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SHORTCUTS ARE  
CRUSHED BY  
DETERMINATION

**Lent 2**

*Sunday, March 13, 2022*



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

**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

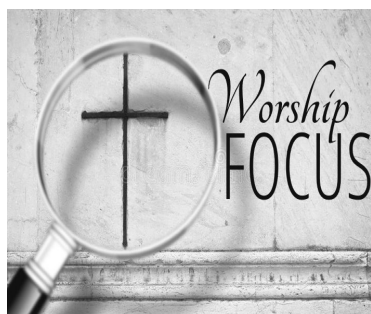
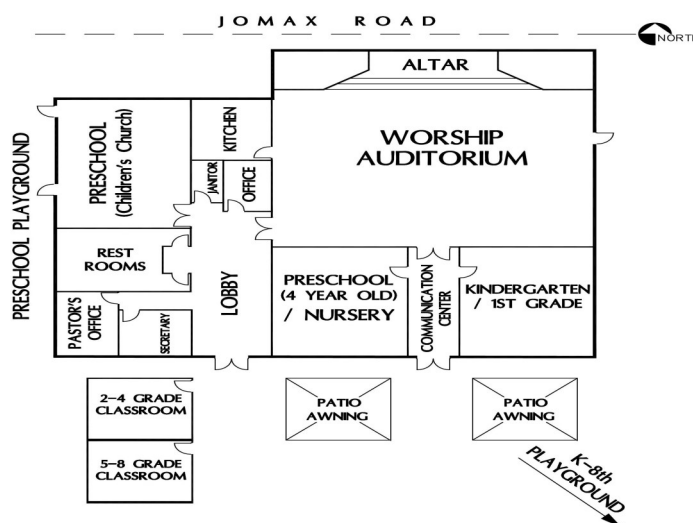
Peoria, AZ 85383

**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.

### 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



Our Sunday services during Lent this year will focus on the word, “**Crushed**”. When someone is devastated or defeated or despondent we speak of him being “crushed.” It could be due to some agonizing loss or unrealized dreams. It could be due to carrying a crushingly heavy load of guilt over some past mistake. In a broken world, it is simply a matter of time before we feel crushed. This is why we need Lent. The word Lent comes from an Old English word for Spring: “lengthen,” when the days grow longer.

For 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal. Believers humbly acknowledge that sin is the ultimate source of all the crushing moments in life. Our sin even crushed Christ. Yet, on Easter Sunday, Jesus took up his life again. Our Savior crushed both death and the serpent's head. Yes, Lent is a solemn season. But it is also a season of great hope. With the psalmist we say, “The Lord saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

This Sunday our theme is “**Shortcuts are CRUSHED by Determination**”. Last week we talked about temptation. This week we see what is at the center of every temptation: a promise of a shortcut to glory. Even in a world as sharply divided as ours, there is near universal agreement that the preferred path to glory is the shortest and easiest. To walk the path our Savior puts us on, one on which the cross comes before the crown, puts us out of step with the world. Thankfully, the determination required to walk this path starts with our Savior and not with us. Because of his determination, we are offered a glory far superior to anything the world can offer.

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## Service of Scripture and Song

### Gathering Rite on Holy Baptism

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | CWH 679

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

C: Amen.

#### Congregation Sings:



1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it: I am bap-tized  
in - to Christ! He, be - cause I could not pay it, gave my  
full re - demp-tion price. Do I need earth's trea - sures man - y?  
I have one worth more than an - y that brought me sal -  
va - tion free, last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

#### Congregation Sings:



2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er: I am bap-tized  
in - to Christ! I have com - fort e - ven strong - er: Je - sus'



M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

**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.**

**Congregation Sings:**



M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### Congregation Sings:



4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness: I am bap - tized  
5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing to this life - long

in - to Christ! When I die, I leave all sad - ness to in -  
com - fort sure! O - pen - eyed my grave is star - ing: e - ven

her - it par - a - dise! Though I lie in dust and ash - es  
there I'll sleep se - cure. Though my flesh a - waits its rais - ing,

faith's as - sur - ance bright - ly flash - es: Bap - tism has the  
still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing: I am bap - tized

strength di - vine to make life im - mor - tal mine.  
in - to Christ; I'm a child of par - a - dise!

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### Catechism Review: 3rd and 4th Commandments

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

*What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.**

M: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

*What does this mean?*

**C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.**

## Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; 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

*Jeremiah 26:8–15*

Jeremiah was concerned for the salvation of God's people. Therefore, even in the face of death, he was determined to preach the call to repentance.

