



Advent 1
Sunday, November 28, 2021



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Sun. 9am Worship & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Meeting in

New River Kiwanis Clubhouse

48606 N.17th Ave.

New River, AZ 85087

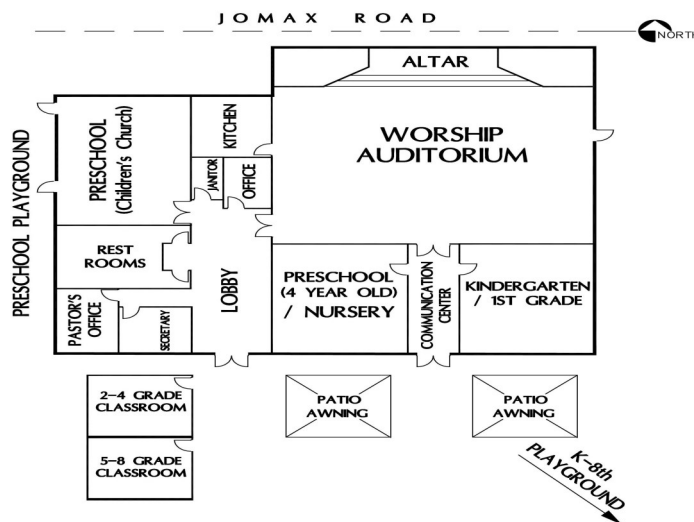
Sun. 9:30am Worship

Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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 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!



We begin the new church year with the season of Advent. In this season, the Word of God bids us prepare for the coming of Christ. The readings for Advent have this urgency to them: Since he is surely coming again in judgment, we desperately need for him to come to us first in grace. For without that coming in grace we will perish at his coming in judgment. The theme for the next few weeks of Advent is “**Hark the Glad Sound**” announcing that our Savior is coming. Each week we will focus for whom this Savior has come.

This week our focus is “**He comes to those in darkness**”. Our sermon focuses on the account in the Gospel of John, Chapter 3. Nicodemus, a member of the ruling body of the Jews came to Jesus at night—a significant fact since Nicodemus, like many of his time, were sitting in spiritual darkness—not realizing that Jesus was the true light who had come to bring salvation to all. We skip ahead two millennia and there are still many sitting in spiritual darkness. May our focus ever be in bringing the light of Jesus to a world living in darkness.

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Service of Advent: Hark the Glad Sound

INVOCATION

Tune: From Heaven Above to Earth I Come | CWH331 3 Vs.

Verses are sung responsively

M: Lord Jesus Christ, be present now, Our hearts in true devotion bow,

C: Your Spirit send with grace divine, And let your truth within us shine.

M: Unseal our lips to sing your praise, Our souls to you in worship raise,

C: Make strong our faith, increase our light That we may know your name aright.

M: Glory to God the Father, Son, And Holy Spirit, Three in One!

C: To you, O blessed Trinity, Be praise throughout eternity!

ADVENT PRAYER AND CANDLE LIGHTING *Advent Wreath is lit during the hymn response | CWH323 3 Vs.*

Minister sings Vs. 1 & Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

M: We rejoice, heavenly Father, that you have stirred up your might and have come to save us.

C: Our spiritual eyes turn toward Bethlehem, the birthplace of your Son, as foretold by the prophet Micah.

M: We accept with joy the fulfillment of your prophecy.

C: As John the Baptist recognized your Son before he was born, help us also to recognize him as your Son and our Savior.

M: In a most marvelous manner, you prepared a sacrifice for our sins in the womb of the Virgin Mary.

C: Send us your Holy Spirit that we may truly believe and accept this miracle of your love.

M: As we anticipate with joy the celebration of his birth,

C: Grant us your grace that we may see in him the greatness of your love for us. Amen.

Sung Response:

Creator of the stars of night your people's everlasting light,

O Christ, Redeemer of us all, we pray you hear us when we call.

**When earth drew on to darkest night, you came, but not in splendor bright,
Not as a king but as a child of Mary, virgin mother mild.**

**At your great name, majestic now, all knees must bend, all hearts must bow;
all things on earth with one accord join those in heav'n to call you Lord.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We confess, almighty God, that we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

C: We have followed our own ways and the desires of our hearts instead of your will and way.

M: We have broken your commandments and neglected your righteous decrees.

