



Glory Uncovered:
*When it is most
hidden, it is most
on display*

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

The Transfiguration of our Lord
Sunday, February 27, 2022



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Jomax Campus

10111 W Jomax Road,

Peoria, AZ 85383

Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Meeting in

Lake Pleasant Elementary School

31501 N. Westland Road

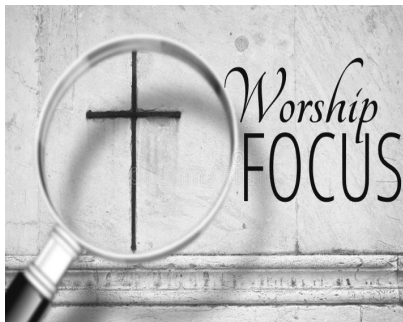
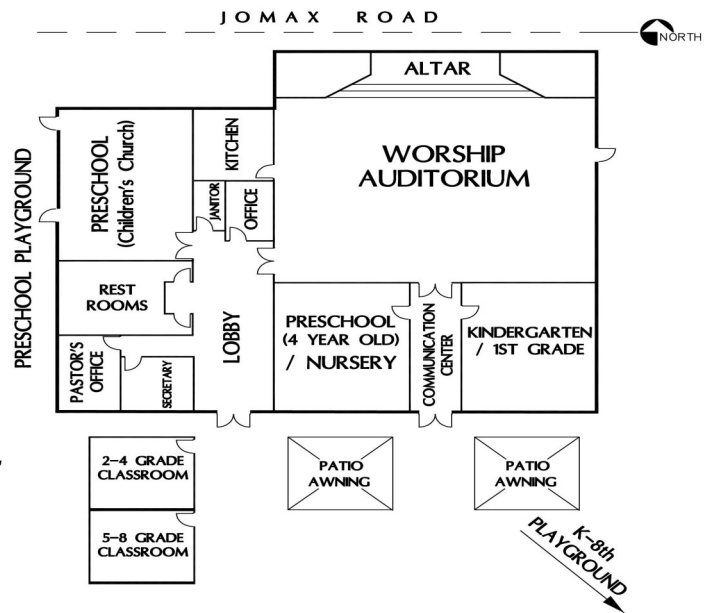
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Sun. 9:30am Worship

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 Festival of the Transfiguration of Our Lord is the third and last of the great festivals observed during the Epiphany season. On the mountain Jesus prepared his followers for the long and dreadful journey to the cross. The season of showing his glory to those he has called is coming to a close. We stand at the threshold of the season of his ultimate humiliation. But before we go down to the valley of the shadow of death, he gives us a glimpse of the glory which he hid so carefully even while he was revealing it.

Following the blessing at the end of the service, we will observe the rite for “**Farewell to Alleluia**”. With this rite we symbolically omit the alleluias for the season of Lent as we too prepare for the solemn journey to our Savior's Cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian Church has omitted its most jubilant songs during this season, including the song Alleluia, which means, ‘Praise the Lord.’ Now for a time we shall say farewell to Alleluia. With this we prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent.”

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The Festival of the Transfiguration of our Lord

