



Epiphany 7
Sunday, February 20, 2022



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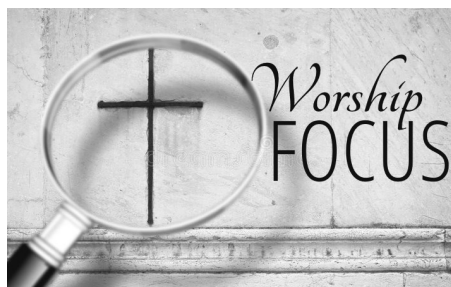
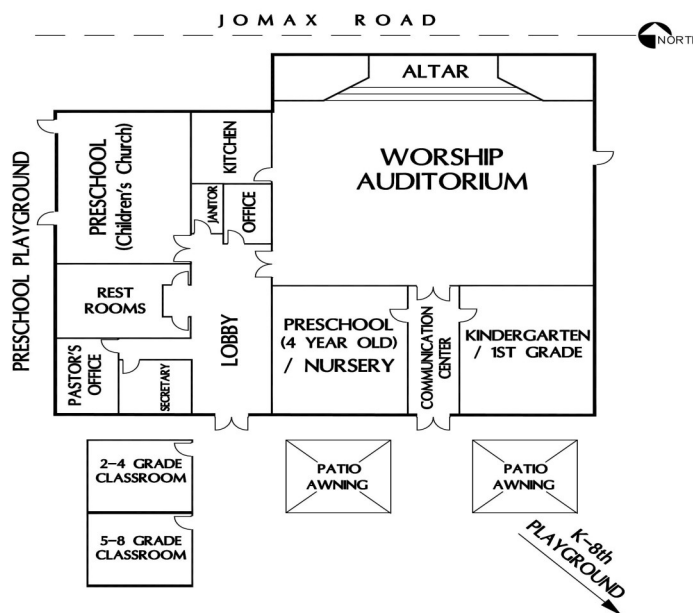
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Sun. 9:30am Worship

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!



The sermon text for today is the well-known Parable of the Good Samaritan. We tend to think of distraction and focus as opposites. If someone is focused, they are not easily distracted by random events and encounters. If someone is focused, every decision about how to spend time and resources is calculated. Apart from Christ that type of focus spells disaster for our neighbor.

We may dismiss the needs of our neighbor, thinking, “If I spend time helping him, that will distract me from other things I should be focused on.” Today, Jesus teaches us that he has set us free to live a life of such distractions. No matter the neighbor and no matter his need, we are free to act in ways that seem senseless. We are free to actively seek out a neighbor in need. We are free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve them as Christ would serve them.

Today, we welcome Pastor James Mattek, the Director of Ministry for Christian Family Solutions who brings us the message of “**Help for the Hurting**”.

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Service of Word & Sacrament

Opening Hymn

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near | CWH 867 3 Vs.

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior's gracious promise hear;
his faithful Word you can believe, that as your days your strength shall be.

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the conflict should be long,
the Lord will make the tempter flee, that as your days your strength shall be.

Refrain:

So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle's fierce, but the victory's won!
God shall supply all that you need; yes, as your days your strength shall be.

When called to bear your weighty cross, or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
or deep distress, or poverty, still as your days your strength shall be. *[Refrain]*

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.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken/Sung Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to

stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Congregation Sings:

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

**You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;
you make us pure and holy in your sight.**

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

**O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us,
you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.**

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Heavenly Father, keep your family continually in true faith, so that those who rely only on the hope of your heavenly grace may be protected by your mighty power; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Genesis 45:3–15

The account of Joseph forgiving the brothers that had sold him into slavery demonstrates that God overcomes evil with good.

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still living?” But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come close to me.” When they had done so, he said, “I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and

reaping. ⁷But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸“So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt. ⁹Now hurry back to my father and say to him, ‘This is what your son Joseph says: God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; don’t delay. ¹⁰You shall live in the region of Goshen and be near me—you, your children and grandchildren, your flocks and herds, and all you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, because five years of famine are still to come. Otherwise you and your household and all who belong to you will become destitute.’

