



Pentecost 20



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Blessed to be a member of



Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383

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!



Have you heard the advertisement, “We’ll treat you like family!”? The point of this often-used ad statement is to convince you that you’ll get that special care you’d expect only from a loving family member..





OPENING HYMN

Take My Life, and Let It Be | CW469 6 Vs.

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SOLO

The Only Name

Yours will be The only name that matters to me
The only one whose favor I seek The only name that matters to me

Yours will be The friendship and affection I need
To feel my father smiling on me The only name that matters to me

Pre-chorus And yours is the name, the name that has saved me
Mercy and grace, the power that forgave me
And your love is all I've ever needed

Yours will be The only name that matters to me
The only one whose favor I seek The only name that matters to me

Pre-chorus

Chorus: When I wake up in the Land of Glory
And with the saints I will tell my story
There will be one name that I proclaim *Repeat*

Celebration: Yeah La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la
La la la la la la la la la la la la

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, just that name Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, just that name

Chorus & repeat

Celebration: [repeat total of 3 times]

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 51:10–12 (NIV)

10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. 11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. 12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.



HYMN

I Love to Tell the Story | CW562

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 'tis true.
It satisfies my longings as nothing else could 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. 'Tis pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard
the message of salvation from God's own holy word. [*Refrain*]

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*]

MESSAGE

Disarming Your Thoughts

Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³ For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

THE APOSTLES CREED

(Read in Unison)

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.

THE OFFERING *and* OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Prayed by Minister)

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by Congregation)

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

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 SONG

Overcomer

Staring at a stop sign Watching people drive by
T. Mac on the radio Got so much on your mind
Nothing's really going right Looking for a ray of hope

Whatever it is you may be going through
I know He's not gonna let it get the best of you

Chorus: You're an overcomer Stay in the fight until the final round
You're not going under 'Cause God is holding you right now
You might be down for a moment Feeling like it's hopeless
That's when He reminds You That you're an overcomer You're an overcomer

Everybody's been down Hit the bottom, hit the ground
Oh, you're not alone Just take a breath, don't forget
Hang on to His promises He wants You to know [***Chorus***]

The same Man, the Great I am The one who overcame death
Is living inside of You So just hold tight, fix your eyes
On the one who holds your life There's nothing he can't do
He's telling you [***Chorus***]

Feeling like it's hopeless That's when He reminds You
That you're an overcomer You're an overcomer You're an overcomer
You're an overcomer

So don't quit, don't give in You're an overcomer Don't quit, don't give in
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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.

New Hymnal

Cross of Glory is doing a preorder on the new hymnal. If you are interested in purchasing one, please sign up by emailing Liz at 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.

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 with any corrections or an updated picture.

Men's Conference in Phoenix

Men of His Word is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The first conference for *Men of His Word-Arizona* will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022, in Phoenix, AZ**. The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually, be inspired by God's Word, and fellowship with Christian brothers from the Southwest. For more information, visit MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/ and click on the Early Bird Registration button. Registering will give you regular updates about the conference, but does not obligate you to attend.

COG T-shirts

We have a few more 2021-2022 school T-shirts available in the office. If you would like a school shirt, please email Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org. The T-shirts are \$8 each.

Pastors' Conference

The pastors will be out of town for a pastors' conference October 18-20.

Trunk or Treat Sign-Up

Put your creative skills to work and come join the fun at our annual "trunk or treat" event. This year the event will be held both at the Jomax campus and in New River on October 30. It is really easy to do. Come up with your theme, and decorate your trunk. Do you have a hobby or favorite sports team? Make that your trunk! We request no violent, scary, ghostly, witch, or horror themes. (Holy Spirit would be allowed.) If no ideas come to mind, just Google "trunk theme for trunk or treat." If you come up with a theme that requires electrical hookup, please indicate in the sign-up.

Vistancia News

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 Volunteers	October 17th	October 24th	October 31st
Setup	Freeman	-	-
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player/Music	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	-	-

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

October 13, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
October 13, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 14-15	No School Preschool
October 14, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
October 14, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
October 14, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 15,	No School K-8
October 17, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
October 17, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
October 17, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
October 17, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
October 17, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 18, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 18, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 19, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
October 20, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
October 20, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 21, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
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October 24, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 25, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 25, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

Golden Agers

Hi Everyone,

We've found another restaurant that will accommodate our group on Thursdays. I've scheduled our next get-together for the second Thursday (October 14). The restaurant is in Peoria, and the name and address are below. 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 in September, and they were all in agreement with this. You can check out the web-site for Brothers, see the menu, and get directions.

Brothers Family Restaurant

brothersfamilyrestaurant.com

[8466 W Peoria Ave Ste 1, Peoria, AZ 85345](https://www.brothersfamilyrestaurant.com/8466-W-Peoria-Ave-Ste-1-Peoria-AZ-85345)

Thanks for your understanding.

Judy Sasse

Youth and Teen Group Upcoming Gatherings

Teen Group: We Will be meeting on October 10 at the Jomax campus from 4:00-7:00 to do an Escape Room, have fellowship time, and help with a service project filling trunk-or-treat bags for the various events. Dinner will also be provided.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	October 17th	October 24th	October 31st
Counters	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Moline	Wempner/ Voigt
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	Shannon Gullerud	-	-
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Tanner Plitzuweit
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Clara Naber	Ally & Liz
A/V	Stacy Cornell/ Aaron Gullerud	Pedro Contreras/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson	Titus Patterson/ Rene Koutia

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.

Jerry Stern, the Brother of Grant Stern, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoing treatment

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.

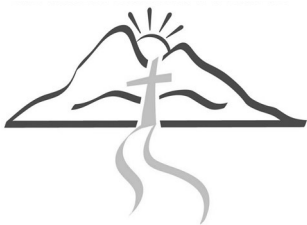
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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 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.

Message Notes

Part 2: Disarming Your Thoughts

Colossians 3:1-4

→ the enemy is within

#1 Your life will follow the direction of your strongest thoughts.

→ you can't flee from this enemy - 2 Corinthians 10:4-5

→ ...on things above - Colossians 3:1-2

#2 God completing his agenda takes the pressure off of yours.

→ your life is now hidden with Christ - Colossians 3:2-4

#3 Train your thoughts to follow the direction of your Life.

→ "before I leave the room"

Every day for one week:

1. Be thankful.

2. Be repentant. (Psalm 51:1-6)

3. Be restored. (Psalm 51:7-12)

Group Questions

Part 2: Disarming Your Thoughts

Colossians 3:1-4

1. Your life will follow the direction of your strongest thoughts. How have you seen that true of yourself in the past?
2. What are some events that might trigger a person to wrestle with their thoughts? Have you experienced anything recently?
3. **Read 1 Corinthians 10:4-5.** Note the vocabulary Paul uses to talk about the warfare going on in our minds. Which word picture stands out most to you?
4. A person's personal agenda simply refers to way their hidden motives are shown through their behavior. If we were to ask your five closest friends what your agenda is, what would they say?
5. **Read Colossians 3:1-2.** Give some examples of "earthly things" that you tend to set your heart and mind on.
6. **Read Colossians 3:1-4.** This brief section makes references to Christ's death, burial, resurrection, ascension, and second coming. What do all those things have to do with aligning your thoughts?
7. There are three steps to disarming & retraining your thoughts: be thankful, be repentant, and be restored. As a group, briefly summarize the importance of each one.
8. When is a good time of day for you to meditate? What obstacles might get in the way this week?