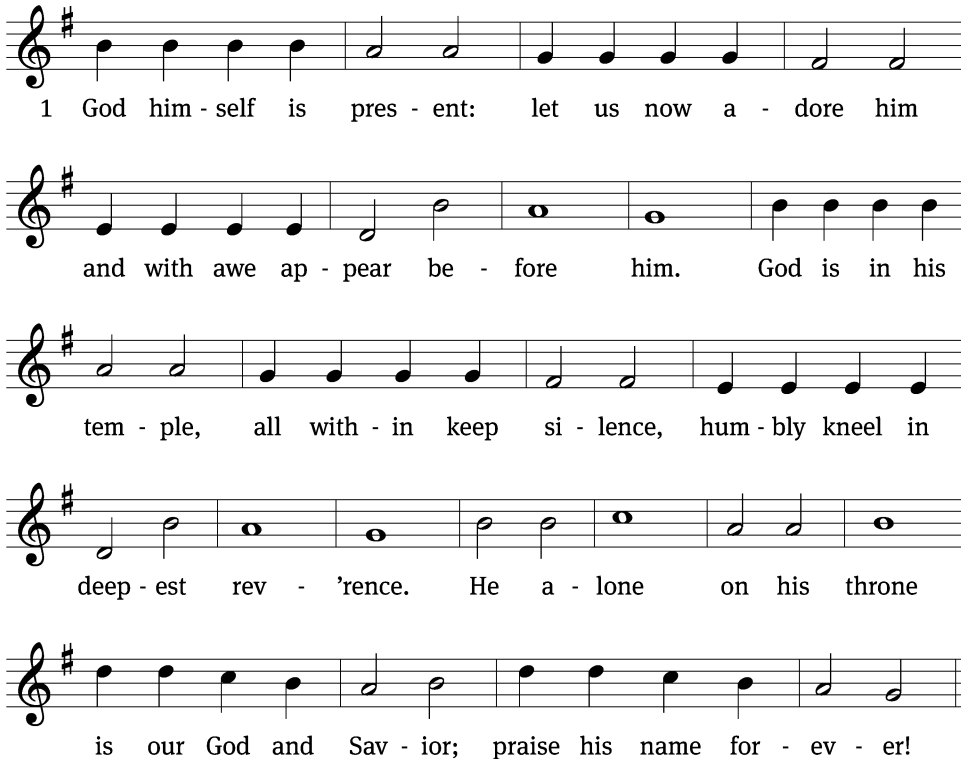
Call to Worship

(Spoken/Sung Responsively | CWH 917)

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

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:



1 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!

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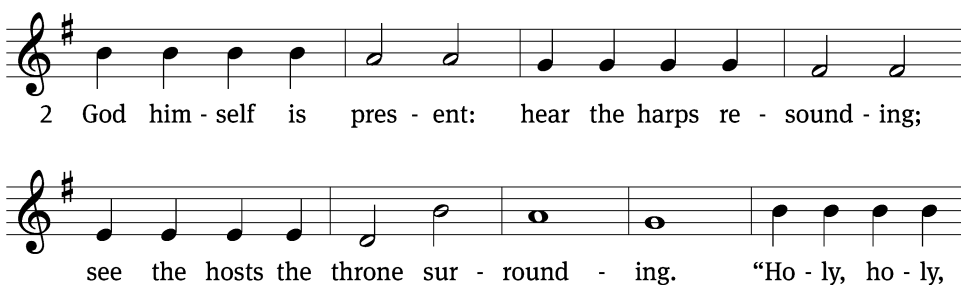
M: As He was praying, the appearance of His face changed, and His clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. (Luke 9:29)

C: Lord, it is good for us to be here! (Matthew 17:4)

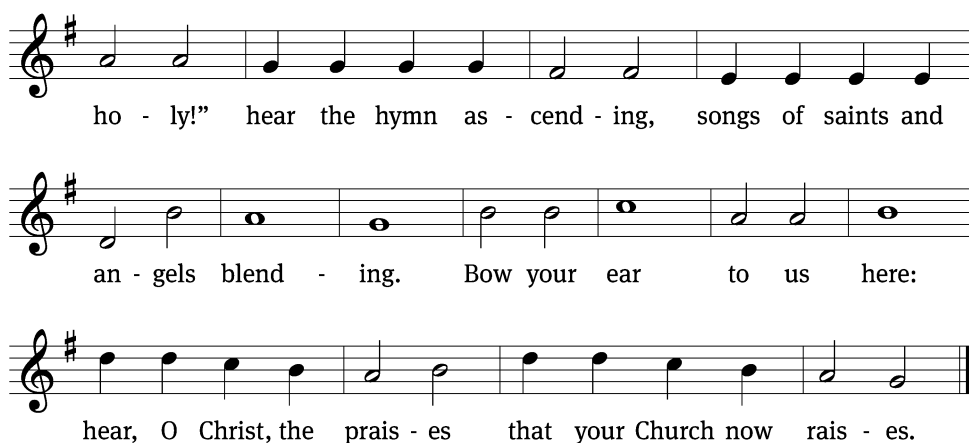
M: This is My Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased. Listen to Him. (Matt.17:5)

C: We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

Sung by Congregation:



2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. "Ho - ly, ho - ly,



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M: And we have the word of the prophets made more certain—like a light shining in a dark place. (*II Peter 1:19*) On this day of celebrating the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus—as a testimony to His divine approval of all He said and did, and as a reminder of the glorious transfiguration of our own bodies on the Last Day when we trust in His redeeming work—we worship in the name of The Father, who spoke His approval and love of His Son on the Mount, The Son, whose radiance showed His heavenly glory, and The Holy Spirit, whose inspiration of Scripture verifies the divine testimony of Jesus.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:



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C: In hopelessness and near despair, I cry to you, my Savior!

My guilt is more than I can bear, I have not earned your favor.

**You know me as I really am: how much is truth, how much is sham;
why should you heed my pleading?**

I see my heart's condition now, my heart's diverse affections.

**Why do I love the things you loathe? I'm torn in two directions:
now prodigal, now Pharisee, O God, be merciful to me;
who else but you can help me.**

**I tremble as I feel your hand, expecting retribution,
yet hear no curse or reprimand, but grace and absolution.**

**With you there is forgiveness, Lord; you speak the sweet, consoling word,
and I am sure you love me!**


M: Forgiven, free of guilt and shame, Lord, grant us time to render a gift to glorify Your name; love to reflect Your splendor. This world must know what we have learned, that You bestow what none has earned: The joy of full forgiveness. Be of good cheer. Your Deliverer has carried your sin to the cross. In the place of our Savior as a called and ordained servant, I proclaim to you the assurance of the forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Live, now, in true repentance and put away that which counters your Deliverer's good and saving ways for you so that you may richly enjoy His blessing.

