

# THANK

*Full*

**Pentecost 21**  
*Sunday, November 2, 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 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!

## 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.

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## Service of Word & Sacrament

### OPENING HYMN

SING TO THE LORD OF HARVEST | *CW 614 3 Vs.*

Sing to the Lord of harvest; Sing songs of love and praise.  
With joyful hearts and voices Your alleluias raise.  
By him the rolling seasons In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest A joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness; The deserts bloom and spring.  
The hills leap up in gladness; The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with his fullness, All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing, With plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar The gifts his goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest, The souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him When at his feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore him Who gave his life for all.

### 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

*Psalm 118:1 (NIV)*

<sup>1</sup> Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Morning by morning, I wake up to find  
The power and comfort of God's hand in mine  
Season by season, I watch Him, amazed  
In awe of the mystery of His perfect ways  
All I have need of, His hand will provide  
He's always been faithful to me

I can't remember a trial or a pain  
He did not recycle to bring me gain  
I can't remember one single regret  
In serving God only and trusting His hand  
All I have need of, His hand will provide  
He's always been faithful to me

This is my anthem, this is my song  
The theme of the stories I've heard for so long  
God has been faithful, He will be again  
His loving compassion, it knows no end  
All I have need of, His hand will provide  
He's always  
He's always been faithful  
He's always been faithful to me

## MESSAGE

## STOP THE LEAK

*Philippians 4:10-19*

<sup>10</sup> I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup> I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. <sup>12</sup> I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. <sup>13</sup> I can do all this through him who gives me strength.

<sup>14</sup> Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. <sup>15</sup> Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; <sup>16</sup> for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. <sup>17</sup> Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. <sup>18</sup> I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup> And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

 SONG

There Was Jesus

Every time I tried to make it on my own  
Every time I tried to stand and start to fall  
And all those lonely roads that I have travelled on There was Jesus  
When the life I built came crashin' to the ground  
When the friends I had were nowhere to be found  
I couldn't see it then but I can see it now There was Jesus

**Refrain:**

In the waitin', in the searchin'  
In the healin' and the hurtin'  
Like a blessing buried in the broken pieces  
Every minute, every moment  
Where I've been and where I'm going  
Even when I didn't know it or couldn't see it  
There was Jesus

For this man who needs amazin' kind of grace  
For forgiveness at a price I couldn't pay  
I'm not perfect so I thank God every day There was Jesus [Refrain]

On the mountain, in the valleys (There was Jesus)  
In the shadows of the alleys (There was Jesus)  
In the fire, in the floods (There was Jesus)  
Always is and always was  
No I never walk alone (Never walk alone) To my last day [Refrain]  
There was Jesus There was Jesus There was Jesus

**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

GOD BE WITH YOU TIL WE MEET | *CW 327 2Vs.*

God be with you till we meet again,  
By his counsels guide, uphold you,  
With his sheep securely fold you--  
God be with you till we meet again.

### Refrain:

Till we meet, Till we meet,  
Till we meet at Jesus' feet.  
Till we meet, Till we meet--  
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,  
'Neath his wings protecting hide you,  
Daily manna still provide you--  
God be with you till we meet again. [Refrain]

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

The project goal for the Jomax campus:

- • Build three new classrooms
- • Connect to city water and sewer
- • Connect utilities to the new building
- • Upgrade landscaping
- • Construct a new congregational field
- • Provide site work/fencing
- • Provide a water retention pond
- • Finish parking lot improvement
- • Deposit funds into city escrow for street improvements
- • Provide for project contingency

The financial goal for the Jomax campus is \$175,000 to provide seed money to the Church Extension Fund for a new mortgage loan.

The financial goal for the Vistancia campus is \$125,000 to provide seed money to the Church Extension Fund for the purchase of land in the Vistancia area.

The total goal for the "Finish the Race" capital fund drive = \$300,000

Total commitments from 21 family units as of November 2 = \$152,705

**Total number** of Cross of Glory family units = 99

Please try to return your family commitment card to the church by Sunday, November 14.

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, make your commitment online [crossofglory.org](http://crossofglory.org).

## Men's Conference in Phoenix

*Men of His Word* is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The first conference for *Men of His Word- Arizona* will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022, in Phoenix, AZ**. 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, visit [MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/](http://MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/) and click on the Early Bird Registration button. Registering will give you regular updates

## Thrivent T-Shirts

We have a bunch of Thrivent shirts in 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) if 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

On Saturday, November 6, from 8:30-11:30 in the morning, Cross of Glory leaders will be reviewing our long range planning document, the VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer). Anyone else who is interested in providing input into this process is encouraged to attend as well. All are welcome to take part in this important planning process!

## Worship Survey

Please take a few moments to let us know how we are doing. We're gathering feedback on our worship at each site.

Jomax Worship Vol- unteers	November 14th	November 21st	November 25th	November 28th
Counters	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Plitzuweit		Wempner/ Brooks
Cleaners	Coates/ Simkauskas	Martins/ Ehlers		Kelley/ Grams
Communion Setup	-	Lynn Wempner		-
Ushers	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger
Sunday Refresh- ments	Plitzuweit & Contreras	Paula Considine		Rene Koutia
A/V	Rene Koutia/ Isaac Patterson	Levi Foxen/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson		Rene Koutia/ Gus Koutia



## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

November 2, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
November 3, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
November 3, 3:45 p.m.	Youth Group, 5th-8th Grade
November 3, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 4, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
November 4, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
November 7, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
November 7, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
November 7, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
November 7, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
November 7, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
November 8, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 8, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 9, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
November 10, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
November 10, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
November 11, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
November 11, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
November 11, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
November 14, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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## 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.

## 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

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 1: Stop the Leak Philippians 4:10-19

→ being thankful has its perks

**#1** \_\_\_\_\_ makes you thank less.

→ contentment must be learned - **vs. 10-13**

**#2 True contentment depends on a \_\_\_\_\_, not a \_\_\_\_\_**

→ an example of being filled with thanks - **vs. 14-19**

**#3 You can be content with anything when you remember you are \_\_\_\_\_.**

→ thankfulness on display on a cross

**#4** \_\_\_\_\_ the leak.

- comparison
- hardship
- uncertainty

## Group Questions

### Thank/Full Part 1: Stop the Leak Philippians 4:10-19

1. As you think through this past week, have you been as thankful as you should have been? Why or why not?
2. What difference does it make for you when you are full of thanks?
3. Give an example of how discontentment prevented you from being thankful for something.
4. **Read Philippians 4:11-13.** Verse 13 is often quoted in reference to people being able to do great things because of Jesus. As you look at the context of that verse, what is it actually saying?
5. The natural path towards contentment requires you to manipulate the circumstances of your life until you are happy. How is that different than the kind of contentment that Paul had to learn (verse 12)?
6. The attitude that "nobody owes you anything" will allow you to be content in any situation. What can that be a challenging truth to apply in your life?
7. Discontentment can be caused by several things, including (but not limited to) comparison, hardships, and uncertainty. What do you think has been the biggest contributor to discontentment in your life, and what can you do to address it?

# 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.

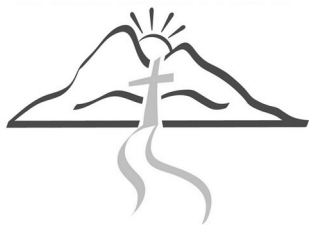
**Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**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.