C: We have offended you, our mighty and eternal God.

M: There is no health in us.

C: O Lord, have mercy on us.

M: For the sake of your great mercy, O Lord, forgive us. Spare us the just punishment our sins deserve according to your promises declared to us in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

C: And grant that for his sake, we may live sober, upright and godly lives to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has taken away your guilt and punishment. Because of the living and dying of God's appointed Lamb, our Lord Jesus Christ, he has forgiven you and restored you to your Father's house. May God grant you peace and joy as you await his return from heaven to gather his people home.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Sung Response | CWH313 2 Vs.)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Sung by the Congregation:

Hark the glad sound! the Savior comes, the Savior promised long;

Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne and ev'ry voice a song.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, your welcome shall proclaim,

And heav'n's eternal arches ring with your beloved name.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light that in the last day, when our Lord Jesus Christ shall come again in glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SCRIPTURE OF PROPHECY

Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus, ²it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy. The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. ³Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear; your God will come, he will come with vengeance; with divine retribution he will come to save you." ⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped. ⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy. Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert. ⁷The burn-

ing sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs. In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow. ⁸ And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness; it will be for those who walk on that Way. The unclean will not journey on it; wicked fools will not go about on it. ⁹ No lion will be there, nor any ravenous beast; they will not be found there. But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰ and those the LORD has rescued will return. They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads. Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

PSALM 24

Welcome the King | CWP 24B 7 Vs.

Vs. 1,3,5 sung by Women and Vs. 2,4,6 sing by Men'; Vs. 7 and Refrains sung by all

Refrain: Welcome the King of glory, each tribe and nation!
He is the Lord almighty, bringing salvation.

Women: See, all the earth is God's its people and nations;
God built it on the deeps and laid its foundations.

Refrain: *Sung by All*

Men: Who can go up this mountain, who stand in praising?
Those who are pure, who come with clean hands upraising.

Refrain: *Sung by All*

Women: They Shall receive forgiveness and have God's blessing
if they will search for God, their Savior confessing.

Refrain: *Sung by All*

Men: Come, lift your voices high, be lifted to glory;
the Lord our God approaches, come shout the story.

Refrain: *Sung by All*

Women: Who is this glorious one, for whom we are waiting?
We wait the mighty Lord, our God celebrating.

Refrain: *Sung by All*

Men: Come, lift your heads with joy; come lift up your tower;
The King of glory comes in full might and power.

Refrain: *Sung by All*

All: Who is this King of glory of whom we're singing?
Our God, the Lord of hosts, the vict'ry is bringing.

Refrain: *Sung by All*

SCRIPTURE OF FULFILLMENT

Matthew 11:2-11

When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples ³ to ask him, “Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?” ⁴ Jesus replied, “Go back and report to John what you hear and see: ⁵ The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor. ⁶ Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me.” ⁷ As John’s disciples were leaving, Jesus began to speak to the crowd about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swayed by the wind? ⁸ If not, what did you go out to see? A man dressed in fine clothes? No, those who wear fine clothes are in kings’ palaces. ⁹ Then what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰ This is the one about whom it is written: “I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.” ¹¹ Truly I tell you, among those born of women there has not risen anyone greater than John the Baptist; yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

 **SERMON HYMN** **Oh, Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel** | *CWH327 4 V.s.*

**Oh, come, oh, come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, O Root of Jesse, free your own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save, and bring them vict'ry o'er the grave.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, O Dayspring from on high, and cheer us by your drawing nigh;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

**Oh, come, O Key of David, come, and open wide our heav'nly home.
Make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

SERMON

He Comes to Those in Darkness

John 3:1-21

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³ Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴ “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” ⁵ Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives

birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹"How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰"You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹²I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." ¹⁶For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

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

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied | CWH304 4 V.s.

**What hope! An Eden prophesied where tame live with the wild,
the lamb and lion side by side, led by a little child!**

**A shoot will sprout from Jesse's stem, a branch from David's line,
a Prince of Peace in Bethlehem; the fruit of God's design.**

**As banner of God's love unfurled, Christ came to suffer loss,
that by His death a dying world would rally to the cross.**

**Come, Jesus, come, Messiah Lord, lost Paradise restore;
Lead past the angel's flaming sword— come open heaven's door.**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

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



PRAYER

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We lift up our souls to you, O Lord.

C: Make us to know your ways and teach us your paths.