C: Amen.


M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord our King:

Hymn of Praise

How Good, Lord, to be Here | CWH 389 3 Vs.



1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king-dom come;
6 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;



your face and gar-ments, like the sun, shine with un - bor-rowed light.
we long to hold the vi - sion bright and make this hill our home.
but since you bid us leave the mount, come with us to the plain.

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, sts. 1-4, 6, alt.

Tune: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750, adapt.

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of your only-begotten Son, you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud, you foreshadowed our adoption as your sons. In your mercy, make us co-heirs of glory with Jesus our King, and bring us at last to heaven; 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

Exodus 34:29–35

The glory of God was reflected in the two-sided covenant of the law which God established through Moses. It made people afraid. Through Christ God would establish a new and greater covenant which would remove all our fears.

²⁹When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. ³⁰When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. ³²Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai.

³³When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, ³⁵they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

The Children's Sermon

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

Choir

This is my Beloved Son

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Gospel

Luke 9:28–36

The glory of God, hidden in Christ, shines through on the Mount of Transfiguration.

²⁸About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. ²⁹As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. ³⁰Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. ³¹They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

³²Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. ³³As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is

good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.)

³⁴While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. ³⁵A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.”

³⁶When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.

Sermon Hymn

This Brightness, Lord! What Shall I Say | CWH 392 6 Vs.

Choir sings Vs. 1-4; Congregation joins for Vs. 5 & 6

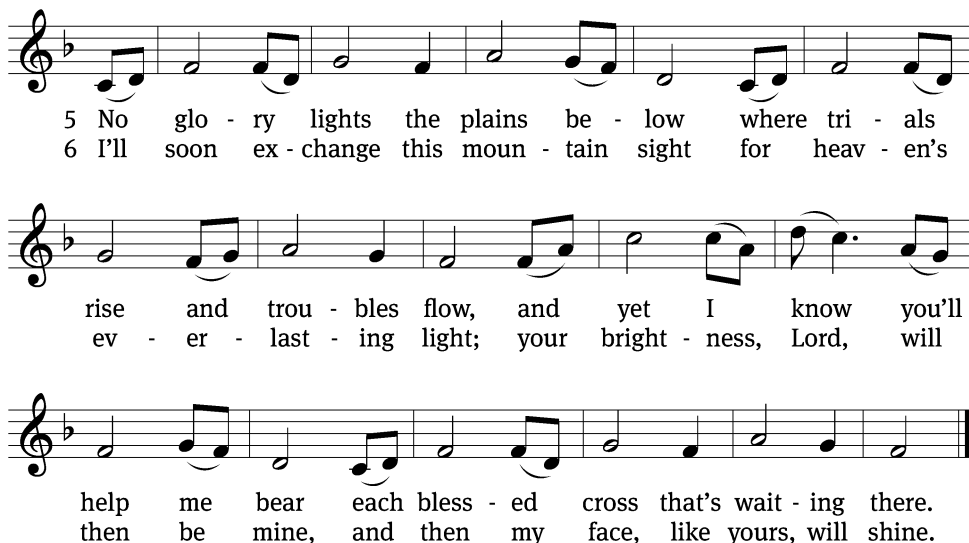
*1 This brightness, Lord! What shall I say to see your face outshine the day?
No greater gift could I receive; I'll stay right here and never leave!*

*2 But Moses and Elijah know the lengths to which your love must go.
What pleasure fills your Father's voice: "My precious Son, my perfect choice!"*

*3 I quickly learn we cannot stay; the brightness gone, you lead the way,
advancing down this mountainside to where you'll soon be crucified.*

*4 Your living Word has let me see the truth behind the bloody tree,
what makes your face profoundly shine— you made my sin no longer mine.*

Congregation Sings:



5 No glo - ry lights the plains be - low where tri - als
6 I'll soon ex - change this moun - tain sight for heav - en's

rise and trou - bles flow, and yet I know you'll
ev - er - last - ing light; your bright - ness, Lord, will

help me bear each bless - ed cross that's wait - ing there.
then be mine, and then my face, like yours, will shine.

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Sermon

No More Hiding!