¹²“You can see for yourselves, and so can my brother Benjamin, that it is really I who am speaking to you. ¹³Tell my father about all the honor accorded me in Egypt and about everything you have seen. And bring my father down here quickly.”

¹⁴Then he threw his arms around his brother Benjamin and wept, and Benjamin embraced him, weeping. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept over them. Afterward his brothers talked with him.

Psalm of the Day: Bless the LORD, My Soul

Psalm 103c

Soloist will introduce refrain,
Congregation will then sing refrains; soloist sings verses.

Refrain:



*Soloist: 1 It is God who forgives all your guilt,
who heals ev’ry one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.*

Congregation: (Refrain)

*Soloist: 2 The LORD is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
God does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.*

Congregation: (Refrain)

*Soloist: 3 As a father has compassion on his children,
the LORD has pity on those who fear him;
for God knows of what we are made,
and remembers that we are dust.*

Congregation: (Refrain)

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The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Romans 12:14–21

Paul lived in a Roman empire that operated on the principles of force and aggression.

Yet he encourages believers to operate on the principles of grace, forgiveness, and humility.

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.

¹⁷Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. ¹⁸If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. ¹⁹Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. ²⁰On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him;
if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Alleluia. (Luke 6:36)

(Sung by Congregation)

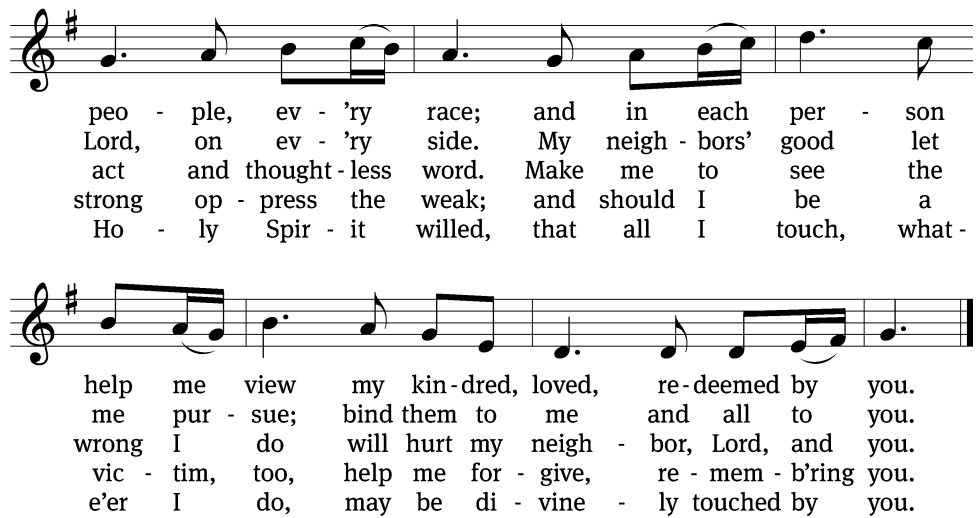
C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe
that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon Hymn

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace | CWH 768 5 Vs.



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all
2 Break down the wall that would di - vide your chil - dren,
3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less
4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er
5 With your own love may I be filled and by your



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Sermon

Help for the Hurting

Luke 10:25–37

²⁵On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

²⁶“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

²⁷He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

²⁸“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

²⁹But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

³⁰In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³²So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

³⁶“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

³⁷The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

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

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 truly 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.

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.



