

*Practice  
Sacrificial  
Giving*



Mark 12:38-44

*Last Judgement  
Sunday, November 7, 2021*



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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**Jomax Campus**

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

**Vistancia Campus**

Lake Pleasant Elementary School  
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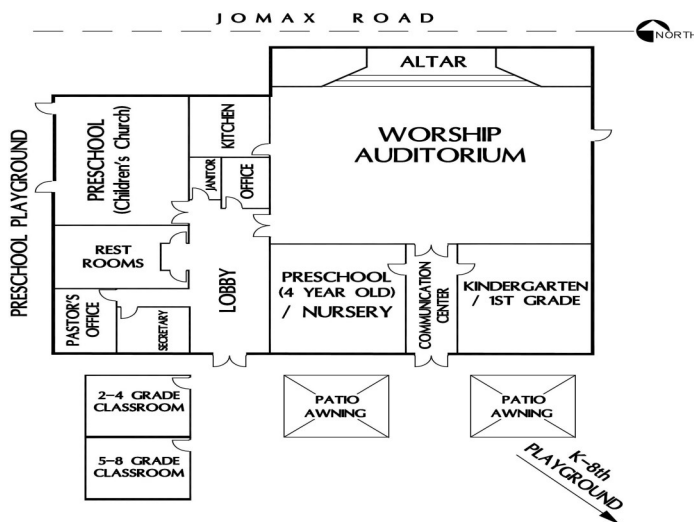
***Sun. 9:30am Worship***

**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.

**Families with children:**

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special

children’s message at the feet of the pastor. Let’s work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



# Worship focus

Today in our sermon text, Jesus gives us a perfect example of sacrificial giving as he points out the offering of a poor widow. We might think Jesus was holding her offering up as exemplary because of the percentage she gave—100% of all she had, but it was more about what was in her heart as she placed her two coins in the offering. What would motivate her to give this “beyond her ability” offering? What was she thinking to give everything she had? This offering was an expression of her faith—the knowledge that everything she had was really the Lord’s and this faith gave her the confidence in God’s blessings and His unlimited ability to provide for her.

## PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

***Before Communing***

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

***After Communing***

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

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## *Divine Service II*

### OPENING HYMN

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us | *CW486 4 Vs.*

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice,  
And with that have freely given Blessings countless as the sand  
To th' unthankful and the evil With your own unsparing hand.

Wondrous honor you have given To our humblest charity  
In your own mysterious sentence, "You have done it unto me."  
Can it be, O gracious Master, That you need what we can do,  
Saying by your poor and needy, "Give as I have giv'n to you"?

Yes, the sorrow and the suff'rings Which on ev'ry hand we view  
Channels are for gifts and off'rings Due by solemn right to you.  
Right of which we may not rob you, Debt we may not choose but pay  
Lest that face of love and pity Turn from us another day.

Lord of glory, you have bought us With your lifeblood as the price,  
Never grudging for the lost ones That tremendous sacrifice.  
Give us faith to trust you boldly, Hope, to stay our souls on you;  
But, oh, best of all your graces, With your love our love renew.

### INVOCATION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

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

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

*(Sung to the tune of "Jesus Will Reign Where'er the Sun" | CW582 4 V's)*

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.  
Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.  
O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.  
You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Lord God Almighty, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may always look forward to the end of this present evil age and to the day of your righteous judgment. Keep us steadfast in true and living faith and present us at last holy and blameless before you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST READING**

***1 Kings 17:8-16***

Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath.

When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup> As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” <sup>12</sup> “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” <sup>13</sup> Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup> For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: “The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.” <sup>15</sup> She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup> For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

**PSALM 146**

*(Sung Responsively)*



***Refrain***

M: Praise the LORD, O my soul.

**C: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

M: Do not put your trust in prin-ces.

**C: In mortal men, who can-not save.**

M: Blessed is he whose hope is in the LORD his God.

