



*The Well-  
Seasoned  
Disciple*

Mark 9:38-50

Pentecost 18  
*Sunday, September 26, 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 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!



Jesus teaches us the difference between God pleasing ambition and ambition that only looks God pleasing on the outside. But how hard that distinction is to learn and live! Everybody wants to be the boss. But Jesus shows us that the important thing is humble service. The great sin is anything in me that gets in the way of such humble service devoted to his glory alone and in accord with his Word. What a powerful preaching of the law there is in this text! Would it ever occur to us to amputate our limbs if they got in the way of our entrance into heaven or of our service to one another? Would we not finally have to cut out our hearts, the seat of desire, and then amputate the head, the throne of memory? After all, the limbs are but the instruments of the heart and the mind, that is, ultimately of the soul itself. How will we amputate those? All that is left to us is to cry: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. Pardon, cleanse, and restore me, that I may serve not self but you, not for my own gain, but for the benefit of those who bear the cross with me!

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## Service of Celebration and Reverence

### OPENING HYMN

His Mercy is More | 3 V's.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum;  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

#### *Refrain:*

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. [Refrain]

What riches of kindness he lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. [Refrain x2]

### 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 are 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 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 – Husbands and Wives**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Husbands, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

**C: Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them.** *(1 Peter 3:7; Colossians 3:19.)*

M: Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master.

**C: You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear.** *(Ephesians 5:22; 1 Peter 3:6.)*

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

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST READING

*Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29*

<sup>4</sup>The rabble with them began to crave other food, and again the Israelites started wailing and said, “If only we had meat to eat! <sup>5</sup>We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost—also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. <sup>6</sup>But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!”<sup>10</sup> Moses heard the people of every family wailing at the entrance to their tents. The LORD became exceedingly angry, and Moses was troubled. <sup>11</sup>He asked the LORD, “Why have you brought this trouble on your servant? What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me? <sup>12</sup>Did I conceive all these people? Did I give them birth? Why do you tell me to carry them in my arms, as a nurse carries an infant, to the land you promised on oath to their ancestors? <sup>13</sup>Where can I get meat for all these people? They keep wailing to me, ‘Give us meat to eat!’ <sup>14</sup>I cannot carry all these people by myself; the burden is too heavy for me. <sup>15</sup>If this is how you are going to treat me, please go ahead and kill me—if I have found favor in your eyes—and do not let me face my own ruin.” <sup>16</sup>The LORD said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. <sup>24</sup>So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. <sup>25</sup>Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. <sup>26</sup>However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. <sup>27</sup>A young man ran and told Moses, “Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.” <sup>28</sup>Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses’ aide since youth, spoke up and said, “Moses, my lord, stop them!” <sup>29</sup>But Moses replied, “Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD’s people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!”

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## SECOND READING

*James 4:7-12*

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup>Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup>Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup>Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. <sup>11</sup>Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another.. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it. <sup>12</sup>There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia. *(Philippians 2:10,11)*

*(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

**Bring forth the Kingdom of God | CHS821 4 Vs.**

**You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God!**

**Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!**

*Refrain:*

**Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring Forth the Kingdom of peace;  
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!**

**You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!**

**Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! [Refrain]**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!**

**Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God! [Refrain]**

**We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God!**

**Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God! [Refrain]**

## SERMON

### The Well-Seasoned Disciple

*Mark 9:38-50*

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”<sup>39</sup> “Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me,<sup>40</sup> for whoever is not against us is for us.<sup>41</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.<sup>42</sup> “If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea.<sup>43</sup> If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out.<sup>[44]</sup> <sup>45</sup> And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell.<sup>[46]</sup> <sup>47</sup> And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell,<sup>48</sup> where “the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.”<sup>49</sup> Everyone will be salted with fire.<sup>50</sup> “Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

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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

**Before You I Kneel | 3 Vs.**

*Vs. 1 Sung by Soloist*

*Before You I kneel, my Master and Maker, To offer the work of my hands.*

*For this is the day You've given Your servant; I will rejoice and be glad*

*For the strength I have to live and breathe, For each skill Your grace has given me,*

