

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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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

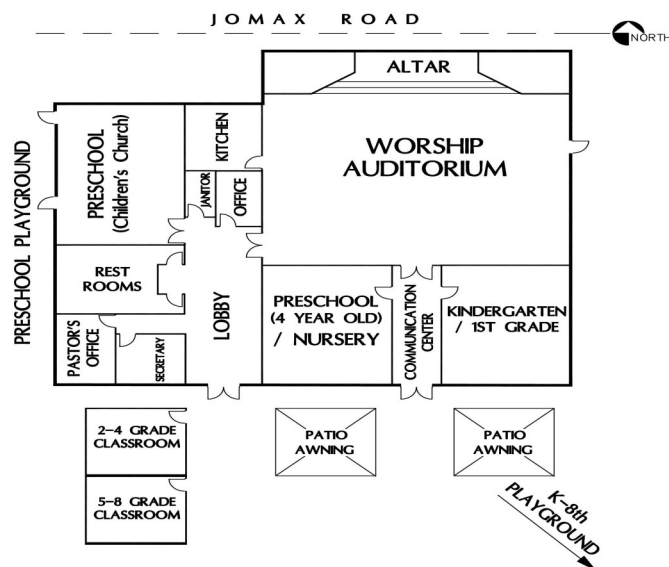
Peoria, AZ 85383

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 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!



God became man and lived life in our place. Christ lived the perfect God-lived life. Living as a Christian, a little Christ, we have the privilege of demonstrating what God looks like in how we live our lives, in living lives that show God. This is the third of four special services at Cross of Glory where we celebrate a God-lived life —God's Word will be challenging us and we'll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life.

In today's worship, the particular emphasis of the God-lived life is on the relationships in our lives that show and share Jesus.

- Service One: A Life Lived for Others
Service Two: A Life of Being a Disciple
Service Three: A Life of Hospitality
Service Four: A Life Lived Shrewdly

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, in coming to hear your Word this morning, you have planted us like trees beside streams of water. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

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Gathering Rite

(CW467)

M: We begin our worship in the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Heavenly Father, you have blessed us with gifts to serve you and our neighbor. We repent for times we have used those gifts selfishly instead of generously and selflessly. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.

**C: ♪ May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing. (CW467:3)**

M: Dear Savior Jesus, you have shown us the full extent of your love by giving your life for ours on the cross. Though that love is what ought to motivate our service, too often our service is grudgingly given, motivated by guilt and obligation, instead of generously given, motivated by your love. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

**C: ♪ May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting self abasing – This is victory. (CW467:4)**

M: O Holy Spirit, you want all people to be saved by the power of the Gospel. You also tell us that you use our Christian lives and service to lead them to hearing the Gospel. We are sorry when people see sin in our lives and not the good deeds you desire from us. Forgive us and live within us.

**C: ♪ May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him. (CW467:6)**

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**C: ♪ May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.
May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r. (CW467:1-2)**

M: We pray:

Almighty God, you sent your Son to become one of us to cleanse us and claim us. Give to us the same spirit of hospitality Jesus had to look on each stranger as someone you love, and therefore worthy of our time and concern; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**C: ♪ May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW467:5)**

First Reading

Genesis 18:1–15

¹The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. ²Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

³He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. ⁴Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. ⁵Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

⁶So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

⁷Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. ⁸He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

⁹“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

¹⁰Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. ¹¹Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. ¹²So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

¹³Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ ¹⁴Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

¹⁵Sarah was afraid, so she lied and said, “I did not laugh.”

But he said, “Yes, you did laugh.”

Bible Study

Early Church Hospitality

Acts 2:42–47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵They sold property and

possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Gospel

Matthew 9:9-13

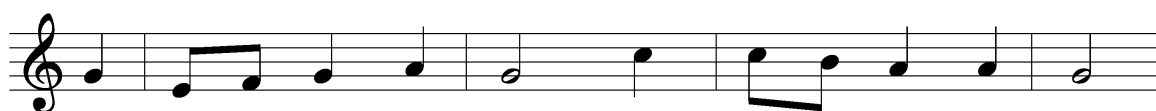
⁹As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹²On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

Sermon Hymn: Blest Be the Tie That Binds

CWH 730 Vs. 1, 3-5



1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 When here our path - ways part, we suf - fer bit - ter pain;
5 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free



the fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
yet, one in Christ and one in heart, we hope to meet a - gain.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817

