disciples came to him. “This is a remote place,” they said, “and it’s already very late. <sup>36</sup>Send the people away so that they can go to the surrounding countryside and villages and buy themselves something to eat.” <sup>37</sup>But he answered, “You give them something to eat.” They said to him, “That would take more than half a year’s wages! Are we to go and spend that much on bread and give it to them to eat?” <sup>38</sup>“How many loaves do you have?” he asked. “Go and see.” When they found out, they said, “Five—and two fish.” <sup>39</sup>Then Jesus directed them to have all the people sit down in groups on the green grass. <sup>40</sup>So they sat down in groups of hundreds and fifties. <sup>41</sup>Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to his disciples to distribute to the people. He also divided the two fish among them all. <sup>42</sup>They all ate

and were satisfied, <sup>43</sup> and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces of bread and fish. <sup>44</sup> The number of the men who had eaten was five thousand.

## THE NICENE CREED

*(Read Responsively)*

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

**C: 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.**

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

**C: 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.**

## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## CLOSING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, that you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen**

## BLESSING

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: 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.**

Feed your children, God most holy; Comfort sinners poor and lowly.  
Jesus, bread of life from heaven, bless the food you here have given.  
As these gifts the body nourish, May our souls in graces flourish  
Till with saints in heav'nly splendor at your feast due thanks we render.

### 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.



## Important Dates

August 29th

Discipleship Sunday

### THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

August 11, 6:30 p.m.	Church Council
August 11th	First Day of School
August 15, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
August 15, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
August 15, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
August 15, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
August 16, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
August 19, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group

### LOOKING AHEAD

August 22, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 22, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
August 22, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
August 22, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
August 22, 4:00 p.m.	Teen Group
August 23, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 25, 3:45 p.m.	Youth Group

Jomax Worship Volunteers	August 15th	August 22nd	September 5th
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Wempner/ Plitzuweit</b>	<b>Wempner/ Cornell</b>	<b>Wempner/ Schirripa</b>
<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Martins/ Ehlers</b>	<b>Kelley/ Grams</b>	<b>Ebel/ Koutia</b>
<b>Communion Setup</b>	<b>Sharon Kull</b>	-	<b>Lynn Wempner/ Nancy Schirripa</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Cody Hall Levi Foxen Tanner Plitzuweit</b>	<b>John Kull Kim Moline</b>	<b>Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger</b>
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	<b>Sharon Wilson Shannon Gullerud</b>	<b>Naber</b>	<b>Paula Considine</b>

## Call Meeting

Today at 10:45 a.m., the voters will meet briefly to re-issue the call we extended last year to Betsy Collins, our first- and second-grade teacher. When we first extended the call, we did it for one year. We need to renew it for the next year. This is the normal procedure for someone in Betsy's position until she has gained synod certification (a process she is diligently working towards).

Here is a link for those who would like to join the meeting online:

<https://meet.google.com/obn-osdw-omk>  
 Dial-in: (US) +1 508-474-5619  
 PIN: 829 789 184#

This is a Google Meet link. Zoom is no longer free for us, so we are trying this method out as an alternative.

## 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 September. 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 8th	August 15th	August 22nd
Setup	Taylor	Freeman	-
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player/Music	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	McGrath	-	-



## A God-Lived Life Stewardship Challenge

Stewardship is about more than money. *It's our whole lives.* Jesus lived his life and gave his life for us. Our loving response is to imitate that.

For the next year, God's Word will be challenging us, and we'll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life. And that encompasses everything. We will be talking about a life of being a disciple, a life lived for others, a life of hospitality, and a life lived shrewdly.

We will have four special worship services throughout the year. With each service, we will be introduced to a challenge that we then prayerfully commit to carrying out. How will we commit to the challenges? As individual members, we are going to fill out a different challenge card in conjunction with each service. This will help to involve our entire family of faith in the challenges and help us encourage each other in the challenges. May God bless us as we grow in his Word and in our lives of living it!

The first service will be on August 29<sup>th</sup> to coincide with Discipleship Sunday.

## 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 September 14th, the second Tuesday 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.

## Youth, Teen and Young Adult Groups

Pastor Ehlers will be contacting youth, teens and young adults to start fellowship groups. Please check the calendar on the website for youth and teen events already added. Young Adult events are to be announced .

## 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.**

# 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.