<sup>8</sup>But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, “You must die! <sup>9</sup>Why do you prophesy in the LORD’s name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?” And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD.

<sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD’s house. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, “This man should be sentenced to death because he has prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!”

<sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: “The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. <sup>15</sup>Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing.”

## Psalm 42

**As a Deer** | LAP14 3 Vs.

***Sung by Congregation:***

**As the deer pants for the water, So my soul longs after you.**

**You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship you.**

***Refrain:***

**You alone are my strength, my shield, To you alone may my spirit yield.**

**You alone are my heart’s desire, And I long to worship you.**

**You’re my friend, and you’re my brother, Even though you are a King.**

**I love you more than any other, So much more than anything. (Refrain)**

I need you for your grace is endless, only you can make me whole  
You alone are my loving Shepherd and the Savior of my soul. (Refrain)

## The Children's Sermon

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

## Second Reading

**Philippians 3:17—4:1**

*Being a follower of Jesus means that our path in life will resemble his.*

*The path to heaven inevitably includes crosses.*

*Paul encourages us to follow his example of determination.*

<sup>17</sup>Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. <sup>18</sup>For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

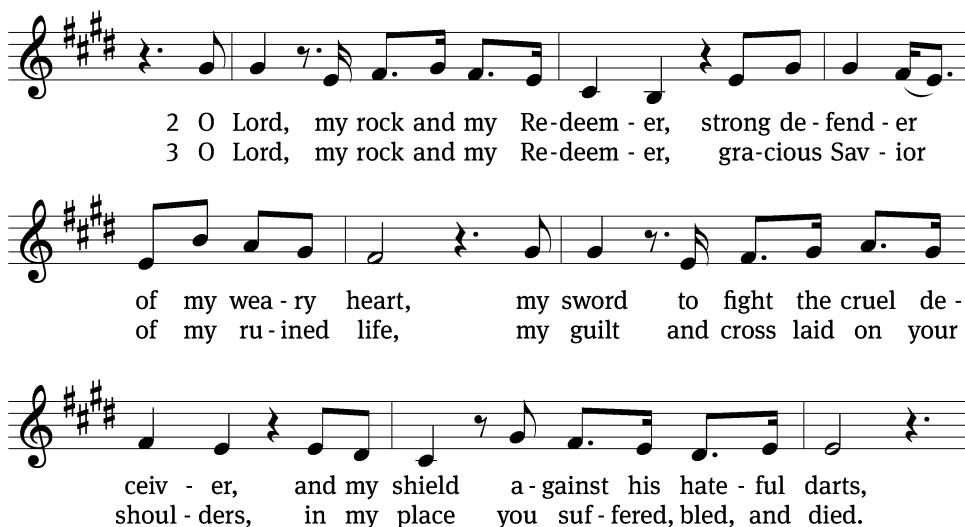
## Sermon Hymn

**O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer** | CWH 539 3 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, my rock and my Redeemer, greatest treasure of my longing soul,  
my God, like you there is no other, true delight is found in you alone.  
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom, your love exceeds the heavens' reach,  
your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom, my highest good and my unending need.

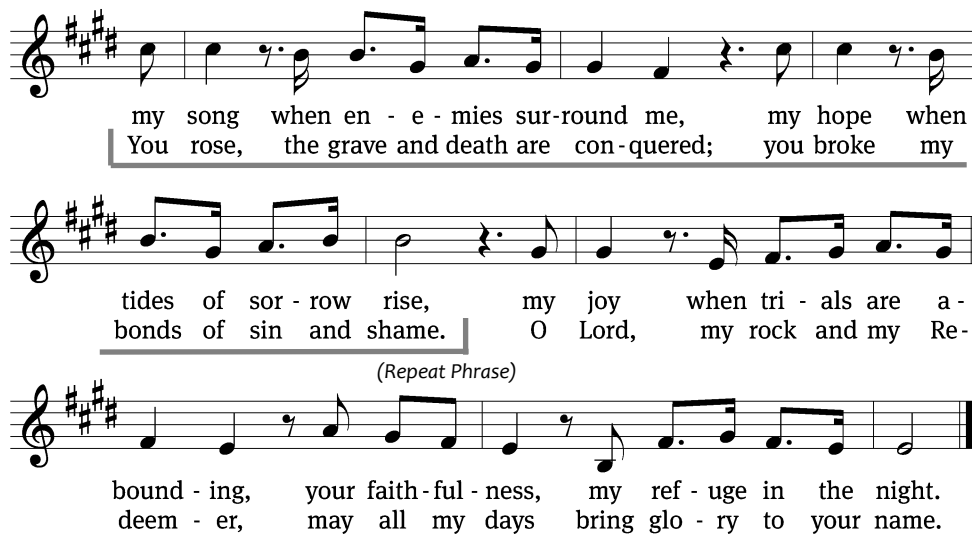
### Congregation Sings:



