

**Pentecost 21**  
***Sunday, October 17, 2021***



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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**Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor**

**Rev. Benjamin Foxen, Pastor**

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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 ever noticed how two people can react to the exact same event in two very different ways? Winning the war within has everything to do with how you choose frame your thoughts.



 OPENING SONG

TRUST IN YOU

Letting go of every single dream      I lay each one down at Your feet  
Every moment of my wandering      Never changes what You see  
I've tried to win this war, I confess      My hands are weary, I need Your rest  
Mighty warrior, King of the fight      No matter what I face, You're by my side

**Chorus:** When You don't move the mountains      I'm needing You to move  
When You don't part the waters      I wish I could walk through  
When You don't give the answers      As I cry out to You  
I will trust, I will trust      I will trust in You

Truth is, You know what tomorrow brings      There's not a day ahead You have not seen  
So in all things be my life and breath I want what You want, Lord, and nothing less  
**[Chorus]**

**Bridge:** You are my strength and comfort      You are my steady hand  
You are my firm foundation      The rock on which I stand  
Your ways are always higher      Your plans are always good  
There's not a place where I'll go      You've not already stood      **[Chorus]**  
I will trust in You      I will trust in You

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.**

## THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

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

### SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8:28 (NIV)

28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

### HYMN

Onward Christian Soldiers | CW 537 4 V

1. Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.  
Christ, the royal master, Leads against the foe;  
Forward into battle See his banners go! *[Refrain]*

*Refrain:* Onward, Christian soldiers, Marching as to war,  
With the cross of Jesus Going on before.

2. Like a mighty army Moves the Church of God;  
Brothers, we are treading Where the saints have trod.  
We are not divided, All one body we,  
One in hope and doctrine, One in charity. *[Refrain]*

3. Crowns and thrones may perish, Kingdoms rise and wane,  
But the Church of Jesus Constant will remain.  
Gates of hell can never 'Gainst that Church prevail;  
We have Christ's own promise, And that cannot fail. *[Refrain]*

4. Onward, then, ye faithful; Join the happy throng,  
Blend with ours your voices In the triumph song:  
Glory, laud, and honor Unto Christ the King;  
This through countless ages Saints and angels sing. *[Refrain]*

### MESSAGE

### Reframe It

*Philippians 4:8*

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.

One voice in the dark, A song that lights up the stars  
One breath that gives life One sovereign in power  
Who speaks with thunder and fire One Lord One King  
There is no other that can compare to You...

**Chorus:** You are The one alone in greatness The one who never changes  
Jesus, You are! The One who rose in power  
The One who reigns forever Jesus, the one true God!

One man on a cross And One Light of the world  
One Name One word One way to be saved  
And one Lamb that was Slain One love, above all  
There is no other, that can compare to You! [*Chorus*]

**Bridge:** And we have seen the Glory of The One and only Son of God  
Yes we have seen the Glory of The One and only Son of God  
And we have seen the Glory of The One and only Son of God  
Yes we have seen the Glory of The One and only Son of God And You are! [*Chorus*]

## 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 HYMN

Go My Children with my Blessing | CW 332 4V

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.  
I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

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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.

## Cross of Glory VTO Review

On Saturday, November 6, from 8:30-11:30 in the morning, Cross of Glory leaders will be reviewing our long range planning document, the VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer). Anyone else who is interested in providing input into this promise is encouraged to attend as well. All are welcome to take part in this important planning process!

## New Hymnals are Here!

The new hymnals have arrived. If you ordered one in advance, you may pick it up at the office. The hymnals are labeled with the purchaser's name. The cost for each hymnal is \$24. Please place the payment in the provided envelope and cross off your name on the envelope.

Extra hymnals were ordered. If you are interested in receiving one, you may also pick one up from the office at this time. Please sign up [here](#) to let Liz know, and she will place your name on a hymnal in the office. Pastors are encouraging members to have their 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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org). The T-shirts are \$8 each.