2 Corinthians 3:7-18

⁷Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, ⁸will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? ⁹If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! ¹⁰For what was

glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. ¹¹And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

¹²Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. ¹³We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to prevent the Israelites from seeing the end of what was passing away. ¹⁴But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. ¹⁶But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. ¹⁷Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

Apostles' Creed

(Spoken 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.**

Song of the Season

The People Who Walked in Darkness | CWH 382 Vs. 1-5



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|---|-----|-----------|-----|-------------|-------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 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 |
| 3 | The | yoke | of | de - spair | and | bond - age, | the | chains |
| 4 | For | us | now | a | child | is | giv - en, | for |
| 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

(Spoken by Minister)



(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Glorious Father, on the Mount of Transfiguration you spoke from the cloud, calling us to listen to your Son. Open our ears to hear his Word and give us faith to believe it. Preserve us in your Church, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets.

C: We have the word of the prophets made more certain and do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place.

M: Morning Star, you rise in our hearts through Word and sacrament. Keep your Church constant in the means of grace and faithful in its confession, so that we never forsake you. Empower our ministers of the Word and through their teaching supply what is lacking in our faith.

C: For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

M: Radiance of God’s Glory, you made Peter, James, and John eyewitnesses of your majesty. Equip us to boldly proclaim your salvation to those in darkness. Use our schools to nurture children into a great cloud of witnesses who cannot help but speak about what they have seen and heard.

C: We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

M: Lamb of God, it is good for us to be here before your altar. You once revealed your glory through shining face and bright clothing; reveal it now in bread and wine. Give us repentant and believing hearts to taste and see that you are good.

C: Blessed are those who are invited to the wedding supper of the Lamb!

M: Author of Life, the appearance of Moses and Elijah reminds us that you are not the God of the dead but of the living. Comfort those who grieve for loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ. Reassure them with the fact that you died to swallow up death and rose to give us eternal life.

C: Let us know the power of your resurrection, confident that you will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like your glorious body.

M: Suffering Savior, even at your transfiguration you focused on your departure at Jerusalem. As we prepare to watch you carry your cross, strengthen us to carry our crosses. When we suffer, help us focus on you alone so that the devil may not have a foothold, and we may not despair.

C: For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.

M: God of all grace, you have called us to your eternal glory in Christ. Make us strong, firm, and steadfast.

C: To you be the power forever and ever! Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

(Spoken by All)

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.

Closing Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, 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.

Farewell to Alleluia

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response | CWH 977 4 Vs.)

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word *alleluia*, which means, "praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to *alleluia*. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The *alleluias* will return on Easter dawn as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

Sung by Congregation



1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing— hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; al - le - lu - ia is the an - them
pure ac - cord, with Christ's ho - ly Church u - nit - ed,
here be - low; al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions
Trin - i - ty— as we look to your blest East - er,



ev - er dear to choirs on high; saints a - dorned in
jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored, and with all his
make us for a while for - go. For the sol - emn
here, and then e - ter - nal - ly, when we shall once



robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
more be sing - ing al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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| 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) |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| March 8, 9:30 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| March 9, 9:00 a.m. | Mornings with Mommy |
| March 9, 6:00 p.m. | Soup Supper/Lent Service |
| March 9, 8:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| March 10, 9:30 a.m. | Golden Agers Breakfast |
| March 10, 6:30 p.m. | Vistancia Life Coaching Group |
| March 11, 10:00 a.m. | Growth Group for Moms |
| March 13, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| March 13, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax) |
| March 13, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary) |
| March 13, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (New River) |
| March 13, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia) |
| March 13, 10:30 a.m. | Sunday Morning Bible Study |
| March 14, 6:00 p.m. | Growth Group with Tim Grams |
| March 14, 7:00 p.m. | Monday Worship Service (Jomax) |

Soup Supper/ Lenten Service

We are going to have a soup supper prior to our Lenten Services. Please let us know by signing up online if you are able to bring something to pass.

Building Project Update

The city of Peoria has approved a permit for Cross of Glory to proceed with the solar project. We are hoping the installation can be done over spring break in mid-March.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for Jennifer Myers, a long-time youth leader at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa, will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 1:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served afterward. You may view Jennifer's obituary at: <https://www.bunkerfuneral.com/obituaries/jennifer-lynn-myers> A "Go Fund Me" account has been set up to help the family with expenses at <https://gofund.me/68bo5893>, donations can be made to the Pilgrim Member Tuition Assistance Fund in Charlie's name or the Pilgrim Christ Teens. For more information contact the church at office@pilgrimmesa.com, 480-830-1723.

In Christ,
Pat Coats
Secretary
Pilgrim Lutheran Church & School

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 27th | March 6th | March 13th |
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| Counters | Moline/ Wempner | Moline/ Voigt | Moline/ Cornell |
| Cleaners | Kelley/ Grams | Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar | Kelley/ Grams |
| Communion Setup | - | Liz Simkauskas | - |
| Ushers | Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger | Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer | John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson |
| Sunday Refreshments | Paula Considine | Rene Koutia | Connie Sauer Clara Naber |
| A/V | Titus Patterson Chris Patterson | Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia | Levi Foxen Pedro Contreras |

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 signup online if you are interested.

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.

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.