

# THANK

*Full*

*Sunday, November 14, 2021*



## Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

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Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

*Blessed to be a member of*



**Jomax Campus**  
10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383

**Vistancia Meeting at  
Lake Pleasant Elementary**  
31501 N Westland Rd,  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**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!



Thankfulness has been shown to have a positive impact in just about every area of life, but the challenges of life can make gratitude difficult to experience. You must learn the secret of contentment in order to be full of thanks.

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 OPENING HYMN

HOW CAN I THANK YOU LORD | *CW 460 5 Vs.*

How can I thank you, Lord, For all your loving-kindness,  
That you have patiently Borne with me in my blindness!  
When dead in many sins And trespasses I lay,  
I kindled, holy God, Your anger ev'ry day.

It is your work alone That I am now converted;  
O'er Satan's work in me You have your pow'r asserted.  
Your mercy and your grace That rise afresh each morn  
Have turned my stony heart Into a heart new-born.

Lord, you have raised me up To joy and exultation  
And clearly shown the way That leads me to salvation.  
My sins are washed away; For this I thank you, Lord.  
Now with my heart and soul All evil I abhor.

Grant that your Spirit's help To me be always given  
Lest I should fall again And lose the way to heaven.  
Grant that he give me strength In my infirmity;  
May he renew my heart To serve you willingly.

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

*Luke 17:17-19(NIV)*

<sup>17</sup> Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup> Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

### SONG

I AM THEY “SCARS”

Waking up to a new sunrise    Looking back from the other side  
I can see now with open eyes    Darkest water and deepest pain  
I wouldn't trade it for anything    'Cause my brokenness brought me to you  
And these wounds are a story you'll use

**Refrain:**    So I'm thankful for the scars  
                      'Cause without them I wouldn't know your heart  
                      And I know they'll always tell of who you are  
                      So forever I am thankful for the scars

Now I'm standing in confidence    With the strength of your faithfulness  
And I'm not who I was before    No, I don't have to fear anymore [***Refrain***]

**Bridge:** I can see, I can see    How you delivered me  
In your hands, in your feet    I found my victory [***Repeat***]

I'm thankful for your scars    'Cause without them I wouldn't know your heart  
And with my life, I'll tell of who you are    So forever I am thankful [***Refrain***]

### MESSAGE

### MORE THAN A FEELING

*Luke 17:11-19*

<sup>11</sup> Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy<sup>[a]</sup> met him. They stood at a distance <sup>13</sup> and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!”

<sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup> One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

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 SONG

A. WILSON “ My Jesus”

Are you past the point of weary? Is your burden weighin' heavy?  
Is it all too much to carry? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
Do you feel that empty feeling? 'Cause shame's done all its stealin'  
And you're desperate for some healin' Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus

*Refrain:* He makes a way where there ain't no way Rises up from an empty grave  
Ain't no sinner that He can't save Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
His love is strong and His grace is free And the good news is I know that He  
Can do for you what He's done for me Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And let my Jesus change your life Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah, Amen, Amen.

Who can wipe away the tears From broken dreams and wasted years  
And tell the past to disappear? Oh, Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus  
And all the wrong turns that you would Go and undo if you could  
Who can work it all for your good Let me tell you about my Jesus *[Refrain]*

Who would take my cross to Calvary? Pay the price for all my guilty?  
Who would care that much about me? Let me tell you 'bout my Jesus, oh *[Refrain]*

Hallelujah Hallelujah Hallelujah Let my Jesus change your life

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**

**NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD**

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**Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices,  
Who from our mother's arms Has blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today**

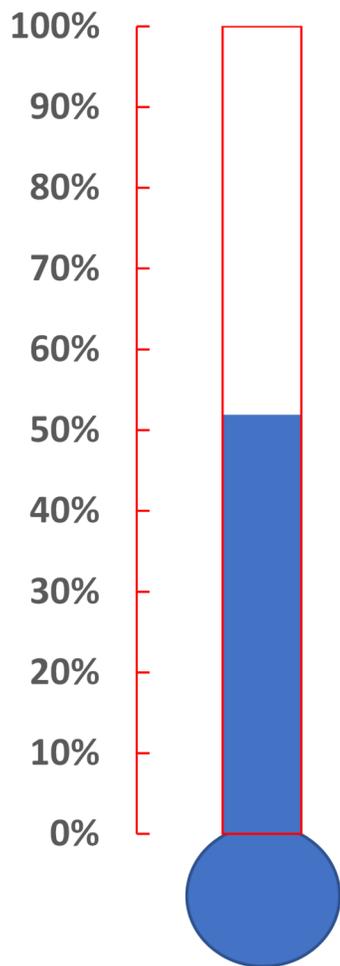
**Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever-joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in his grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore**



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



**Please return your commitment cards for  
"Finish the Race" by November 14**

**"Finish the Race" goal = \$300,000**

**Total commitments received = \$155,705**

**(22 of 99 families)**

**% of commitments vs. goal = 52%**

**Monetary gifts received: = \$9,000**

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, digitally make your commitment from the Cross of  
Glory newsletter under the "Finish the Race" article.