Tune: Lowell Mason, 1792-1872

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Sermon

Eating with Sinners

Matthew 9:9-13

Nicene Creed

(Spoken by All)

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

seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



(To give an offering, please scan QR code)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Lord Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, you humbled yourself to be born of a virgin. You became one of us. Your hospitality knew and knows no bounds. You invited fishermen, a tax collector, people from all walks of life to be your disciples. You welcomed little children and took them up in your arms. You spoke to the woman at the well and offered her living water—forgiveness and life. Give us a rich measure of your Holy Spirit so that we take that same view of all people we meet. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, you have turned our hearts from the darkness of sin and eternal death to the light of life and an eternity in heaven through Jesus Christ alone. You have given us eyes to see our Savior Jesus. Give us eyes to see each person we meet as one for whom our Savior died, and one God loves dearly. Give us the words to speak in love. Grow us in wisdom through our study of your word and grant us peace. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Father, you created us and continue to provide and protect us. Give us the courage and trust to take you at your word. Your word tells us, “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God” (2 Cor. 9). Give us the courage to be hospitable to others whether in the family of believers or those not yet in the family of believers. Protect and provide for us and let our generosity overflow to strangers. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Accept our prayers and grant all we need, not because we are worthy, but for the sake of Jesus Christ who lived a perfect life in our place and died for our sins and was raised again. Amen.

The 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.

The Sacrament

Preface

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung to the tune of CWH 872)

Tune: WEBB



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er-last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

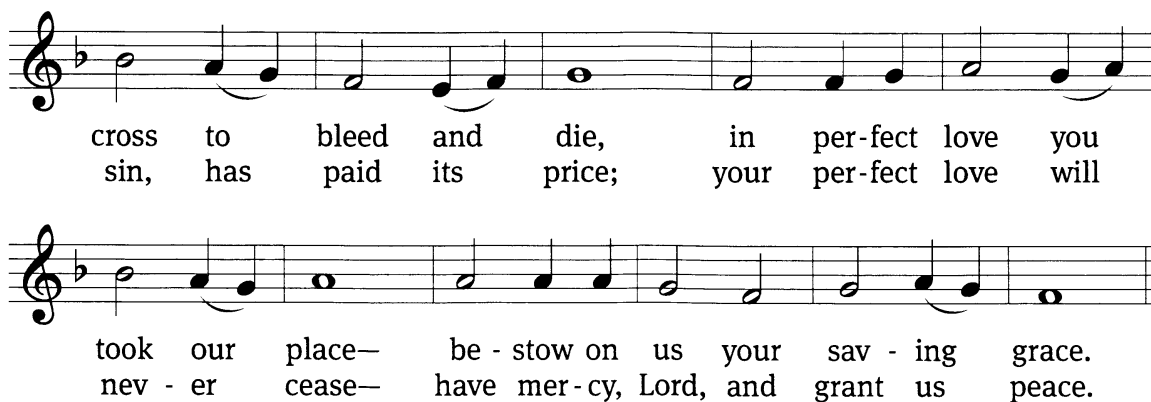
C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

(Sung to the Tune of CWH 407)



