



Sunday, November 28, 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 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!



Worship focus

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** **FROM HEAVEN ABOVE TO EARTH I COME** | *CW38 Vs. 1,3-4, 8*

From heav'n above to earth I come To bear good news to ev'ry home;
Glad tidings of great joy I bring, Whereof I now will say and sing:

This is the Christ, our God most high, Who hears your sad and bitter cry;
He will himself your Savior be From all your sins to set you free

He will on you the gifts bestow Prepared by God for all below,
That in his kingdom, bright and fair, You may with us his glory share.

Welcome to earth, O noble Guest, Through whom the sinful world is blest!
You came to share my misery That you might share your joy with me.

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 ***Genesis 2:16,17(NIV)***

16 And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Long awaited precious promise Son of God and son of man
Heaven's glory in a manger Has come to us in Bethlehem

Refrain: Messiah Messiah A baby born to save us all
Messiah Messiah On our knees we fall

All we longed for, all we needed Shining in this child's eyes
Hope forever, death defeated Because of this one holy night *Refrain*

O come let us adore him O come let us adore him
O come let us adore him Christ the Lord

Long awaited precious promise Coming back again *Refrain* On our knees we fall

MESSAGE

Family History

*Matthew 1:1-16***The Genealogy of Jesus the Messiah**

1 This is the genealogy^[a] of Jesus the Messiah^[b] the son of David, the son of Abraham:

² Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers,³ Judah the father of Perez and Zerah, whose mother was Tamar, Perez the father of Hezron, Hezron the father of Ram, ⁴ Ram the father of Amminadab, Amminadab the father of Nahshon, Nahshon the father of Salmon, ⁵ Salmon the father of Boaz, whose mother was Rahab, Boaz the father of Obed, whose mother was Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, ⁶ and Jesse the father of King David. David was the father of Solomon, whose mother had been Uriah's wife, ⁷ Solomon the father of Rehoboam, Rehoboam the father of Abijah, Abijah the father of Asa, ⁸ Asa the father of Jehoshaphat, Jehoshaphat the father of Jehoram, Jehoram the father of Uzziah, ⁹ Uzziah the father of Jotham, Jotham the father of Ahaz, Ahaz the father of Hezekiah, ¹⁰ Hezekiah the father of Manasseh, Manasseh the father of Amon, Amon the father of Josiah, ¹¹ and Josiah the father of Jeconiah^[c] and his brothers at the time of the exile to Babylon. ¹² After the exile to Babylon: Jeconiah was the father of Shealtiel, Shealtiel the father of Zerubbabel, ¹³ Zerubbabel the father of Abihud, Abihud the father of Eliakim, Eliakim the father of Azor, ¹⁴ Azor the father of Zadok, Zadok the father of Akim, Akim the father of Elihud, ¹⁵ Elihud the father of Eleazar, Eleazar the father of Matthan, Matthan the father of Jacob, ¹⁶ and Jacob the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah.

KOINE VERSION

OH, COME, OH, COME, EMMANUEL

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! *{Interlude}*

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!

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.

Hark the glad sound! The Savior comes, The Savior promised long;
Let ev'ry heart prepare a throne And ev'ry voice a song.

He comes the captives to release, In Satan's prison held.
The gates of brass before him burst; The iron fetters yield.

He comes the broken heart to bind, The bleeding soul to cure,
And with the treasures of his grace To enrich the humble poor.

Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace, Your welcome shall proclaim,
And heav'n's eternal arches ring With your beloved name.



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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
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

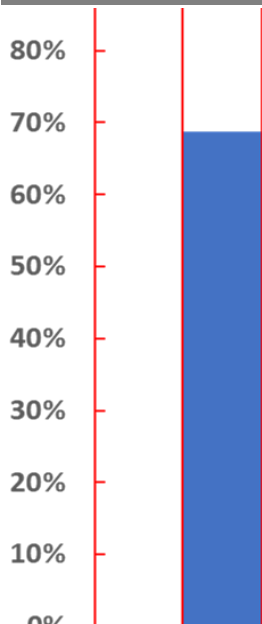
THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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

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.

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.

*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

An Unexpected Christmas Part 1: Family History Matthew 1:1-16

→ so... how do you pronounce your last name?

**#1 God did what nobody _____
to accomplish what nobody _____.**

→ Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, and "Uriah's wife" - **Matthew 1:2-6**

#2 We needed the ____ of David, not someone ____ David.

→ bookends of Matthew's book - **vs. 1, Matthew 28:19**

**#3 The kind of people Jesus came from
are the kind of people he came ____.**

→ two ideas that might be in your way

#4 Jesus is ____.

Group Questions

An Unexpected Christmas Part 1: Family History Matthew 1:1-16

1. How do you pronounce your last name, and what does it mean?
2. The idea behind this series is that God had to do some unexpected things in order to do something unimaginable. Share an example from your life where you experienced God using something unexpected to carry out a good purpose.
3. The message text was Jesus' genealogy as recorded in Matthew chapter 1. Of all the "optional" details that Matthew saw fit to add, which one stood out to you the most? Why?
4. Many Jews in the first century were incorrectly looking for a Messiah *like* king David who would make the nation of Israel strong through military conquest.
Give some examples of what it might look like today for Christians to expect Jesus to be just like King David.
5. While the Old Testament isn't always easy to study on your own, what are some reasons it is good to read it and be familiar with its history?
6. Jesus is for people like you. Why can that be hard for you to believe?
7. Jesus wants to be part of every part of your life. What is the blessing of practicing this truth 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.

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.