



Christmas 2
Sunday, January 2, 2022



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Jomax Campus

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Sun. 9am Worship & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Campus

Lake Pleasant Elementary School
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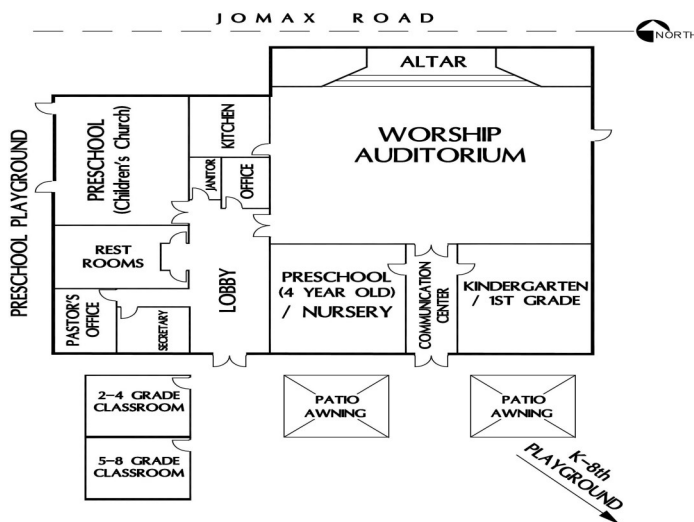
Sun. 9:30am Worship

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!



Worship
focus

The ability to appreciate Christmas is directly proportional to the understanding of whom Christmas is for. Christmas is only meant for those who are held captive by our enemies, sin and death. Christmas is for people who have no power of their own to free themselves from those enemies. Christmas is for people who patiently wait for God to set them free. God's Christmas gift is for slaves, but it does not leave them that way. Jesus takes those born in slavery and turns them into sons and daughters of God. He makes us heirs of a glorious, eternal inheritance. He sets us free from a forced servitude to our enemies and replaces it with joyful service to our loving Father.

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

Before Communing


Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

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Divine Service II

 **OPENING HYMN** Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising | *CWH362 5 Vs.*

**Come, your hearts and voices raising, Christ the Lord with gladness praising;
loudly sing his love amazing, worthy folk of Christendom.**

**Christ, from heav'n to us descending and in love our race befriending,
in our need his help extending, saved us from the wily foe.**

**Jacob's Star in all its splendor beams with comfort sweet and tender,
forcing Satan to surrender, breaking all the pow'rs of hell.**

**From the bondage that oppressed us, from sin's fetters that possessed us,
from the grief that sore distressed us, we the captives, now are free.**

**Oh, the joy beyond expressing when by faith we grasp this blessing,
when, O Christ, we come addressing thanks to you and highest praise!**

INVOCATION *(Spoken Responsively)*

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION *(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY *(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

(Sung to the tune of "On Jordan's Bank" (CW16) V.s. 1-4)

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.
Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.
You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

SALUTATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word who became flesh and lived among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

Genesis 17:1-7

*The Lord promised Abram that his descendants would become a great nation
whom God Almighty would love as his own sons and daughters.*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. ²Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers." ³Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, ⁴"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. ⁵No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. ⁷I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your de-

scendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

PSALM 148

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Praise the Lord from the heavens,

C: Praise him in the heights above.

M: Praise him, all his angels,

C: Praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

M: Praise him, sun and moon,

C: Praise him, all you shining stars.

M: Praise the Lord from the earth,

C: Lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,

M: You mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,

C: Wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,

M: Kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,

C: Young men and maidens, old men and children.

M: Let them praise the name of the Lord,

C: For his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND READING

Luke 1:68-75

At the birth of John the Baptist, his father Zechariah sings a song praising the Lord.

God's people, held captive by their enemies, would be redeemed and set free.

“Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them. ⁶⁹ He has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David ⁷⁰ (as he said through his holy prophets of long ago), ⁷¹ salvation from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us—⁷² to show mercy to our ancestors and to remember his holy covenant, ⁷³ the oath he swore to our father Abraham: ⁷⁴ to rescue us from the hand of our enemies, and to enable us to serve him without fear ⁷⁵ in holiness and righteousness before him all our days.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia. *(Psalm 98:3b)*

Sung by the Congregation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,

and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
to take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with rescue speedy to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy and bid the weak be strong,
to give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

Kings shall bow down before him and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing.
To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend,
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.

SERMON

What Child is This?
He turns slaves into sons

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, ⁵ to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. ⁶ Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, “Abba, Father.” ⁷ So you are no longer a slave, but God’s child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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THE NICENE CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?


C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

 **SONG OF THE SEASON**

Rise Up and Shine | CWH376 3 Vs.

Rise up and shine! Your light has come; God's glory breaks like dawn.
For though the earth be cloaked in night and gloom shrouds ev'ryone,
yet over you the Lord will rise, with glory gleaming clear,
till nations turn to seek your light and humbled kings draw near.

Fling wide your gates, both day and night; no more keep watch or guard.
You will be called God's holy hill, the city of the Lord.

No sound of strife will plague your land, nor harm besiege your ways;
"Salvation" will you name your walls, and all your portals "Praise."