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Tune: Michael D. Shultz

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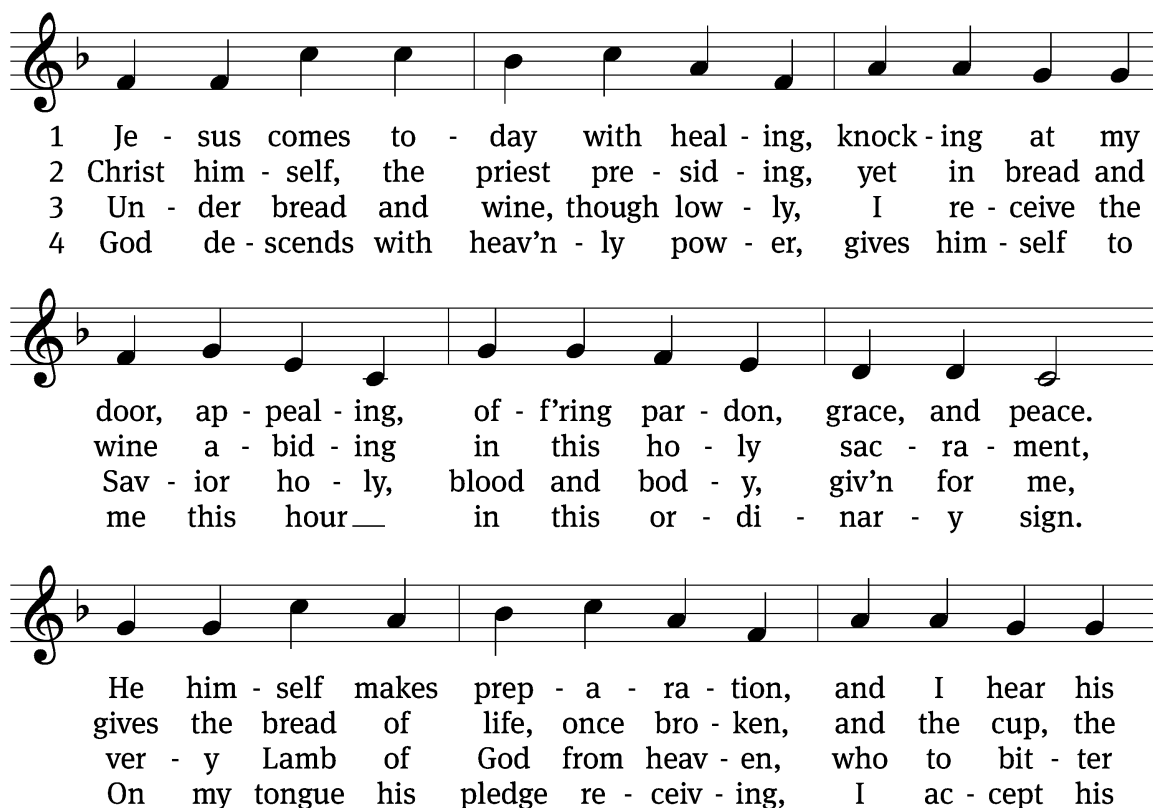
Distribution of Sacrament

(Please refer to “Worship Welcome” in chair pocket)

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord’s Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

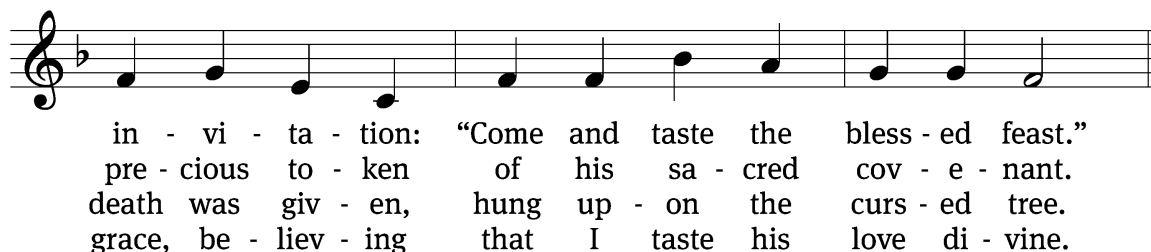
CWH 668



1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav’n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to

door, ap - peal - ing, of - f’ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv’n for me,
me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.

He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his
gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the
ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter
On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