## Men's Conference in Phoenix

**Tickets for Men's Conference in Phoenix** - The first annual Arizona/California *Men of His Word* conference will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022, in Phoenix, AZ**. The conference theme is "More than Conquerors." Please join us for a day of fellowship, encouragement, worship, and learning. Breakfast and lunch are included. A keynote speaker kicks off the conference, and you'll be able to choose from 8 different breakout sessions. 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, or to buy tickets for the event, visit <https://MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/>

## Thrivent T-Shirts

We have a bunch of Thrivent shirt 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) you are interested in being a part of the prayer circle or have a prayer request. 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. Also give her payment for the subscription.

## Cross of Glory VTO Review

The Cross of Glory VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer) review scheduled for last Saturday has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 8, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cross of Glory leaders are encouraged to attend this important meeting when the long-range planning document will be reviewed. Anyone else who is interested in providing input into this promise is encouraged to attend as well.

## 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 Volunteers	November 21st	November 24th	November 28th	December 5th
Counters	Wempner/ Plitzuweit	-	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Moline
Cleaners	Martins/ Ehlers	-	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar
Communion Setup	Lynn Wempner	-	-	Liz Simkauskas
Ushers	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	-	Rene Koutia	Clara Naber
A/V	Levi Foxen/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Rene Koutia/ Gus Koutia	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

November 15, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 15, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
November 16, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
November 17, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
November 17, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 18, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
November 18, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
November 21, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
November 21, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
November 21, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
November 21, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
November 21, 11:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Potluck
November 21, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 22, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 22, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
November 23, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
November 24, 7:00 p.m.	Thanksgiving Service
November 27, 4:00 p.m.	Church Decorating & White Elephant
November 28, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
November 28, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
November 28, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
November 28, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
November 28, 11:00 a.m.	Quarterly Voters Meeting

## Women's Service Group Meeting

There will be a Women's Service Group meeting on November 19th, 6:00 p.m. at the Foxen's House. 11716 W Foothill Ct. Sun City, AZ 85373-5475

## 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](#) online.

## Kids Klub

Sunday School 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 in the Weekly News.

## 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

Thank you to all those who helped with the preparation for the relaunch and dinner at Vistancia this last Sunday. It went very well, and we had over 50 in attendance.

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

## Message Notes

### Thank/Full Part 2: More than a Feeling

Luke 17:11-19

→ You have reasons to be Full of Thanks.

**#1 The \_\_\_\_\_ of American life has led to a misconception of "\_\_\_\_\_".**

→ what does thankful look like?

→ 10 lepers and only 1 returned - **vs. 11-19**

**#2 Thankfulness isn't just \_\_\_\_\_ in your heart. It's \_\_\_\_\_ in your life.**

→ we have every reason to be grateful

**#3 Create a \_\_\_\_\_ of gratitude.**

**#4 Don't limit gratitude to \_\_\_\_\_ point in your life. It's \_\_\_\_\_ point of your life.**

## Group Questions

### Thank/Full Part 2: More than a Feeling

Luke 17:11-19

1. We live in one of the most affluent societies in the history of the world. Why is it so difficult to be thankful?  
How has the year 2020 changed or altered your perspective?
2. **Read Luke 17:11-13.** As you consider these 10 lepers, in your estimation, what would have been the worst part of having leprosy?
3. **Read Luke 17:14.** Why do you think Jesus didn't heal the ten lepers right away? Why did Jesus send them on a journey first?  
Does this help bring understanding to how God might act in your life? Explain.
4. **Read Luke 17:15-19.** Unexpressed gratitude communicates in- gratitude. Do you agree or disagree? Explain.  
How well do you express gratitude to God? To others? Are there ways you'd like to do better?
5. You may never experience a miraculous healing. How does Jesus offer you something even better?
6. **Read Colossians 3:17.** What does this passage mean to you?  
What are some ways you can do this better?
7. Share one way you are going to establish a daily habit of gratitude in your life.

# 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.