2 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, strong de - fend - er  
3 O Lord, my rock and my Re-deem - er, gra-cious Sav - ior

of my wea - ry heart, my sword to fight the cruel de -  
of my ru - ined life, my guilt and cross laid on your

ceiv - er, and my shield a - gainst his hate - ful darts,  
shoul - ders, in my place you suf - fered, bled, and died.



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## Sermon

## CRUSHED:

Luke 13:31–35

### Shortcuts are Crushed by Determination

<sup>31</sup>At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, “Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you.”

<sup>32</sup>He replied, “Go tell that fox, ‘I will keep on driving out demons and healing people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.’ <sup>33</sup>In any case, I must press on today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside Jerusalem!

<sup>34</sup>“Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were not willing. <sup>35</sup>Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

## The First Article (Creation)

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

*What does this mean?*

**C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.**

M: And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

**C: God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him.**



This is most certainly true.

## Song of the Season

Vs.

## The Garden of Gethsemane CWH 424 | 5

Ensemble sings Vs. 1-2 ; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-5

*1 The Garden of Gethsemane— they'd often gathered there,  
the Christ and his disciple friends, the sheep beneath his care.  
But when the Shepherd needed them— "Come, watch and pray with me"—  
their heavy hearts and eyes prevailed in dark Gethsemane.*

*2 Gethsemane's serenity, so pleasant in the past,  
was shattered by a piercing cry. Our Savior stood aghast—  
to see the curse inside the cup, to sense what soon would be  
unleashed against his sinless soul beyond Gethsemane.*

**Congregation sings:**



3 Geth - sem - a - ne's in - ten - si - ty, re - vealed in blood - like  
4 Geth - sem - a - ne's im - men - si - ty can still be seen to -  
5 Geth - sem - a - ne's tran - quil - i - ty re - turned a - gain that



sweat, led Christ to pray, for he would pay sin's  
day. The Fa - ther's will was crys - tal clear: "There  
night; the con - flict moved to Cal - va - ry, where



aw - ful, crush - ing debt. "My Fa - ther, find an -  
is no oth - er way! Move on, my Son; your  
Je - sus won the fight. There is no cup for



oth - er way to set the sin - ner free. Your  
death a - lone can save hu - man - i - ty." So,  
us to drink, no curse, no pen - al - ty— to



will, not mine, be done," he said in sad Geth-sem-a - ne.  
bound and des - tined for the cross, Christ left Geth-sem-a - ne.  
know the lav - ish love of God, re - call Geth-sem-a - ne!

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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 by Minister)*

## **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.**

## **Blessing and Response**

*(Response Sung by Congregation)*

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

***Sung by Congregation:***

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

## Closing Hymn

## He Will Hold Me Fast | CWH 813 3 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs. 1& 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3

1 When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
when the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold thro' life's fearful path,  
for my love is often cold—he must hold me fast. (Refrain)

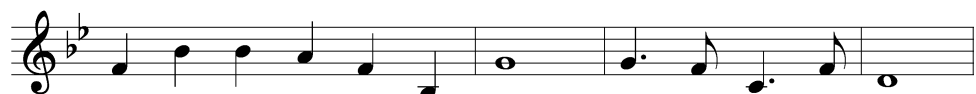
Refrain: He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;  
for my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

2 Those he saves are his delight; Christ will hold me fast;  
precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;  
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast. (Refrain)

### Congregation Sings:



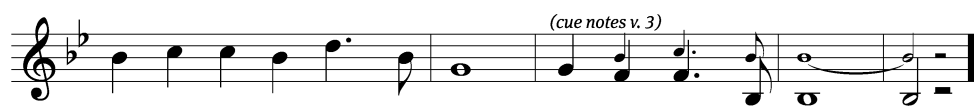
3 For my life he bled and died; Christ will hold me fast;



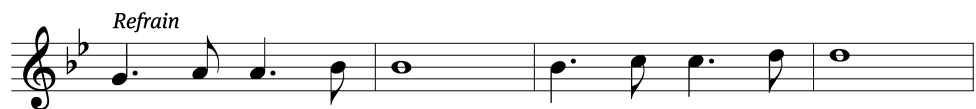
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.



Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last! (Refrain 2X)



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav-ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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## 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.