Text: tr. David W. Rogner, b. 1960; Heinrich Puchta, 1808–1858

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Closing Prayer

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

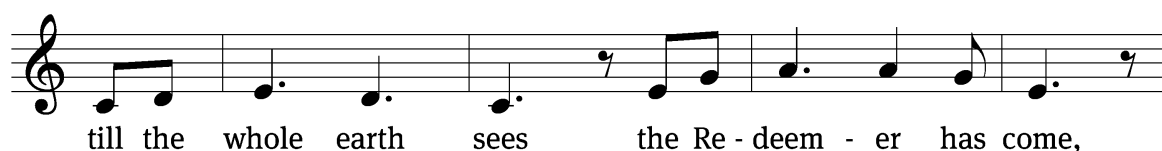
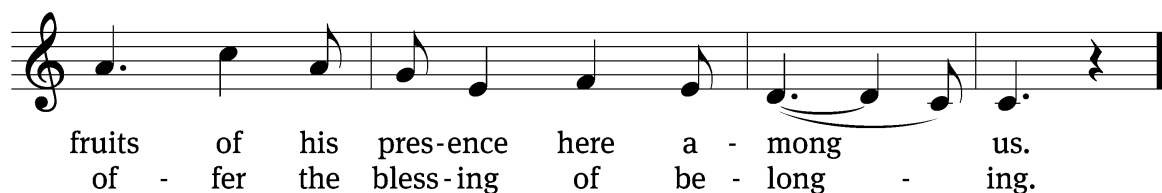
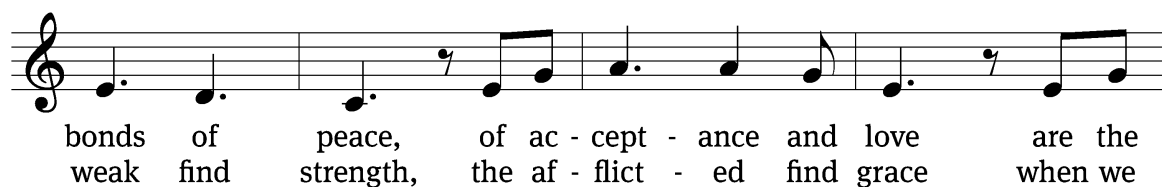
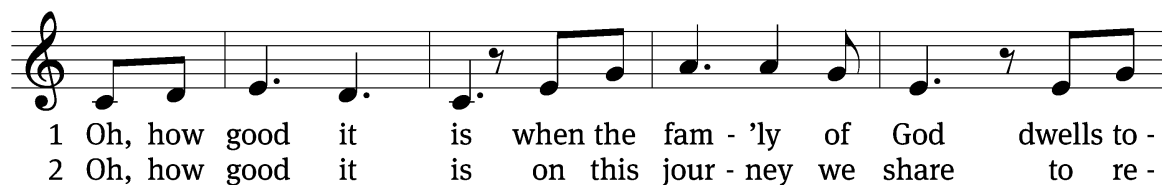
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Oh, How Good It Is

CWH 731 Vs.1-2



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Midweek Soup Suppers and Lenten Services

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 online if you are able to bring something to pass for the soup supper.

Golden Agers Breakfast

Golden Agers breakfast will be held this Thursday, April 14, 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.



Email by April 2 to sign up:
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>.

Building Project Update

The solar project is underway! Brackets are now in place and panels will be installed this Saturday.

The classroom building project also continues to move forward. The crew has poured the foundation for the building. The framing should then be up in a week and a half afterward, and then trusses will be brought in. They've also finished creating the connecting roadway between the two parking lots on the north side of the building.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April 4, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
April 4, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 5, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
April 6, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
April 6, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
April 6, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
April 7, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
April 8, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 9, 9:00 a.m.	Women's Service Group
April 10, 9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 10, 9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 10, 9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
April 10, 9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (New River)
April 10, 9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
April 10, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

April 11, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 12, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
April 14, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
April 14, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
April 15, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 17, 7:00 a.m.	Easter Dawn Service
April 17, 7:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
April 17, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service
April 17, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 17, 7:00 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

Holy Week Schedule

Join us for worship of our victorious Savior and fellowship with each other:

- April 10, 9 a.m. -- Palm Sunday
- April 14, 7 p.m. -- Maundy Thursday
- April 15, 7 p.m. -- Good Friday
- April 17, 7 a.m. -- Easter Dawn
 - 8 a.m. -- Easter Breakfast
 - 9 a.m. -- Easter Festival Service
 - 9 a.m. -- Vistancia Easter Service
 - 10:30 a.m. -- Easter Breakfast

Please sign up online to bring something for Easter breakfast. Also, we will need helpers to clean up for each breakfast.

Teen Group

Teen Group will be meeting at Uptown Alley from 4:00-6:00 p.m. today for food, fun, and fellowship. Please bring \$10.

Pastor Foxen's Call

Pastor Foxen has accepted his call to Africa. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as they make this transition. For more details and his acceptance letter please refer to our weekly newsletter online.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	April 3rd	April 10th	April 17th
Counters	Sasse/ Brooks	Wempner/ Voigt	Wempner/ Cornell
Cleaners	Coates/ Simkauskas	Plitzuweit/Peterson Aguilar	Kelley/ Grams
Communion Setup	Shannon Gullerud	Maundy Thursday Sharon Kull	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson <u>April 14th</u> Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger <u>April 15th</u> Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud	<u>Sunrise Service</u> Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern <u>Easter Service</u> Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit
Sunday Refreshments	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Easter Breakfast
A/V	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Levi Foxen Aaron Gullerud

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.

For the family of Gus Koutia in Lebanon, as they face a food shortage due to the interruption of imports from Ukraine.

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.

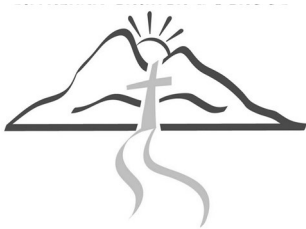
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.