*For the needs and opportunities That will glorify Your great name.*

**Before You I kneel and ask for Your goodness To cover the work of my hands.  
For patience and peace to shape all my labor, Your grace for thorns in my path.  
Flow within me like a living stream, Wear away the stones of pride and greed  
'Til Your ways are dwelling deep in me And a harvest of life is grown.**

**Before You we kneel, our Master and Maker; Establish the work of our hands.  
And order our steps to seek first Your kingdom In every small and great task.  
May we live the gospel of Your grace, Serve Your purpose in our fleeting days,  
Then our lives will bring eternal praise And all glory to Your great name.**

## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

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

*(Spoken by Minister)*



## 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

*Borning Cry (LAP34) 4 Vs.*

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

**I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well;**

**In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell.**

**When you heard the wonder of the Word I was there to cheer you on;**

**You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one,**

**I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun.**

**In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young,**

**I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes,**

**I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise.**

**I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old.**

**I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold.**

## New Hymnal

Cross of Glory is doing a preorder on the new hymnal. If you are interested in purchasing one, please sign up on the SignUpGenius or let Liz know [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org). The cost for each hymnal is \$24. You can pay at the office for your copy. Pastors are encouraging members to have their own copy for home devotional use, as there is a lot of content in the hymnal for personal spiritual growth.



[Appreciation and Kick-off Dinner](#) for the Cross of Glory family

Please sign-up in back of church or use the SignUpGenius!

**Saturday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m.**

The time has come to publicly celebrate as a church family. Our God has brought us this far in our goals to expand our facilities and to establish a firm foothold in our mission outreach. What better way to celebrate than to gather as God’s grateful people for fellowship while enjoying a catered meal? This is why we are calling it an **“Appreciation Dinner.”**

But the time has also come to “FINISH THE RACE.” This is the theme of a new campaign based on Hebrews 12:1 and approved by the church council and voters. The goal is to receive the necessary funding to secure the final loan to complete the building project and to purchase land for the Vistancia mission. We started the “race” in 2017 while celebrating the 500. anniversary of Luther’s 95 Theses. At that time over \$500,000 was committed and donated to support both the building project and Vistancia outreach. The financial goal this time is much less but still greatly needed.

The presentations after the dinner are meant only to update and inform all those present as to the current and future status of the project. This is why we are calling it a **“Kick-off Dinner.”**

Please sign up for the dinner when you receive the “Sign-Up Genius” in your email, or sign up on the sheet provided on the table in the back of the church. The deadline for signing up is **Sunday, September 26.** The catered dinner and presentations are for confirmed members, spouses, and school parents. However, childcare and a meal will be provided for children not attending the dinner and presentations.

The Stewardship Committee

## Trunk or Treat Planning Meeting

On Tuesday, September 28th at 4:00 pm, there will be a planning meeting for Truck or treat. If you are interested in helping with this event, please join us for this meeting.

## Council Positions Available

We are looking for a head trustee and an evangelism chairman. Those interested can talk with one of the pastors or church president.

## Church Directory

I am working on updating the Church Directory. Please view it at the entry of church and make correction or email me at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org) with any corrections or an updated picture.

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

|                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| September 27, 6:00 p.m. | Growth Group with Tim Grams - Chosen Season 1        |
| September 27, 7:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Jomax)                              |
| September 28, 4:00 p.m. | Truck or Treat Planning Meeting                      |
| September 29, 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice                                       |
| September 30, 7:00 p.m. | BIC Class with Pastor Foxen                          |
| October 2, 6:30 p.m.    | Luau Dinner & Show (Vistancia)                       |
| October 3, 9:00 a.m.    | Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)                  |
| October 3, 9:30 a.m.    | Worship Service w/Communion (Vistancia at New River) |
| October 3, 9:30 a.m.    | Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)            |
| October 3, 10:30 a.m.   | Sunday Morning Bible Study                           |
| October 3, 2:00 p.m.    | Worship Service (Online)                             |
| October 3, 6:00 p.m.    | ACSTO Parent Workshop                                |
| October 4, 6:00 p.m.    | Growth Group with Tim Grams - Chosen Season 1        |
| October 4, 7:00 p.m.    | Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)                  |

