

Memorial Sunday Sunday, November 14, 2021 Full Script



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Jomax Campus

10111 W Jomax Road, Peoria, AZ 85383 Sun. 9am Worship & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Campus

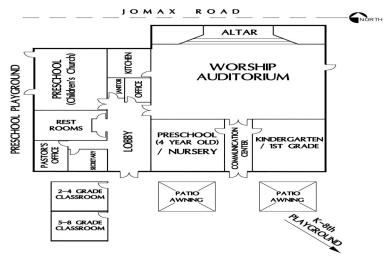
Lake Pleasant Elementary School 31501 N. Westland Road Peoria, AZ 85383

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.

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 4th 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 are invited to listen to a children's message. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available.

Worship

 $T \cap C \cup S$ This Sunday in the church calendar is called, "**Saints Triumphant**" - it is the 3rd week in the season of "End Times".

Today, we use the Memorial order of service. We will honor those in our church who have been called to heaven. We celebrate those who heard the voice of Jesus and have received their victory in Christ. What a delight and a joy now, in the hour of our death, and on the Day of Judgment to hear the voice of Jesus! By his Word we are assured of everlasting life. Therefore worship the Son who has won that life for us. What else is there really worth doing? May all of our life be an act of honor to the Son of God, our Judge, our Life, our Savior, our All!

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Memorial Service

IN MEMORIAL

Remembering Cross of Glory members called to heaven

M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)



M: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)



M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

C: it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. (Lamentations 3:25-26)



M: For the LORD will ransom Jacob

C: and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. (Jeremiah 31:11)



M: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)



OPENING HYMN

There is a Higher Throne | CWS727 2 Vs.

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come

Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.

Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

Refrain:

Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings. Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die;
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

GREETING AND PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

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

M: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Let us pray.

Lord, Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn today, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought our loved one to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

HYMN—PSALM 23

The Lord's My Shepherd | 3 Vs.

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

Refrain:

And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone, For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness, And He anoints my head with oil, And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. [Refrain]

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, For You are with me, and Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know. [Refrain]

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will never die."

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

C: Then we also will appear with Him in glory.

M: Never again will we hunger;

C: Never again will we thirst.

M: We will stand before the throne of God,

C: And serve Him day and night in His temple.

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; He will lead us to springs of living water.

C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

M: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because He lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Daniel 12:1-3

"At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. ² Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. ³ Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON Hebrews 9:24-28

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵ Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶ Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away

with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸ so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

SERMON HYMN

O'er the Distant Mountains Breaking | CW220 4 Vs.

O'er the distant mountains breaking Comes the redd'ning dawn of day.

Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking; Rise and sing and watch and pray.

'Tis your Savior, 'tis your Savior, On his bright returning way.

Come, O Long-Expected; weary Waits my spirit anxiously.

Life is dark and earth is dreary Where your light I cannot see.

O my Savior, O my Savior, When will you return to me?

Nearer is my soul's salvation; Spent the night, the day at hand.

Keep me in my humble station, Watching for you till I stand,

O my Savior, O my Savior, In your bright, your promised, land,

With my lamp well-trimmed and burning, Swift to hear and slow to stray,

Watching for your glad returning, Waiting for the blessed day.

Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior, O my Savior, quickly come!

SERMON

Life Comes with the Voice of Jesus

John 5:25-29

Very truly I tell you, a time is coming and has now come when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live. ²⁶ For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. ²⁷ And he has given him authority to judge because he is the Son of Man. ²⁸ "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice ²⁹ and come out—those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned.

CD recordings of sermons freely supplied for study or sharing. Please request on the Friendship Card.

APOSTLES' CREED (Spoken in Unison)

C: 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.

SONG OF THE SEASON

"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)



PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved ones now since fallen asleep whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear children through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving us their companionship while on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

- M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sacrament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,
- C: Hear our prayer.
- M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:
- 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.

THE BLESSING (Spoken by Minister)

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Forever with the Lord | CW213 3 Vs.

Forever with the Lord! Amen! So let it be.

Life from the dead is in that word, My immortality.

My Father's house on high, Home of my soul, how near

At times, to faith's foreseeing eye The golden gates appear!

I'll know as I am known; How shall I love that word

And oft repeat before the throne, "Forever with the Lord!"

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

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/

Prayer Circle

The Cross of Glory Prayer Circle will be starting soon. Please send an email to prayercircle@crossofglory.orgyou 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.

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 or speak to him at church.

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.	Womens'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.	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

Church Directory

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

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.

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.

Update: "Finish the Race" Capital Fund Drive



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

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.

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 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.