M: Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

C: O Holy Father, we humbly implore you, help us believe your promises.

M: As your Old Testament people waited eagerly for the advent of the Savior,

C: Help us with the same eagerness to welcome the Lord Jesus into our hearts by faith.

M: Lead us by your Holy Spirit to an understanding of our sinfulness and our need for repentance.

C: Help us to hate sin and love righteousness.

M: Be our strength in the hour of temptation and help us to serve you by bringing glory to your name.

C: Send the light of the Gospel to the ends of the earth that all may know your love in Jesus Christ.

M: Grant your abiding peace to all who are gathered in your house today.

C: To those among us who are afflicted, grant your strength so that they may bear their burdens in Christian hope and confidence.

M: Grant, O Lord, that our lips and lives be a reflection of hearts that are truly thankful for your great mercy.

C: This we ask in the name of the King of kings and the Lord of lords, our Savior Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by All)

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

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway | CWH302 3 Vs.

Prepare the royal highway; the King of Kings is near!

Let ev'ry hill and valley a level road appear!

Then greet the King of glory, foretold in sacred story:

Refrain:

Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!

Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised King!

Your King, yet ev'ry nation its tribute too should bring.

All lands, bow down before him! All nations, now adore him! *[Refrain]*

His is no earthly kingdom; it comes from heav'n above,

His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.

So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *[Refrain]*

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

The Ten Commandments

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.

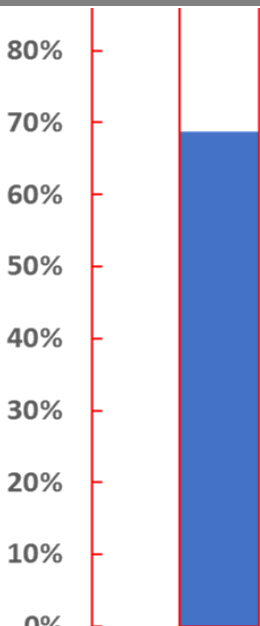
THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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| 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 |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| December 6, 7:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| December 7, 9:30 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| December 8, 10:00 a.m. | Growth Group for Mom's |
| December 8, 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| December 9, 9:30 a.m. | Golden Agers Breakfast |
| December 12, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| December 12, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary) |
| December 12, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia) |
| December 12, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| December 12, 2:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Online) |
| December 13, 7:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |

Update: "Finish the Race" Capital Fund Drive



"Finish the Race" goal = \$300,000
Total commitments received = \$206,045
 (from 33 of 99 families)
% of commitments vs. goal = 69%

*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.

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 nabersplace@cox.net or speak to him at church.

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 [sign-up](#) online with link in the news letter.

Golden Agers

Golden Agers will meet for breakfast at Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Av. Ste 1, Peoria, AZ on December 9, 2021 at 9:30. Please email Judy Sasse at sasseja43@aol.com if you plan to attend. See you there!

Prayer Circle

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

Name Tags

It has been a year or two since we have ordered name tags. If you would like to know what they look like, the magnetic board used to store them between services is located on the wall next to the entry into the sanctuary. You do not need to take them home and forget them there. If you would like one, please let John Wempner know. There is also a sign-up sheet on the back table. They cost \$7.90. Or you can send John an email (jandlwempner@gmail.com) with the correct spelling of your name and he will order them. Please pay John directly.

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.

| Jomax Worship Volunteers | December 5th | December 12th | December 19th |
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| Counters | Wempner/ Moline | Wempner/ Voigt | Wempner/ Cornell |
| Cleaners | Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar | Foxen/ Pappenfuss | Patterson |
| Communion Setup | Liz Simkauskas | - | Shannon Gullerud |
| Ushers | Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud | Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Tanner Plitzuweit | Chris Patterson Issac Patterson Titus Patterson Joel Ditter |
| Sunday Refreshments | Rene Koutia | Ally Kelley Liz Simkauskas | Sharon Wilson Shannon Gullerud |
| A/V | Levi Foxen Rene Koutia | Les Program | Pedro Contreras Isaac Patterson |

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.

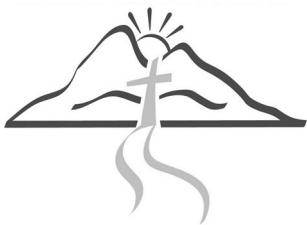
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.