



Sunday, February 6, 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!



When tensions escalate and people are divided, you might begin to wonder how the world got so messed up and what we can do to fix it. While there is a time and place for new laws and regulations, Jesus pointed to something else that the world needs in times like this.



I made You promises a thousand times I tried to hear from Heaven
But I talked the whole time I think I made You too small
I never feared You at all No If You touched my face would I know You?
Looked into my eyes could I behold You?

Refrain:

What do I know of You Who spoke me into motion?
Where have I even stood But the shore along Your ocean?
Are You fire? Are You fury? Are You sacred? Are You beautiful?
What do I know? What do I know of Holy?

I guess I thought that I had figured You out
I knew all the stories and I learned to talk about
How You were might to save Those were only empty words on a page
Then I caught a glimpse of who You might be
The slightest hint of You brought me down to my knees [*Refrain*]

What do I know of Holy? What do I know of wounds that will heal my shame?
And a God who gave life it's name? What do I know of Holy?
Of the One who the angels praise? All creation knows Your name
On earth and heaven above What do I know of this love? [*Refrain*]

What do I know of Holy? What do I know of Holy?

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: We are in the presence of the true and living God, who is ever willing to forgive. Let us come to him in repentance and faith and be assured that he receives us in mercy and faithful love.
- C: **Holy God, our Maker and Judge, we confess that we are sinful. Every day we turn away from your will; we do not love you and each other as we should. We have disobeyed you and deserve to be punished. But we are truly sorry for our sins and, trusting in Jesus' suffering and death, we pray: Have mercy on us and forgive us our sins.**
- M: God our merciful Father, sent his Son, Jesus to die for our sins. Because he rose again on the third day we can know for certain that our sins are forgiven. Now may God strengthen you to love him and to live according to his will.
- C: **Amen.**

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

Luke 10:27-37

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

**1 Jesus, lead us on Till our rest is won; And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow, calm and fearless. Guide us by your hand To our fatherland.**

**2 If the way be drear, If the foe be near, Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us, For through many a woe To our home we go.**

**3 When we seek relief From a long-felt grief, When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring; Show us that bright shore Where we weep no
more.**

**4 Jesus, still lead on Till our rest is won. Heav'nly Leader, still direct us;
Still support, console, protect us Till we safely stand In our fatherland.**

MESSAGE

WHAT THE WORLD NEEDS NOW

Luke 10:27-37

²⁷ He 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”^[a]; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b]”

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

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

³⁰ In 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. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He 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. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii^[c] 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?”

³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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. Looked down from a broken sky Traced out by the city lights
 My world from a mile high Best seat in the house tonight
 Touch down on the cold black-top Hold on for the sudden stop
 Breathe in the familiar shock of confusion and chaos
 All those people goin' somewhere, why have I never cared?

Refrain:

Give me Your eyes for just one second Give me Your eyes so I can see
 Everything that I keep missin' Give Your love for humanity
 Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted The ones that are far beyond my reach
 Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten Give me Your eyes so I can see
 Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

2. Step out on the busy street See a girl and our eyes meet
 Does her best to smile at me To hide what's underneath
 There's a man just to her right Black suit and a bright red tie
 Too ashamed to tell his wife he's out of work, he's buyin' time
 All those people goin' somewhere, why have I never cared? [*Refrain*]

Bridge: I've been there a million times A couple million lives Just movin' past me by
 I swear, I never thought that I was wrong But I wanna second glance
 So give me a second chance To see the way You've seen the people all along [*Refrain*]

Final Refrain: Give me Your eyes (for just one second)
 Lord, give me Your eyes (Give me Your eyes so I can see)
 Everything (that I keep missing) That I keep missing (Keep missing)
 Give me Your heart (Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted)
 for the broken-hearted (The ones that are far beyond my reach)
 Give me Your heart (Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten)
 Lord, give me Your eyes (Give me Your eyes so I can see)
 Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah

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.

1. I hear the Savior calling! The gospel comes to me.
My eyes once closed in blindness Are opened now to see
That I myself was helpless To live eternally,
But, dying, Christ did save me, And now he calls for me!