## Pastors' Conference & Monday Service Canceled

The pastors will be out of town for a pastors' conference October 18-20. Monday night service will be canceled on the 18th.

## Reformation Services

**Cross of Glory** will be having a joint Jomax/Vistancia/New River Reformation service at the Jomax campus on October 31 at 9:00 a.m. There will be a "Finish the Race" presentation at 10:00, a voters' meeting at 10:30, and lunch to follow.

**The westside joint Reformation** service will be held at Grace, Glendale, on October 31 at 4:00 p.m. The celebration will focus on the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Diet of Worms and Luther's infamous "Here I stand!"

## 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.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	October 24th	October 31st	November 7th
Counters	Wempner/ Moline	Wempner/ Voigt	Wempner/ Cornell
Cleaners	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson/ Pappenfuss	Foxens
Communion Setup	-	-	Sharon Kull
Ushers	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Tanner Plitzuweit	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Clara Naber	Ally & Liz	Wilson & Gullerud
A/V	Pedro Contreras/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson	Titus Patterson/ Rene Koutia	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)

## LOOKING AHEAD

October 27, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
October 27, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 28, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
October 28, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 29, 6:00 p.m.	Hallowstream (Vistancia)
October 30, 3:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (Jomax)
October 30, 5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (New River)
October 31, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Joint Service Jomax)
October 31, 10:00 a.m.	Finish the Race Presentation
October 31, 10:30 a.m.	Voters Meeting
October 31, 11:30 a.m.	Reformation Meal
October 31, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 31, 4:00 p.m.	West Side Joint Reformation (Grace Glendale)
November 1, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 1, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

## Vistancia News

We give thanks to God that we will be able to worship again at Lake Pleasant Elementary School. Our intent is to worship there this Sunday, October 17, at 9:30, but we have not received the official signature of the Peoria school district supervisor. We will let everyone know by 3:00 on Friday if we are able to worship at the school or if we will need to worship in New River one more week. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Reminder: We are worshipping jointly at the Jomax campus on October 31 for the Reformation service.

Communion will be at 9:00 a.m. on Communion Sundays in Vistancia.

## Worship at New River

We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. We will be asking the mission board to discuss making New River a mission start-up. 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.

### 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 24th	October 31st	November 7th
Setup	Taylors	Taylors	Taylors
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player/Music	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System 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.*

**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.

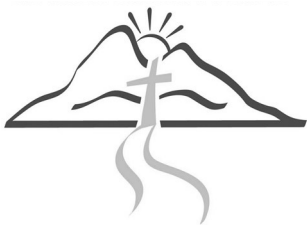
**Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**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](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.

## Message Notes

### Part 3: Reframe It

Philippians 4:8

**#1 You can't control what happens to you, but you can decide how to respond to it.**

The truth:

Life is difficult. (John 16:33)

Sin is the cause. (Romans 5:12)

God works for good. (Romans 8:28)

**#2 There are always blessings to be found.**

- Philippians 4:8

**#3 Be intentional with how you frame your day.**

**#4 You'll find what you're looking for.**

## Group Questions

### Part 3: Reframe It

Philippians 4:8

1. React to this statement. **Perspective is reality.**  
*Discuss the implications of how you answer that question.*
2. Do you have any default filters or "frames" that affect the way you see life? Explain.
3. Name someone you know that generally speaking, is positive and joyful. What do you observe? Do they have difficulties or challenges in life?
4. **Read Romans 8:28.** What does this verse mean? What does it not mean? How does this verse help direct your thoughts about your life or your day?
5. **Read Philippians 4:8.** Practically speaking, what does this look like in your life?
6. **Read Philippians 1:12-14.** Paul is in prison as he writes these words. What was the result of that "bad" thing?
7. Describe a situation you're facing that you'd like to "reframe." What can you thank God for about your situation? How can you grow from it? How will you look for God's goodness in it?
8. This week, be mindful how you frame each day. Intentionally look for the blessings. Even better, write them down.