



**Pentecost 13**  
***Sunday, August 22, 2021***



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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### **Jomax Campus**

10111 W Jomax Road,

Peoria, AZ 85383

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

### **Vistancia *meeting in***

**New River Kiwanis Clubhouse**

48606 N.17th Ave.

New River, AZ 85087

**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.

God bless our time together in worship today!



Jesus performed many miracles during his time on earth, but eventually the people who were fed the loaves and fish were hungry again, the wine eventually ran out, and the people he healed eventually died. None of these acts were meant to last. The miracles were meant to function as a sign, i.e., something that pointed beyond the thing itself to something higher and more important, namely to the truth that he is the Son of God and the Savior. As such he has power to satisfy the needs of the body; but he always does it to remind us that the greater satisfaction is the food for the soul that gives eternal refreshment. God's work of faith in your heart is the work that endures.

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## Service of Scripture and Song

### GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | CWS737*

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

C: Amen.

*Sung by Congregation:*

**God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free lasting to eternity!**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

*Sung by Congregation:*

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

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.**

*Sung by Congregation:*

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord unites with me!**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*).

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

***Sung by Congregation:***

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.  
There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

**CATECHISM REVIEW Table of Duties – Government**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.

**C: The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.**

M: For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing.

**C: He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. (Romans 13:1,2,4.)**

**FIRST LESSON**

***Exodus 16:15-31***

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. <sup>16</sup>This is what the LORD has commanded: 'Everyone is to gather as much as they need. Take an omer for each person you have in your tent.'" <sup>17</sup>The Israelites did as they were told; some gathered much, some little. <sup>18</sup>And when they measured it by the omer, the one who gathered much did not have too much, and the one who gathered little did not have too little. Everyone had gathered just as much as they needed. <sup>19</sup>Then Moses said to them, "No one is to keep any of it until morning." <sup>20</sup>However, some of them paid no attention to Moses; they kept part of it until morning, but it was full of maggots and began to smell. So Moses was angry with them. <sup>21</sup>Each morning everyone gathered as much as they needed, and when the sun grew hot, it melted away. <sup>22</sup>On the sixth day, they gathered twice as much—two omers for each person—and the leaders of the community came and reported this to Moses. <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "This is what the LORD commanded:

“Tomorrow is to be a day of sabbath rest, a holy sabbath to the LORD. So bake what you want to bake and boil what you want to boil. Save whatever is left and keep it until morning.”<sup>24</sup> So they saved it until morning, as Moses commanded, and it did not stink or get maggots in it.<sup>25</sup> “Eat it today,” Moses said, “because today is a sabbath to the LORD. You will not find any of it on the ground today.<sup>26</sup> Six days you are to gather it, but on the seventh day, the Sabbath, there will not be any.”<sup>27</sup> Nevertheless, some of the people went out on the seventh day to gather it, but they found none.<sup>28</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, “How long will you refuse to keep my commands and my instructions?<sup>29</sup> Bear in mind that the LORD has given you the Sabbath; that is why on the sixth day he gives you bread for two days. Everyone is to stay where they are on the seventh day; no one is to go out.”<sup>30</sup> So the people rested on the seventh day.<sup>31</sup> The people of Israel called the bread manna. It was white like coriander seed and tasted like wafers made with honey.

## PSALM 34

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

**C: Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

M: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

**C: And his ears are attentive to their cry.**

M: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

**C: And he delivers them.**

M: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

**C: He delivers them from all their troubles.**

M: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

**C: And saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

M: The LORD redeems his servants;

**C: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

### SECOND LESSON

*1 Corinthians 10:1-5, 11-13*

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea.<sup>2</sup> They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea.<sup>3</sup> They all ate the same spiritual food<sup>4</sup> and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ.<sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.<sup>11</sup> These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come.<sup>12</sup> So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!<sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are

tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

 **SERMON HYMN**

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate | *WS750 4 Vs.*

**Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;  
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I Am;  
Christ, the Light, you shine unvanquished, Light and life you bring to all;  
Light our path with your own presence, Grant us grace to heed your call.**

**Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body, food for soul:  
Christ, the manna, daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.  
Feed us with the food of heaven, foretaste of the feast to be;  
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.**

**Christ, the way that leads un failing To the Father's home on high;  
Christ, the truth that frees the captive; Christ, the life that cannot die.  
Mediator, to the Father, Sacrifice and Great High Priest;  
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions, There to share your wedding feast**

**Christ, the Alpha and Omega; Christ the firstborn from the dead;  
Christ, the life and resurrection; Christ the Church's glorious head:  
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be  
To the Father and the Spirit And to you eternally.**

**SERMON**

**The Lasting Work of God**

*John 6:24-35*

Once the crowd realized that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus. <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval." <sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they asked him, "What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do?" <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "always give us this bread." <sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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### 3rd ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

*(Spoken Responsively)*

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

*What does this mean?*

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

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

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



### SONG OF THE SEASON

**Christ is All | 4 Vs.**

*Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2 and Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4*

*I've found a treasure that can't be taken; Found a well that won't run dry.*

*O worldly pleasure, be now forsaken; Behold what love, what life is mine.*

*Could endless striving now make me righteous?*

*Could all my works now grant me hope?*

*Oh hallelujah! The blood of Jesus My only plea my only boast.*

**Refrain:**

**Christ is all Christ is all , And my song will ever be.**

**Christ is all, All in all; And my song will ever be Christ is all.**

**And in the trial, when storms are raging;**

**Though tears may fall, my soul will rise.**

**For there's a peace that is mine unchanging;**

**There is a joy that never dies. [Refrain]**

**When life is passing and strength is fading,**

**I'll see the One that I adore.**

**Let this world vanish oh give me Jesus;**

**My great desire my true reward. [Refrain x 2]**

### THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

*(Prayed by Minister)*

*(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)*



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *and* LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING AND RESPONSE

*(Response Sung by Congregation)*

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

*Sung by Congregation:*

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

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



## CLOSING HYMN

**Go, My Children, with My Blessing** (CW332) 4 Vs.  
*Congregation Sings Vs. 1, 2, 4; Ensemble Sings Vs. 3*

**Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.  
In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing You are my own.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure;  
Here you learned how much I love you; what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.**

*Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;  
Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children; fed and nourished, Joyful and free.*

**I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;  
I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.  
Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.**



## Important Dates

August 29th

Discipleship Sunday

### THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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

### LOOKING AHEAD

August 29, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 29, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
August 29, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
August 29, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
August 30, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
September 2, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group

Jomax Worship Volunteers	August 29th	September 5th	September 12th
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Wempner/ Wempner</b>	<b>Wempner/ Schirripa</b>	<b>Wempner/ Brooks</b>
<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Plizuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar</b>	<b>Ebel/ Koutia</b>	<b>Patterson/ Pappenfuss</b>
<b>Communion Setup</b>	-	<b>Lynn Wempner/ Nancy Schirripa</b>	-
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson</b>	<b>Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger</b>	<b>Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud</b>
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	<b>Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras</b>	<b>Paula Considine</b>	<b>Naber</b>

## Workday

There is a workday scheduled for September 11. This workday is primarily for pulling weeds, trimming bushes, and making sure the irrigation system is running properly. The start time is 7:00 a.m.

## 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 29th	September 5th	September 12th
Setup	Taylor	-	Taylor
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player/Music	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	-	-

# a GOD-LIVED life

STEWARDSHIP CHALLENGE



## 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

The project of installing city water to Cross of Glory is just about complete. The parking lot was stripped last weekend and is available for use once again.

# 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.

**Eddie Romero**, uncle of Delia Akao, as he struggles with cancer.

**Father of Chris Hanson**, was Diagnosed with ALS

## 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.

## Offerings

We have now returned to collecting offerings during the service. Offerings can also be made online by visiting [crossofglory.org](http://crossofglory.org) in your browser, clicking on the menu on the upper right corner (3 horizontal lines) and selecting “**Giving**” from the menu. You can also scan the QR code with your phone’s camera. This will take you directly to the offering page. In addition, you may also mail your offerings to Cross of Glory at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



**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.