**C: The maker of heav-en and earth.**

***Refrain***

M: The LORD gives food to the hun-gry.

**C: The LORD sets pris-oners free.**

M: The LORD gives sight to the blind.

**C: The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down.**

M: The LORD watches over the out-cast

**C: And sustains the fatherless and the wi-dow.**

M: The LORD remains faithful for-ev-er.

**C: He upholds the cause of the oppressed.**

**ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spir-it,  
As it was in the be-gin-ning,  
Is now, and will be forever. A-men.**

*Refrain*

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## SECOND READING

**2 Corinthians 8:1-9**

And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. <sup>5</sup>And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup>But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. <sup>8</sup>I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

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

M: Alleluia. Watch therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Alleluia.  
*(Matthew 24:42)*

*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

**God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending** | CWH749—Melody: CW353 3 Vs.

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door,  
Gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:  
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.**

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

## SERMON

### Practice Sacrificial Giving

*Mark 12:38-44*

As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces,<sup>39</sup> and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets.<sup>40</sup> They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”<sup>41</sup> Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts.<sup>42</sup> But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.<sup>43</sup> Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others.<sup>44</sup> They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

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## THE NICENE CREED

*(Read Responsively)*

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

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

*“Jesus is Lord”—the cry that echoes through creation;  
Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.  
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
Yet bids us come to taste this Living Bread.*

*“Jesus is Lord”—whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.  
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,  
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.*

**“Jesus is Lord”—the tomb is gloriously empty!  
Not even death could crush this King of love!  
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven,  
And we can run into the arms of God.**

**“Jesus is Lord!”—a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
As He returns, and every knee bows low.  
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory;  
The Judge of all will take His children home.**

## **THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

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



## **THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## **THE SACRAMENT**

### **PREFACE**

*(Read Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is good and right so to do.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has



called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

*(Sung to the tune of "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (CW 372) 2 V.s.)*

**O holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Your glory, earth and heaven, In countless ways recite.  
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.  
Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he  
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!  
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,  
Deliver us from bondage-Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**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.

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD**

*(Sung by Congregation)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.**

**DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT**

*(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)*

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

 **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**O Lord of Heaven and Earth and Sea | CW487**

**O Lord of heav'n and earth and sea, to you all praise and glory be!**

**How can we thank you properly who gives us all?**

**The golden sunshine, springtime air, Sweet flow'rs and fruit your love declare;**

**When harvests ripen, you are there, Who gives us all.**

**For peaceful homes and healthful days, For all the blessings earth displays**

**We owe you thankfulness and praise, Who gives us all.**

**You did not spare your only Son, But gave him for a world undone,**

**And freely with that blessed one You give us all.**

**We have your Spirit ev'ry hour, The Lord of life and love and pow'r,**

**He will his sev'nfold graces show'r Upon us all.**

**For means of grace, for sins forgiv'n, For souls redeemed and hopes of heav'n,**

**What can to you, O Lord, be giv'n, Who gives us all?**

**We lose what on ourselves we spend; We have as treasures without end**

**Whatever, Lord, to you we lend, Who gives us all.**

**Dear Lord, from you we all derive our life, Our gifts, our pow'r to give.**

**Oh, may we ever with you live, Who gives us all!**

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*(Sung to the tune of "O Savior, Precious Savior" (CW 368) 2 Vs)*

**O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:**

**For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word**

**A light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;**

**The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!**

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,  
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;  
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,  
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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.**



**CLOSING HYMN**

**Take My Life and Let It Be** | CW469 4 Vs.

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless 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.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.;  
Take my heart it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

## Update for the "Finish the Race" Capital Fund Drive

The project goal for the Jomax campus:

- Build three new classrooms
- Connect to city water and sewer
- Connect utilities to the new building
- Upgrade landscaping
- Construct a new congregational field
- Provide site work/fencing
- Provide a water retention pond
- Finish parking lot improvement
- Deposit funds into city escrow for street improvements
- Provide for project contingency

The financial goal for the Jomax campus is \$175,000 to provide seed money to the Church Extension Fund for a new mortgage loan.

