



Sunday, January 23, 2022



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

Rev. Benjamin Foxen, Pastor

Blessed to be a member of



Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

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!



Everyone uses "as long as" rules. "Your car will be fine as long as . . ." "Your checking account is fine as long as . . ." These rules are necessary to be a good steward, but they are destructive when you apply them to your own well-being: "I'll be fine, as long as . . ." God shows a different way that will make you resilient for the road ahead.



1 Hark! the voice of Jesus crying, "Who will go and work today?
Fields are ripe and harvests waiting; Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward he offers thee.
Who will answer, gladly saying, "Here am I— send me, send me?"

2 If you cannot speak like angels, If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus; You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked With the Judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children To the Savior's waiting arms.

Refrain: To a world in need of love, To a world in need of life
To a world that's longing for the Love of Christ

3 If you cannot be a watchman, Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven, Off'ring life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your offerings You can do what God demands;
You can be like faithful Aaron, Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying, "There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying, And the Master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly; Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calleth, "Here am I— send me, send me!" *Refrain, Repeat*

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: We are in the presence of the true and living God, who is ever willing to forgive. Let us come to him in repentance and faith and be assured that he receives us in mercy and faithful love.
- C: **Jesus Christ, on this memorial day of your resurrection, I confess my sins to you. I confess that my sins have earned your eternal wrath and judgment. I am without excuse for I have sinned against your righteous demands—Lord be merciful to me, a sinner! By the shedding of your precious blood, cancel out the record of my sins. I believe your promise of forgiveness which you earned for all sinners on the cross of Calvary.**
- M: God our merciful Father, sent his Son, Jesus to die for our sins. Because he **rose again on the third day** we can know for certain that our sins are forgiven. Now may God strengthen you to love him and to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

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

We pray for blessings We pray for peace Comfort for family, protection while we sleep
We pray for healing, for prosperity We pray for Your mighty hand to ease our suffering
And all the while, You hear each spoken need
Yet love us way too much to give us lesser things

Chorus: 'Cause what if your blessings come through raindrops
What if Your healing comes through tears
What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near
What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise

We pray for wisdom Your voice to hear We cry in anger when we cannot feel You near
We doubt your goodness, we doubt your love As if every promise from Your Word is not
enough And all the while, You hear each desperate plea
And long that we'd have faith to believe *Chorus*

Bridge: When friends betray us When darkness seems to win—we know
that pain reminds this heart That this is not this is not our home not r home..*Chorus*

What if my greatest disappointments Or the aching of this life
Is the revealing of a greater thirst this world can't satisfy And what if trials of this life—
The rain, the storms, the hardest nights Are your mercies in disguise

MESSAGE

RESILIENT

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. 8 We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; 9 persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. 10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. 11 For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. 12 So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

13 It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." [a] Since we have that same spirit of [b] faith, we also believe and therefore speak, 14 because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. 15 All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

1 We all are one in mission; We all are one in call, Our varied gifts united
By Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission Compels us from above
To plan and work together That all may know Christ's love.

2 We all are called to service, To witness in God's name. Our ministries are different;
Our purpose is the same: To touch the lives of others With God's surprising grace,
So ev'ry folk and nation May feel God's warm embrace.

3 Now let us be united, And let our song be heard; Now let us be a vessel
For God's redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.

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 bur-
ied. 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 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.**

1. In an upstairs room, a parable Is just about to come alive
And while they bicker about who's best With a painful glance, He'll silently rise
Their Savior Servant must show them how Through the will of the water
And the tenderness of the towel

Chorus: And the call is to community The impoverished power that sets the soul free
In humility, to take the vow That day after day we must take up the basin & the towel

2. In any ordinary place On any ordinary day The parable can live again
When one will kneel and one will yield Our Savior Servant must show us how
Through the will of the water And the tenderness of the towel

Bridge: And the space between ourselves sometimes
Is more than the distance between the stars
By the fragile bridge of the Servant's bow We take up the basin and the towel

Chorus / Repeat

Day after day we must take up the basin and
Day after day we must take up the basin and the towel
Take up the basin and the towel Basin and the towel

BLESSING

GRACE BE WITH YOU ALL

M. CARD

1. Remember to love one another And do what is pleasing to Him
Be strengthened by grace And worship in reverence and awe
The God of peace

Chorus: And grace be with you all
And may the Great Shepherd of the sheep
Equip you with all things
For doing His will
And grace be with you all

2. Forget not the sufferings of Jesus
And bear the disgrace that He bore
Confessing His name, for Christ is the same
Yesterday, today and forever [*Chorus x2*]

And grace be with you all!