1 The peo - ple who walked in dark - ness a - wak - en to
 2 For God has en - larged the na - tion and pros - pered the
 3 The yoke of de - spair and bond - age, the chains and the
 4 For us now a child is giv - en, for all the de -
 5 How vast is our God's do - min - ion! How far truth and



see a great light. The peo - ple who dwelt in the
 fruit of its land. God's peo - ple are blest with the
 slave - mas - ter's rod are shat - tered and scat - tered like
 spised and for - lorn. The rule of com - pas - sion shall
 mer - cy ex - tend. The zeal of the Lord will ac -



land of the shad - ow rise to a star shin - ing bright.
 har - vest of vic - t'ry, gift from a boun - ti - ful hand.
 dust in a wind - storm loosed by the jus - tice of God.
 rest on his shoul - der. God's own Mes - si - ah is born.
 com - pish its pur - pose: jus - tice shall reign with - out end.



Refrain
 His name is Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or, Al - might - y God,



Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace. Won - der - ful, Coun - sel - or,



Al - might - y God, Fa - ther for - ev - er, Prince of Peace.

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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)



(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Loving Lord, according to your wisdom and will you bring us together into families. We pray today for the special interests of our Christian homes.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Make our families dwellings of joy and schools of character. Grant to those who are married true love and unbreaking loyalty for the sake of their children, to be models in their communities, and for the welfare of society.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Protect us from the spiritual enemies of our household, from quick temper, cranky moods, thoughtless words, and selfish pleasures which rob marriage of love and deprive childhood of joy.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Guide and guard us as we move through the changes of family life, from early joys to hectic support to aging reflection. Provide the wisdom we need to enjoy the transitions of life.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: For the sake of our society, whose foundations are in the family, we pray for the homes of others. Spare men and women from marriage vows lightly planned, carelessly made, and easily broken.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

M: Hear our prayers for our extended families and for the family of believers. Channel your strength to those who are hurting without healing and those who grieve without comfort. Calm the distraught and give guidance to the confused. Hold those we love in the arms of your grace.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

~Silent prayer~

M: O Lord, for the sake of your Son and with the power of your Spirit, give us strength and wisdom to build our homes in the shadow of your gracious and forgiving love.

C: In your mercy, hear us, Lord, and grant us your blessings. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

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.**

The Sacrament of the Altar

Greeting

(Spoken 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung by Congregation)

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

You are my God, and I will exalt you.

I will give you thanks, for you have become my salvation.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glory.

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.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God

(Sung by Congregation)

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

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

O Christ, 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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness | CWH 663

1 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; leave behind all gloom and sadness.

**Come into the daylight’s splendor; there with joy your praises render
unto him whose grace unbounded has this wondrous supper founded.**

He, though reigning high and holy, deigns to dwell with you most lowly.

**2 Hasten as a bride to meet him, and with loving rev’rence greet him,
for with words of life immortal he is knocking at your portal.**

Open wide the gates before him, saying, as you there adore him:

Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, that I nevermore will leave you.

**3 He who craves a precious treasure neither cost nor pain will measure,
but the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.**

**Though the wealth of earth were proffered, naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ’s true body, for you riven, and his blood, for you once given.**

**4 Now I kneel before you lowly, filled with joy most deep and holy,
as with trembling awe and wonder on your mighty work I ponder,
by such mystery surrounded, depths that no one ever sounded.**

None may dare to pierce unbidden secrets that with you are hidden.

5 Human reason, though it ponders, cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving with the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded are by God alone expounded.

6 Lord, by love and mercy driven, you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness and to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

7 Jesus, sun of life, my splendor, Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring:
at your feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven for our good, your glory, given.

8 Jesus, Lord of life in heaven, help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure, Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten, I may be your guest in heaven.

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Song of Thanksgiving

(Sung by Congregation)

Thank the Lord and sing his praise, Tell ev'ryone what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He renews his promises and leads his people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service | CWH 766 Vs. 1-2, 4



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of
2 Still your chil-dren wan-der home-less; still the hun-gry
4 Sent from wor-ship as your ser-vants, forth in your dear



hu-man need, who up-on the cross, for-sak-en,
cry for bread; still the cap-tives long for free-dom;
name we go, to the child, the youth, the a-ged,



of-fered mer-cy's per-fect deed, we, your ser-vants,
still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your
love in liv-ing deeds to show; hope and health, good-



bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart, con-se-
deep com-pas-sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the
will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give, that your



crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift that you im-part.
love your Spir-it kin-dles still to save and make us whole.
ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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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.