## LOOKING AHEAD

|                        |   |
|------------------------|---|
| October 6, 9:00 a.m.   | Mornings with Mommy                       |
| October 6, 3:45 p.m.   | Youth Group 5th-8th Grade                 |
| October 6, 7:00 p.m.   | Choir Practice                            |
| October 7, 6:30 p.m.   | New River Growth Group                    |
| October 7, 7:00 p.m.   | BIC with Pastor Foxen                     |
| October 7, 7:00 p.m.   | Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler |
| October 10, 9:00 a.m.  | Worship Service (Jomax)                   |
| October 10, 9:30 a.m.  | Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)  |
| October 10, 9:30 a.m.  | Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia) |
| October 10, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study                |
| October 10, 2:00 p.m.  | Worship Service (Online)                  |
| October 11, 6:00 p.m.  | Growth Group with Tim Grams               |
| October 11, 7:00 p.m.  | Worship Service (Jomax)                   |

| Jomax<br>Worship Volunteers | October<br>3rd                  | October<br>10th                                    | October<br>17th  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Counters</b>             | <b>Wempner/<br/>Cornell</b>     | <b>Wempner/<br/>Schirripa</b>                      | <b>Wempner/<br/>Brooks</b>   |
| <b>Cleaners</b>             | <b>Martins/<br/>Ehlers</b>      | <b>Kelley/<br/>Grams</b>                           | <b>Plitzuweit/<br/>Peterson/<br/>Aguilar</b>                           |
| <b>Communion Setup</b>      | <b>Liz Simkauskas</b>           | -  | <b>Shannon Gullerud</b>  |
| <b>Ushers</b>               | <b>John Kull<br/>Kim Moline</b> | <b>Jon Naber<br/>Rich Kugler<br/>Kelly Simpson</b> | <b>Bill Brooks<br/>Brian Ehinger<br/>Jake Ehinger<br/>Trey Ehinger</b> |
| <b>Sunday Refreshments</b>  | <b>Rachel Plitzuweit</b>        | <b>Rene Koutia</b>                                 | <b>Paula Considine</b>   |

## Golden Agers

Hi Everyone,

We've found another restaurant that will accommodate Thursday for us. I've scheduled for the second Thursday in October the 14th. The restaurant is in Peoria the name and address are following. Let's try it out for October and see if it will work for everyone. I've scheduled the banquet room for the second Thursday of each month. I'm canceling the Tivoli for October until we decide which restaurant we want. We only had 5 people at our breakfast today and they were all in agreement with this. You can check out the website for Brothers and see the menu and get directions.

[Brothers Family Restaurant](http://brothersfamilyrestaurant.com) *brothersfamilyrestaurant.com*  
[8466 W Peoria Ave Ste 1, Peoria, AZ 85345](http://8466WPeoriaAveSte1PeoriaAZ85345)

Thanks for your understanding.

## Women's Service Group

The Women's Service Group will be resuming and having there first meeting September 25th at 9:00 a.m.

## LWMS FALL RALLY

The Grand Canyon West Circuit Fall Rally is October 2 at Arizona Lutheran Academy. If you are interested in attending please visit <http://www.grandcanyonlwms.org/> to register.

## 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 November. 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<br>Volunteers              | October<br>3rd | October<br>10th | October<br>17th |
|--|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Setup  | -              | -               | -               |
| Usher/ Greeter                               | -              | -               | -               |
| Piano Player/Music                           | -              | -               | -               |
| Midi/Powerpoint/<br>Sound System<br>Operator | -              | -               | -               |
| Refreshments                                 | -              | -               | -               |

# 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.

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

**Nancy**, aunt of Keri Patterson who is struggling with pancreatic cancer.

## 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.