No more will you implore the sun to shed by day its light,
nor will you need the changeful moon to glisten through the night.
Your glory then will be your God, whose light will never cease.
Rise up and shine! Your light has come to give you joy and peace.

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

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THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

(Read Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has called us to be his own so that we may live under him in his kingdom and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Sung to the tune of "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (CW 372) 2 Vs.)

**O holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven, In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,
And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.
Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he
Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!
He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,
Deliver us from bondage-Hosanna, mighty Lord!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken in Unison)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Sung by Congregation)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT

(Please refer to “Worship Welcome” in chair pocket)

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord’s Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face | CWH660

**Here, O my Lord, I see you face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon you lean.**

**This is the hour of banquet and of song;
this is the heav'nly table spread anew.
Here let me feast and, feasting, still prolong
the brief bright hour of fellowship with you.**

**I have no help but yours nor do I need
another arm but yours to lean upon.
It is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in your might, your might alone.**

**Mine is the sin but yours the righteousness;
mine is the guilt but yours the cleansing blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace:
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord, my God.**

**Too soon we rise; the vessels disappear;
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.
The bread and wine remove, but you are here,
nearer than ever, still my shield and sun.**

Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love.

SONG OF SIMEON

(Sung to the tune of "O Savior, Precious Savior" (CW 368) 2 Vs)

**O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word
A light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!**
**All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.**

CLOSING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: 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**

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice | CWH363 3 Vs.

**Now sing we, now rejoice, now raise to heav'n our voice;
he from whom joy streameth poor in a manger lies;
not so brightly beameth the sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Savior art! Thou my Savior art!**
**Come from on high to me; I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit, O pure and holy Child;
thro' thy grace and merit, blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
draw me unto thee! Draw me unto thee!**

Now through his Son doth shine the Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us through sin and vanity
till he opened for us a bright eternity.
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

January 5, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
January 6, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
January 8, 8:00 a.m.	VTO Meeting
January 9, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
January 9, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
January 9, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
January 9, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
January 9, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
January 9, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
January 10, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
January 10, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

January 11, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
January 12, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
January 12, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
January 13, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
January 13, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
January 16, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
January 16, 9:30 a.m. Elementary)	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant
January 16, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
January 16, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
January 16, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
January 16, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
January 17, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
January 17, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

Prayer Circle

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.

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 process is encouraged to attend as well.

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/>

Refreshment Volunteers and Greeters

We are looking for more volunteers to bring refreshments on Sunday mornings to space out how often they have to serve. Please contact Clara Naber at cnaber42@gmail.com to volunteer.

We would also like to improve our welcoming experience for visitors. To that end, we're looking for some people who would be willing to be greeters on Sunday morning. These greeters would welcome everyone, of course, but especially visitors. Do you have an outgoing personality? Do you love meeting and getting to know new people? Then this is a perfect way for your to serve! Pastor Foxen will meet with those interested to discuss plans for the greeting process. You can sign up online or contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

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

No Monday Services

During the Christmas and New Years Service Schedule there is No Monday service at Jomax on January 3rd.

Construction Zone

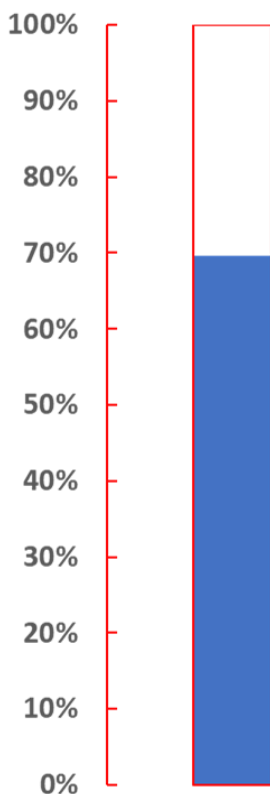
As of this past Monday, we are officially hooked up to city water!

The building permit has been granted for us to move forward with the rest of the building project. Crews will be on site this week already to begin work. To commemorate this milestone, we had a groundbreaking ceremony after church this past Sunday. As crews work to lay a foundation for the new classroom building, let us remember that our faith is built on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ. Without him, this building is pointless. With him, it is an opportunity to serve him and share him with others, that they too may be built on the solid foundation of his life and death for us!

Praise God for his grace in granting this process to move forward! .

Jomax Worship Volunteers	January 2nd	January 9th	January 16th	January 23rd
Counters	Moline/ Plitzuweit	Moline/ Brooks	Moline/ Moline	Moline/ Voigt
Cleaners	Ebel/ Koutia	Martins/ Ehlers	Kelley/Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar
Communion Setup	Sharon Kull	-	Lynn Wempner	-
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Rene Koutia	Paula Considine	Connie Sauer Clara Naber
A/V	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Levi Foxen Pedro Contreras	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia

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 = \$209,045
 (from 35 of 99 families)
% of commitments vs. goal = 70%

There is still time to fill out a commitment card. 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.

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 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.*

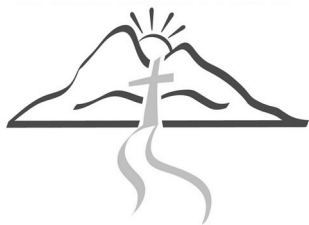
***Sara (Dan) McArdle**, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.*

***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.