



*Sunday, March 13, 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!

## Worship focus

The theme “Repent: Turn to Jesus!” flows from the critical questions that occasioned the Ninety-five Theses and thereby the Lutheran Reformation: What is the essence of repentance? Is repentance the act of “doing penance”—making satisfaction for sin? Or is repentance something else entirely? Repentance, Luther came to see, is God's gracious gift to us. Luther proclaimed the biblical truth that the believer's entire life is a life of repentance—a daily return to the saving waters of Baptism.



# REPENT

# TURN TO JESUS!

## Service

### OPENING SONG

### IF WE'RE HONEST

BY: FRANCESCA BATTISTELLI

Truth is harder than a lie The dark seems safer than the light  
And everyone has a heart that loves to hide I'm a mess and so are you  
We've built walls nobody can get through  
Yeah, it may be hard, but the best thing we could ever do, ever do

Bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine 'Cause love can heal what hurt divides  
And mercy's waiting on the other side If we're honest If we're honest

Don't pretend to be something that you're not Living life afraid of getting caught  
There is freedom found when we lay our secrets down at the cross, at the cross

So bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine 'Cause love can heal what hurt divides  
And mercy's waiting on the other side If we're honest If we're honest

It would change our lives It would set us free It's what we need to be

So bring your brokenness, and I'll bring mine 'Cause love can heal what hurt divides  
And mercy's waiting on the other side If we're honest If we're honest If we're honest

### 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

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

### HYMN

### JUST AS I AM, WITHOUT ONE PLEA

CW 397

1 Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

2 Just as I am and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

3 Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

5 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6 Just as I am; thy love unknown Has broken ev'ry barrier down.  
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

## MESSAGE

## WHEN YOU FACE TEMPTATION

Mark 14:32-38

### <sup>9</sup> Gethsemane

<sup>32</sup> They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." <sup>33</sup> He took Peter, James and John along with him, and he began to be deeply distressed and troubled. <sup>34</sup> "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death," he said to them. "Stay here and keep watch."

<sup>35</sup> Going a little farther, he fell to the ground and prayed that if possible the hour might pass from him. <sup>36</sup> "Abba, <sup>[a]</sup> Father," he said, "everything is possible for you. Take this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will."

<sup>37</sup> Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Simon," he said to Peter, "are you asleep? Couldn't you keep watch for one hour?" <sup>38</sup> Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

## 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.

## SERMON RESPONSE

## JESUS MESSIAH

BY: CHRIS TOMLIN

1. He became sin, who knew no sin That we might become His righteousness  
He humbled himself and carried the cross Love so amazing, love so amazing

*Refrain:* Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

2. His body the bread, his blood the wine Broken and poured out all for love  
The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn Love so amazing, love so amazing, yeah

*Refrain:* Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

*Bridge:* All our hope is in You, all our hope is in You  
All the glory to You, God, the light of the world

*Refrain:* Jesus Messiah, name above all names Blessed redeemer, Emmanuel  
The rescue for sinners, the ransom from Heaven Jesus Messiah, Lord of all

Jesus Messiah, Lord of all You're the Lord of all The Lord of all

**THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER**

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



(Prayed by Minister)

**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 HYMN**

**WHAT WONDEROUS LOVE**

CW 120

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down, sinking down,  
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,  
Christ laid aside his crown For my soul, for my soul,  
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I Am,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing his love for me,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on.

**BLESSING**

**GRACE BE WITH YOU ALL**

*By: Michael Card*

And grace be with you all And may the Great Shepherd of the sheep  
Equip you with all things For doing His will And grace be with you all

And grace be with you all And may the Great Shepherd of the sheep  
Equip you with *good things* For doing His will  
And grace be with you all And grace be with you all...



**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.

## 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).



**CROSS OF GLORY'S ANNUAL  
TALENT  
SHOW**

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

Want to do some good while you shop on Amazon? With [Amazon Smile](#), you can support charity easily and automatically.

Just point your browser (or modify your Amazon bookmark) to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), then choose Cross of Glory Lutheran Church to support.

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.

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

## 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

## 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.

## Offerings

We have now returned to collecting offerings during the service. Offerings can also be made online by visiting [crossofglory.org](http://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.



## 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)
March 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
March 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
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.