The financial goal for the Vistancia campus is \$125,000 to provide seed money to the Church Extension Fund for the purchase of land in the Vistancia area.

The total goal for the "Finish the Race" capital fund drive = \$300,000

Total commitments from 21 family units as of November 2 = \$152,705

**Total number** of Cross of Glory family units = 99

Please try to return your family commitment card to the church by Sunday, November 14.

Return the commitment card to the church by mail at  
10111 W. Jomax Road, Peoria, AZ 85383

Or, return the commitment card to the specially marked box at church

Or, make your commitment online [crossofglory.org](http://crossofglory.org).

## 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

## Thrivent T-Shirts

We have a bunch of Thrivent shirts in the office. Please let Liz know if you would like one.

## Prayer Circle

The Cross of Glory Prayer Circle will be starting soon. Please send an email to [prayercircle@crossofglory.org](mailto:prayercircle@crossofglory.org) if you are interested in being a part of the prayer circle or have a prayer request. Prayer circle emails will be sent out on a weekly basis.

## Meditations

If you are interested in getting *Meditations* quarterly, consider ordering through Cross of Glory. We can order them in bulk to save you money on shipping costs. Please let Liz know. Please also give her the payment for the subscription.

## 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!

## Worship Survey

Please take a few moments to let us know how we are doing. We're gathering feedback about our worship at each site.

Jomax Worship Vol- unteers	November 14th	November 21st	November 25th	November 28th
Counters	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Plitzuweit		Wempner/ Brooks
Cleaners	Coates/ Simkauskas	Martins/ Ehlers		Kelley/ Grams
Communion Setup	-	Lynn Wempner		-
Ushers	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger
Sunday Refresh- ments	Plitzuweit & Contreras	Paula Considine		Rene Koutia
A/V	Rene Koutia/ Isaac Patterson	Levi Foxen/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson		Rene Koutia/ Gus Koutia

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

November 2, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
November 3, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
November 3, 3:45 p.m.	Youth Group, 5th-8th Grade
November 3, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 4, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
November 4, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
November 7, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
November 7, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
November 7, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
November 7, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
November 7, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
November 8, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 8, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 9, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
November 10, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
November 10, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 11, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
November 11, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
November 11, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
November 14, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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November 14, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
November 14, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
November 14, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
November 15, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 15, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

## Thanksgiving Potluck

The potluck is a joint event held at the Jomax campus on Sunday, November 21 at 11:30 a.m.

## Live Nativity

We are excited to announce that we are going ahead with the live nativity again. If you desire to participate in this event, please [sign-up](#).

## Kids Klub

Sunday School at Jomax is under construction! We won't have Sunday School for the next couple of weeks while planning takes place, but we will have a special event on November 21, for all kids up to 4th grade. Please sign up online.

## Ushers Needed

We are looking for a few more ushers to be on rotation. Men and women are welcome to usher. It's also a great way for families to serve together! Please let Verl Naber know if you are willing to serve in this way. You may email him at [nabersplace@cox.net](mailto:nabersplace@cox.net) or speak to him at church.

## Church Directory

I am working on updating the Church Directory. Please view what I have attached and email me at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org) with any corrections or an updated picture.

## 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.

## Vistancia News

We give thanks to God that we are able to once again worship at Lake Pleasant Elementary School. We were able to get all the information to the Peoria School District, making it possible for us to use the facility. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

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

# 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.

**Margaret Walker**, for swift and full recovery after surgery.

**Pat Powell**, as she recovers from back issues.

**Juanita Word**, as she recovers from surgery and battles 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.

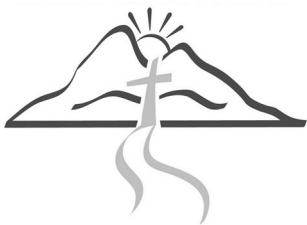
**Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**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.