



Sunday, February 27, 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!



Neighboring may require you to have a new view of yourself and others.



Service of Word & Sacrament

OPENING HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

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1. Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold Not a mite would I withhold
Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart - it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- C: **Almighty Lord God, we have come together to stand in your presence, to hear your Word, and to worship you.**
- M: But who may appear in your presence, heavenly Father, and who may call on you for help?
- C: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart: he shall receive blessings from the LORD.**
- M: O holy and righteous God, you alone can make us clean. We have rebelled against you and become worthless. But your mercies never end; they are new every morning. At your command and promise, therefore, we come to you and confess our sins.
- All: **O holy and most merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But at your gracious Word I come to you, and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ I plead: God have mercy on me a sinner!**
- M: Having heard your confession, I as a called minister of God's Word assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

Luke 9:28-36

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

1. You're the One who walked on water And You calmed the raging sea
 You command the highest mountains To fall upon their knees
 You're the one who welcomed sinners And You opened blinded eyes
 You restored the brokenhearted And You brought the dead to life

Chorus 1: Forgetting all our sins You remember all Your promises
 You are amazing More than amazing Forever our God
 You're more than enough (You are amazing)

2. With authority You've spoken And You've set the captive free
 You're the King who came to serve And You're the God who washed our feet
 You're the One who took our burdens And You bled upon the cross
 In Your kindness and Your mercy You became the way for us

[Repeat Chorus 1]

Chorus 2: Oh, how marvelous Oh, how wonderful
 Oh, how glorious You are amazing *[Repeat "Chorus 2" three times]*

You are amazing More than amazing
 Forever our God You're more than enough

MESSAGE

A NEW VIEW

1 John 3:11-18

More on Love and Hatred

¹¹ For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. ¹² Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, ¹⁴ if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death. ¹⁵ Anyone who hates a brother or sister is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life residing in him.

¹⁶ This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? ¹⁸ Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

THE APOSTLES CREED*(Read in Unison)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

1. Spread, oh, spread the mighty Word; Spread the kingdom of the Lord
Ev'rywhere his breath has giv'n Life to beings meant for heav'n.

2. Tell them how the Father's will Made the world and keeps it still,
How his only Son he gave All from sin and death to save.

3. Tell of our Redeemer's love, Who forever does remove
By his holy sacrifice All the guilt that on us lies.

4. Tell them of the Spirit giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,
Strong and holy, just and true, Working both to will and do.

5. Up! The rip'ning fields you see. Mighty shall the harvest be,
But the reapers still are few; Great the work they have to do.

6. Lord of harvest, grant anew, Joy and strength to work for you,
Till the gath'ring nations all See your light and heed your call.

THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



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.

CLOSING SONG

MY PRAYER FOR YOU

BY: ALISA TURNER

For anyone who's prayed a thousand prayers And still can't find the answer anywhere
Fighting off the lie that no one cares For anyone who's out there losing hope
Feeling you're forsaken and alone Clinging to the last strands of your rope

Refrain:

May God give you eyes to see, He's still greater Courage to rise and believe He's able
May God be your peace in the fire you're walking through
This is my prayer now This is my prayer for you

For all of those with tired and weary souls
But still have faith to ask for miracles
Choosing to believe He's in control

Refrain:

May God give you eyes to see, He's still greater Courage to rise and believe He's able
May God be your peace in the fire you're walking through
This is my prayer now This is my prayer for you

May your eyes be ever on the Lord, your helper
May you find your refuge in the Lord, your shelter
May you find Him closer than a brother all your days
All of your days! And may your eyes be ever on the Lord, your helper
May you find your refuge in the Lord, your shelter
May you find Him closer than a brother all your days All of your days!

Refrain:

May God give you eyes to see, He's still greater Courage to rise and believe He's able
May God be your peace in the fire you're walking through
This is my prayer now This is my prayer for you For you!

BLESSING

SPOKEN BY MINISTER

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
and be gracious to you
The Lord look on you with favor
And give you peace



Message Notes

Neighboring Part 4: A New View

1 John 3:11-18

- what can I do?
- Jesus identifies a characteristic of Christians - **John 13:35**

#1 Christians are to be recognized by their _____.

- relationships are complicated - **vs. 11-15**

#2 Your _____ is affected by your _____.

- God gives us a new view - **vs. 16**

#3 Everyone is _____ for whom Jesus _____.

- love is seen in actions not just words - **vs. 16-18**

#4 We can carry out Christ's calling one _____ at a time.

Group Questions

Neighboring Part 4: A New View

1 John 3:11-18

1. What do you think is the general perception of Christians in America? Why do you think that perception exists?

2. **Read John 13:34-35.** What did Jesus say would be one of the primary markers of Christians? In your estimation, how has the Christian Church been doing at living that out?

3. **Read 1 John 3:11-12.** What was at the heart of the problem between Cain and Abel?

Do we see that same problem show up between people today?
How?

4. **Read 1 John 3:16.** Every person in the world is someone for whom Jesus died. They are valuable to him. What are some practical ways that we can help this new view to sink into our thinking as we interact with people around us?

5. *"Our love for people needs to be greater than our love for being right."* What does that mean? Why is that difficult? Why is that so important?

6. **Read 1 John 3:17-18.** Why do we often love our neighbor with our words, but not action?

7. Every person is a soul. How does that statement influence the ultimate purpose of being a neighbor to those around us?

8. What neighbor do you need to meet?
or
What neighbor do you need to know better?

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.

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
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

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/68b05893>, 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

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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

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.

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.

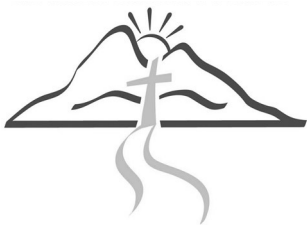
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.