2. I hear the Savior calling! He leads a soul to me.
A soul in bitter anguish, One needing to be free.
The gift I have to offer Is Christ, my Lord's decree
That all have been forgiven My Savior calls for me!

3. I hear the Savior calling! He gives this charge to me:
To serve the best I'm able, Whate'er the call may be.
Thus hand in hand with others Who share the gospel key
We spread the gospel tidings My Savior calls for me!

4. I hear the Savior calling! He changes hearts for me.
From door to door I witness To share my Savior's plea;
Yet nothing can be added, No word on bended knee,
Beyond the simple gospel My Savior calls for me!

5. I hear the Savior calling! His call has urgency!
Each moment souls are dying; Soon comes eternity.
And so, my precious Savior, This is my humble plea:
Prepare me for my mission For you are calling me!

BLESSING

THE BLESSING

KARI JOBE

The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn His
Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
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Message Notes

Neighboring Part 1: What the World Needs Now

Luke 10:27-37

→ building a bridge to someone else's life - **vs. 27-29**

#1 _____ you neighbor determines
_____ you neighbor.

→ unlikely offenders - **vs. 30-32**

#2 What's keeping you on the _____?

→ he took pity - **vs. 33**

#3 What _____ your _____ compels you
to build a bridge.

→ unprecedented, one-way compassion - **vs. 34-37**

#4 Jesus came _____ because of
what he had to _____.

→ evaluate your five closest friendships.

→ identify a person you've been staying far from.

Group Questions

Neighboring Part 1: What the World Needs Now

Luke 10:27-37

1. Are you generally an outgoing person, or do you tend to keep to yourself? How did that shape the way you approach the topic of neighboring?
2. It is good to keep a balance in your relationships. Some relationships will fill you up, while others will draw from you. How is your balance in the current season?
3. **Read Luke 10:25-28.** The expert in the law believed that the laws of God were designed to get you into heaven. Why do you think Jesus gave him the answer he did?
4. **Read Luke 10:29.** The expert had to "justify himself" because he had not loved other people as he loved himself. What are some common ways people today might justify their decision to withhold love from certain people?
5. **Read Luke 10:30-37.** What detail(s) from this parable can leave you feeling guilty?
What detail(s) from this parable point you to how Jesus loved and forgave you?
6. Share an example of how your compassion or pity for someone compelled you to build a bridge into their life.
7. Is there someone in your life you feel compelled to love but have been staying away from? Talk through it as a group and share some encouragements and tips for a next step.

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
Starting January 27

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

Guest Preacher

On Sunday, February 20th, 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 this 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.

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.

Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible study is starting a new study on the Book of Luke. If you are interested in joining please contact Clara Naber at cnaber42@gmail.com.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	February 6th	February 13th	February 20th
Counters	Moline/ Schirripa	Moline/ Plitzuweit	Moline/ Brooks
Cleaners	Patterson	Foxens/ Pappenfuss	Coates/ Simkauskas
Communion Setup	Liz Simkauskas	-	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Rachel Plitzweit Leslie Contreras	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann
A/V	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras	Titus Patterson Pedro Contreras	Levi Foxen Rene Koutia

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

February 7, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
February 7, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
February 8, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
February 9, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
February 9, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 10, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
February 10, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
February 12, 9:00 a.m.	Congregational VTO Meeting
February 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
February 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Livestream Jomax)
February 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
February 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
February 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
February 13, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

February 14, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
February 14, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
February 15, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
February 16, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
February 16, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
February 17, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
February 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
February 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
February 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
February 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
February 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
February 20, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

Cross of Glory VTO Review

On Saturday, February 13th, from 9:00-12:00 in the morning, Cross of Glory leaders will be reviewing our long-range planning document, the VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer). Anyone else who is interested in providing input into this promise is encouraged to attend as well. All are welcome to take part in this important planning process!

Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC) Contest - EXTENDED

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

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!

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.

Jerry Stern, the brother of Grant Stern, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments.

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

Pat Powell, as she recovers from back issues.

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.