

# Sunday, November 21, 2021



# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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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 worshiping 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.



#### Service of Word & Sacrament

## OPENING SONG

#### AARON SHUST - "TO GOD ALONE"

Can you take me by the hand Can you use me as I am
Break me into who you want me to be When the time is finally right

You will open up my eyes Show me everything you want me to see This life is not my own

To God alone be the glory To God alone be the praise Everything I say and do Let it be all for you

The glory is yours alone Yours alone Take the offering I bring You want more than what I sing Can I give you every part of me

Turn these pennies into gold Take this life I call my own Until I'm running after your heart I'm needing to let go

We will rise and we will fall But you remain after all You're glorious and beautiful You're beautiful

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."

#### HYMN

#### FOR THE FRUIT OF HIS CREATION | CW 611

For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God. For his gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping, Future needs in earth's safe-keeping, Thanks be to God

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing, In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that Love has found us, Thanks be to God

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

KALEB BRASEE "IN CHRIST ALONE "

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song This cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm What heights of love, what depths of peace When fears are stilled, when strivings cease My comforter, my all in all Here, in the love of Christ, I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones he came to save
'Til on that cross, as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin, on him, was laid Here, in the death of Christ, I live

There in the ground, his body lay Light of the world, by darkness, slain Then bursting forth in glorious day Up from the grave, he rose again

And as he stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me For I am his and he is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny

No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from his hand 'Til he returns or calls me home Here, in the power of Christ, I stand

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#### 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

BROTHERS, SISTERS, LET US GLADLY | CW 484

Brothers, sisters, let us gladly Give to God our all, our best -Service hearty, thorough, honest, With a living love impressed.
All our duty, all our striving, All our time to him belong;
Praise him, then, with true devotion; Come before him with a song.

By his mercy, by his bounty, By the gift of Christ, his Son, What great goodness he has shown us, What high marvels he has done! Let us to him promptly, freely, Yield our bodies and our souls, Thankful that his love protects us, That his wisdom all controls.

Gracious Lord, accept our service For the sake of Christ, your Son; Lo, our hope abides now only In the righteousness he won. Bless and save us; help and guide us; Watch to comfort and restore Till in heav'n we rest rejoicing, Praising you forevermore.



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# THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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 (Jomax)
November 28, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (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

#### LOOKING AHEAD

November 29, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 29, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
November 30, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
December 1, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
December 1, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
December 2, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
December 4, 3:00 p.m.	Santa's Village & 1st Annual Tree Lighting
December 4, 3:00 p.m.	Live Nativity
December 5, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
December 5, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
December 5, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
December 5, 3:00 p.m.	Advent by Candlelight

# **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.

# Live Nativity

We are excited to announce that we are going ahead with the live nativity again December 4, from 3:00-5:00. If you desire to participate in this event, please <u>sign-up</u> online with link in the news letter.

# **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.

# 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 <a href="mailto:nabersplace@cox.net">nabersplace@cox.net</a> or speak to him at church.

# 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.

# **Prayer Circle**

The Cross of Glory Prayer Circle will be starting soon. Please send an email to <a href="mailto:prayercircle@crossofglory.org">prayercircle@crossofglory.org</a> 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.

#### Refreshment Volunteers

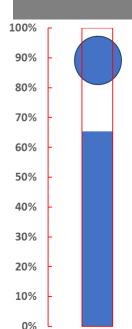
We are looking for more volunteers for refreshments to space out how often you have to serve. Please contact Clara Naber at vcnaber@cox.net.

# 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

Jomax Worship Volunteers	November 24th	November 28th	December 5th	December 12th
Counters	-	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Moline	Wempner/ Voigt
Cleaners	-	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Foxen/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	-	-	Liz Simkauskas	-
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit
Sunday Refreshments	-	Rene Koutia	Clara Naber	Ally Kelley Liz Simkauskas
A/V	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Rene Koutia/ Gus Koutia	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Pedro Contreras Isaac Patterson

# Update: "Finish the Race" Capital Fund Drive



#### Please return your commitment card for

"Finish the Race" at your earliest opportunity.

"Finish the Race" goal = \$300,000 Total commitments received = \$196,045

(from 32 of 99 families)

% of commitments vs. goal = 65%

With more families participating, our "Finish the Race" goal is achievable. Please consider what you can do to help.

More commitment cards may be found on the table at the back of the church.

You may 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.

### 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

# **Sunday Setup**

Vistancia is in need of volunteers to setup Sunday mornings at 7:30. Please contact Liz or Pastor Ehlers if you are able to assist. cog.secretary@crossofglory.org

#### Caroler Volunteer

Carolers are needed for the tree lighting at the Mountain Vista Club December 4th from 6-8p.m. Cross of Glory will be Caroling and handing out cookies.

# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church and The COG Middle School Students PRESENT



- GUESTS AND VISITORS WARMLY WELCOMED!
- FREE ADMISSION
- REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
- SEATING AVAILABLE
- TOURS LEAVE EVERY 15 MINUTES

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Message Notes	Thank/Full Part 3: Generosity	i 3:7-11
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# #1 A thank full person will be a person.

→ unhealthy relationships with money

#2 Money doesn't tell you are.
It reveals you are.

→ return to God - vs. 7-8, Psalm 50:9-10

#3 Money competes for \_\_\_\_ in our hearts.

→ left-overs vs. first-fruits - vs. 9-10, Malachi 1:10, James 1:18

#4 We are undeservedly God's

→ God's got you - vs. 10-11

#5 There is \_\_\_ in generosity.

# Group Questions Thank/Full Part 3: Generosity

Malachi 3:7-11

- 1. Do you consider yourself to be generous? Why or why not?
- in our culture, people often allow money to define who they are. How have you had to fight against that?
- Why is it important to remember that we don't have a "needy " God? (How might that type of thinking distract us from the main reason for giving to God?)

While God is not "needy," of what practical importance are our offerings? Read Luke 16:9. What does this verse mean?

 What do you think about God's Old Testament command of a tithe?

What do you think about churches that command a tithe today? (cf. 2 Corinthians 9:7, Colossians 2:13-14)

Could a tithe still be a good "benchmark" today?

- As we consider our failures and sins, how does it feel to know that we are God's firstfruits? (cf. James 1:18) How has that truth been shown throughout the centuries? In Jesus' life?
- What, if anything, has kept you from planning your giving? How can you battle against that? Does it reflect first-fruits giving?
- There is joy in generosity. How so? Give an example from 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.

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 Sqt. 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.