

JESUS SAVES US FROM TWO EXTREMES

overestimating ourselves & underestimating God



Pentecost 20
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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

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!

Worship focus



You hear someone say, “Don’t worry, I’ve got this.” In his voice you hear a sense of self-confidence that he can accomplish whatever needs to be done. That might be true of some earthly tasks, but not so with the task of getting to heaven. Entering heaven requires complete perfection—zero failures.

Many might think they’ve led a good life and done all that is required. But, just like the rich young man that stood confidently in front of Jesus asking what he needed to do to be saved, none of us can make it past the first commandment. Just like this man, we all have loved something or someone more than God. Failure—”you don’t have this”.

When you hear this do you feel a sense of despair as did the rich young man? Don’t. It is not about putting faith in what you can do, but what God can do— or actually, what God has done. Not only did Jesus lead a life of complete perfection in your place—he paid the price for every sin of every human that has and will ever be, including you. God, the Holy Spirit even gifted you with the faith to believe this truth. So, don’t worry—God has this. Treasure this amazing gift.

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Service of Worship and Praise

OPENING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation | CW416 4 Vs.

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!

What more can he say than to you he has said
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed,
For I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow,
For I will be with you your troubles to bless
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

"Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love,
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne."

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(Read/Sung Responsively)

M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter. I am the clay; Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

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M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, “He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord.” God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave;

From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-27

So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. ¹⁵Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, “Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. So please accept a gift from your servant.” ¹⁶The prophet answered, “As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing.” And even though Naaman urged him, he refused. ¹⁷“If you will not,” said Naaman, “please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. ¹⁸But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I have to bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this.” ¹⁹“Go in peace,” Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, ²⁰Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, “My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him.” ²¹So Gehazi hurried after Naaman. When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. “Is everything all right?” he asked. ²²“Everything is all right,” Gehazi answered. “My master sent me to say, ‘Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me

from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.”
²³ “By all means, take two talents,” said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. ²⁴ When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. ²⁵ When he went in and stood before his master, Elisha asked him, “Where have you been, Gehazi?” “Your servant didn’t go anywhere,” Gehazi answered. ²⁶ But Elisha said to him, “Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money or to accept clothes—or olive groves and vineyards, or flocks and herds, or male and female slaves? ²⁷ Naaman’s leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever.” Then Gehazi went from Elisha’s presence and his skin was leprous—it had become as white as snow.

CHOIR

Do Not Be Afraid

THE CHILDREN’S SERMON

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12,13

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

SERMON HYMN

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus | CW355 3 V.s.

Take the world, but give me Jesus! All its joys are but a name.

But his love abides forever, Through eternal years the same.

Refrain:

Oh, the height and depth of mercy; Oh, the length and breadth of love!

Oh, the fullness of redemption, Pledge of endless life above!

Take the world, but give me Jesus, Sweetest comfort of my soul.

With the Savior watching o’er me, I can sing, though thunders roll. [Refrain]

Take the world, but give me Jesus! In his cross my trust shall be

Till with clearer, brighter vision Face to face my Lord I see. [Refrain]

SERMON

Jesus Saves Us from Two Extremes

Mark 10:17-27

Overestimating ourselves ... Underestimating God

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. “Good teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ¹⁸ “Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone. ¹⁹ You know the commandments: ‘You shall not

murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.”²⁰ “Teacher,” he declared, “all these I have kept since I was a boy.”²¹ Jesus looked at him and loved him. “One thing you lack,” he said. “Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”²² At this the man’s face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth.²³ Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!”²⁴ The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!²⁵ It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”²⁶ The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, “Who then can be saved?”²⁷ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God.”

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THE 2nd Article OF THE APOSTLE’S CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: 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.

C: 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.

M: *What does this mean?*

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.



SONG OF THE SEASON

Let the Nations be Glad | 3 Vs.

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

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy; may redemption be the theme of our song.

For by grace we have been saved and by grace we shall proclaim

To the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

Refrain:

Let the nations be glad, let the people rejoice;

For salvation belongs to our God. Let the whole earth be filled

**With the praises of the Lord; For salvation belongs to our God.
Let the nations be glad!**

*Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we, holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. [Refrain]*

**As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim; now we pray
“Your Kingdom come”, and we pray “Your will be done”,
For the honor and the glory of Your name. [Refrain]**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung by Congregation)

Sung by Congregation:

**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: 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.

ENSEMBLE

Still, My Soul Be Still

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.

Men's Conference in Phoenix

Men of His Word is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding year-long 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.

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
October 21, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
October 21, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
October 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
October 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
October 24, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
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)

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 with any corrections or an updated picture.

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.



EVERY OTHER
WEDNESDAY

ABOUT US

CLASS THEMES:

Open for ages 4 & younger

Mornings with Mommy isn't preschool, and it isn't childcare, it's something different. Mornings with Mommy is a fun and easy way for you to enjoy activities with your children and meet other Moms.

- October 6th, 9:00 a.m.- All About Me!
- October 20th, 9:00 a.m.- Fall Fun- Pumpkins & Leaves
- November 3rd, 9:00 a.m. -
- November 17th, 9:00 a.m.-
- December 1st, 9:00 a.m.-
- December 15th, 9:00 a.m.-

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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 website 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.

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.

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.

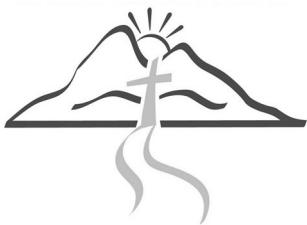
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.