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.

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 vcnaber@cox.net 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 you 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.

Offering Envelopes

Our financial secretary, John Kull, has placed offering envelopes in your mailboxes at church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience so that you have them for the new year. Thank you!

Women's Service Group Outing

The Women's Service Group will be hosting a women's day out on Saturday, January 29. All women are invited to attend. We will be visiting Cerreta's candy company that morning and then having lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the Spicery in downtown Glendale. Please email Karin Hansen (karinwedeking@hotmail.com) if you'd like to attend.

Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC) Contest - EXTENDED

Good Shepherd Bible Camp is hosting a contest, and we have extended our deadline! We want YOU to design our 2022 theme! What's the prize? It's a **FREE** week of camp for up to 3 individuals (two campers and one staff)! To enter, submit your name along with a theme, Bible verse, logo, and your name to gsbcmail@gmail.com by **February 11** for a chance to win! For more information and to see past themes, head over to our Facebook page!

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

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

Vistancia Life Coaching Group

Topic: Cornerstone
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Mountain Vista Club
Starting January 27

Course description: There are an enormous number of challenges that can occur in life from seemingly tiny to soul-crushingly overwhelming. The CORNERSTONE resilience system is designed to provide a specific set of steps to follow to put into perspective those things that seem unmanageable. Through six one-hour sessions, participants will learn and practice skills and benefit from the ideas of others in their quest to be more resilient and “bounce back” in difficulty

Jomax Worship Volunteers	January 23rd	January 30th	February 6th	February 13th
Counters	Moline/ Voigt	Moline/ Cornell	Moline/ Schirripa	Moline/ Plitzweit
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson	Foxens/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	-	-	Liz Simkauskas	-
Ushers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plizuweit	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Connie Sauer Clara Naber	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Rachel Plitzweit Leslie Contreras
A/V	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia	Levi Foxen Rene Koutia	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras	Titus Patterson Pedro Contreras

Building Project

The building permit was granted for us to move forward with the rest of the building project. To commemorate this milestone, we had a groundbreaking ceremony December 19. Crews are now on site for the work. 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!

We previously stated that the solar project had been approved and was ready to move forward. We spoke too soon. We had received approval permits from APS, but we are still waiting for Peoria's approval. Plans are going through a second round of red-line revisions right now. We hope to receive Peoria's approval soon so that the panels can be installed.

Please keep both of these projects in your prayers!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

January 25, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
January 26, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
January 26, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
January 27, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
January 30, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)(Christian Education Sunday)
January 30, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
January 30, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
January 30, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
January 30, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
January 30, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)

LOOKING AHEAD

January 31, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
January 31, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service at Jomax
February 1, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
February 2, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
February 2, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 3, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
February 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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Message Notes | The Road Ahead
Part 4: Resilient
2 Corinthians 4:7-18

→ everyone has "as long as" rules

#1 You can be _____ when everything around you is _____.

→ you're just a clay jar, but still... - **vs. 7-9**

#2 Nothing can match the _____ power at work in you.

→ Paul's version of "I'll be fine as long as..." **vs. 10-15**

#3 "I'll be fine as long as I'm _____ on _____ for _____."

→ what to fix your eyes on - **vs. 16-18**

#4 Ask God to replace "as long as" with "_____."

Group Questions | The Road Ahead
Part 4: Resilient
2 Corinthians 4:7-18

1. What are some common ways that people might finish the phrase, "*I'll be fine as long as...*"?
2. What's the danger of making your wellness or wholeness dependent on external circumstances? Why do we do it?
3. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:7-9.** As a group, talk through the four phrases in verses 8-9. How have you experienced them in your life?
4. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:15.** What is the "all this" that Paul mentioned in the first part of the sentence?
As you look at the rest of the verse, why couldn't Paul *not* be fine even as he was surrounded by struggles?
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 4:16.** How do you find the daily renewal Paul mentioned, and what difference does it make when you receive it?
6. You can be fine when nothing around you is fine. Do you find that truth easy or difficult to live out? Why do you think that is?
7. Did this section from 2 Corinthians highlight a condition that you've been placing on your future wellness or wholeness? What will it look like for you to replace your "as long as" with a "because"?

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, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing 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.

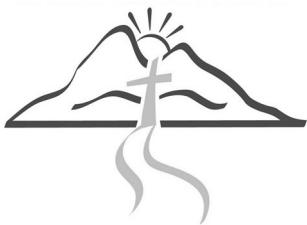
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.