Pastor Foxen's Call

Dear members of Cross of Glory,

I'm writing to inform you that this past Wednesday, February 2, I received a call to serve God's people by joining the One Africa Team in Lusaka, Zambia.

Specifically, I've been asked to serve on their Outreach Committee. The task of this team is three-fold: to cultivate relationships with potential shepherds across the continent of Africa, train these men to gather others around them to shepherd them using God's Word and the Sacraments, and support these men as they establish their own local churches.

Consideration of any call is difficult and time-consuming; this one will likely be more so because it will involve thinking about moving overseas and living in a vastly different culture. Still, I am confident that it will be a blessing to go through this process with you. Please, give me your thoughts and counsel on this. Above all, pray to our gracious Savior on behalf of me and my family and for the ministry here at Cross of Glory and in Africa.

Our God is good and gracious. He is the Lord of the Church and knows how best to care for it. How wonderful that we can be confident of this truth: that whatever decision is made at the end of this process, God will use it for the good of his people.

May God be pleased to bless us!

In Jesus,
Pastor Foxen

Prayer Circle

Please send an email to 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.

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 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.

Mission Opportunity

Our sister church in the Czech Republic is looking for some volunteers to help out with a couple English-speaking outreach programs this year. One of the programs is scheduled to take place during Holy Week (April 8-18), and the other during the summer (July 7-19). If you would be interested in volunteering for these opportunities, please talk with Pastor Foxen, and he will give you more details.

Mailboxes

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!

Jomax Worship Volunteers	February 20th	February 27th	March 6th
Counters	Moline/ Brooks	Moline/ Wempner	Moline/ Voigt
Cleaners	Coates/ Simkauskas	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar
Communion Setup	Shannon Gullerud	-	Liz Simkauskas
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Rene Koutia
A/V	Levi Foxen Rene Koutia	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

February 22, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
February 23, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
February 23, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 24, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
February 25, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
February 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
February 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
February 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
February 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
February 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
February 27, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
February 28, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
February 28, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

March 1, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 2, 6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper/Service
March 2, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 2, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
March 4, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
March 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
March 6, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 7, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
March 7, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

Guest Preacher

This weekend, Pastor James Mattek of Christian Family Solutions will be our guest preacher and Bible study leader. He will share more about the healing and helping ministries of Christian Family Solutions, which include Christian counseling, in-home care services, and senior living solutions. Pastor Mattek has served this ministry since 2004. Prior to joining the organization, Pastor Mattek was a parish pastor serving congregations in Watertown, WI and Findlay, OH. As Director of Ministry, Pastor Mattek provides doctrinal leadership and works in mission advancement. To learn more about Christian Family Solutions, please visit www.ChristianFamilySolutions.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

Vistancia Life Coaching Group

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

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

Join Us for a Biblical Parenting Seminar!

Do you wonder what the Bible has to say about kids and parents? Join us on March 5 from 9 am-12 pm as Pastor Foxen leads us through Scripture to see what it has to say on the important relationship parents have with their children. The three-hour seminar will cover topics like spirituality, honesty, showing love, authority, and more. The format will include directed study and group discussion. Refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend, please sign up here. Hope to see you there! Please sign up online if you are interested.

Movie with Mom

You are invited to come to Cross of Glory for our annual Mother/Son Night on February 25 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Bring low-back chairs, blankets, and your favorite candy. Popcorn, drinks, and a nacho bar will be provided. All are welcome.



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 is now on hospice as his fight with cancer nears its end.

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.

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.

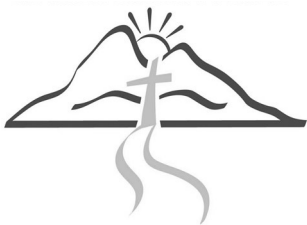
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.