## 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](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org)

## Vistancia Life Coaching Group

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Kiwanis Club, New River  
Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Cave Creek

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.

## ALA Concert/Worship Service at Vistancia

SUNDAY, April 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Students and staff members from Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) will lead our worship service at Vistancia. The A Cappella Choir, directed by Joshua Severeid, will provide music. Campus Pastor Brad Bode will provide the message based on Matthew 20:28. We'll also have the opportunity to hear about what's new at our area Lutheran high school from Principal Kurt Rosenbaum. We look forward to welcoming them all to Cross of Glory!

## Midweek Soup Suppers and Lenten Services

Lent begins Wednesday, March 2. The theme for this year's series is "The Crucial Hours." The series ponders key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of his saving work for us, the breadth and depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.

Services will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Pastors from around our circuit will be coming to share God's Word with us each Wednesday. There will also be a soup supper before each service, beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the soup suppers, please sign up to bring a soup or other dish to pass. God bless us as we journey with him once again to the cross and empty tomb!

Please [sign up](#) here if you are able to bring something to pass for the soup supper.

## Golden Agers Breakfast

Golden Agers breakfast will be held this Thursday, March 10, at 9:30. The location is Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345. Please email Judy Sasse if you plan to attend. [sasseja43aol.com](mailto:sasseja43aol.com).



Email by April 2 to sign up:  
[becky.foxen@crossofglory.org](mailto:becky.foxen@crossofglory.org)

Bring cash for food truck  
food and drinks.  
See you there!

# APRIL 8

5:00PM- Food Truck  
6:00PM- Curtains Open

## ACSTO

We have a custom Cross of Glory link that will make donating your tax dollars a little easier this year! For more information on how to donate or how the tax credit works, get in touch with Becky Foxen at 623-340-8354 or donate online at <https://pages.acsto.org/school/cross-of-glory>.

## AmazonSmile

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Then just shop like normal. So long as you're doing it via that web address, Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases. All prices and products are the same as they would be if you bought them without using Smile.

## Prayer Circle

Please send an email to [prayercircle@crossofglory.org](mailto: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.

## Call Meeting—Sunday, March 13th

The voters of COG will meet on Sunday, March 13 at 11:30 at the Jomax campus to issue teaching calls for next school year. Among renewing calls for three returning teachers, we will be calling a replacement for Mr. Paul Pappenfuss. Mr. Pappenfuss has extended his medical leave of absence indefinitely. Therefore, we will be calling a new teacher to serve as the 5th and 6th grade homeroom teacher, departmentalized teaching in grades 5-8, and serve as our Athletic Director. Lastly, we will be calling a part-time lead teacher for our second 4-year old preschool classroom which is already filling up with eager students to join COG next school year.

## 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	March 13th	March 20th	March 27th
Counters	Moline/ Cornell	Moline/ Schirripa	Moline/ Plitzuweit
Cleaners	Kelley/ Grams	Patterson	Foxen/ Koutia
Communion Setup	-	Dawn Ellis	-
Ushers	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Cody Hall Levi Foxen
Sunday Refreshments	Connie Sauer Clara Naber	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Paula Considine
A/V	Levi Foxen Pedro Contreras	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 15, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 16, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 16, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 17, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
March 18, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 19, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
March 19, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 19, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
March 19, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 19, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
March 19, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 21, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
March 21, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

## LOOKING AHEAD

March 22, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 22, 3:45 p.m.	Youth Group
March 23, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
March 23, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 23, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 24, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
March 25, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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March 27, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 28, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
March 28, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

## COG Kids Klub (March)

Kids Klub is a free Sunday morning club for kids ages 3-11 and offers a fun hour of activity. See below for this month's schedule. Parents are welcome to stay with their children for the hour, or leave and come back at 11:30 to pick them up. Mr. Aguilar and the youth group kick things off with a fun sing-along time. Each Sunday, a new Bible story will be taught and/or incorporated into the day's activity.

10111 W Jomax Road  
10:30-11:30am

Sunday, March 13 - Craft Klub - Andrea Semmann  
Sunday, March 20 - Craft Klub - Kathy Collyard  
Sunday, March 27 - Dance and Drum - Becky Foxen

# 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.

**For the family of Arvid Sternquist**, father of our member, Shawn Novak. His time of suffering is over and he now lives at peace in his heavenly home. Funeral is March 19th at 12:00, visitation at 11:00, at the Jomax Campus

**For the Family of Jeffery Weihe**, nephew of Carol Peterson, who passed away due to trauma from a car accident.

## 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.



**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.