



REPENT

TURN TO JESUS!

Sunday, March 20, 2022



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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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.



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A Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

TODAY YOUR MERCY CALLS US

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1 Today your mercy calls us To wash away our sin.
However great our trespass, Whatever we have been,
However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away,
Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.

2 Today your gate is open, And all who enter in
Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin.
The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n,
A future grace be promised: A glorious crown in heav'n.

3 Today our Father calls us; His Holy Spirit waits.
His blessed angels gather Around the heav'nly gates.
No question will be asked us How often we have come;
Although we oft have wandered, It is our Father's home.

4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door,
What should we do without you When heart and eye run o'er?
When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair,
We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer..

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: **Lord God, Judge and Ruler of all, I stand before you repenting this day. I have much to confess, for I have sinned against you by my thoughts, words, and actions. I cannot earn your favor or forgiveness, but I appeal to your great mercy and to the suffering and death of your Son Jesus, the suffering Servant. Forgive me, I pray, all my sins and guilt in the name of Jesus Christ, your Passover Lamb and mine. Amen.**
- 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.**

CONFESSION RESPONSE

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART

BY: KEITH GREEN

Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew a right spirit within me
Create in me a clean heart, O God And renew a right spirit within me
Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation And renew a right spirit within me [x2]

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

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

Refrain: He's our rescuer He's our rescuer We are free from sin forevermore
Oh how sweet the sound Oh how grace abounds We will praise the Lord our rescuer

There is good news for the captive Good news for the shamed
There is good news for the one who walked away There is good news for the doubter
The one religion failed For the Good Lord has come to seek and save [*Refrain*]

He is beauty for the blind man Riches for the poor
He is friendship for the one the world ignores He is pasture for the weary
Rest for those who strive Oh, the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life
Yes, the Good Lord is the way, the truth, the life (hey) [*Refrain*]

So come and be chainless Come and be fearless Come to the foot of Calvary
There is redemption For every affliction Here at the foot of Calvary

So come and be chainless (come and be chainless)
Come and be fearless (come and be fearless)
Come to the foot of Calvary 'Cause there is redemption
For every affliction (for every affliction) Here at the foot of Calvary

Oh, he's our rescuer (hey) He's our rescuer (hey)
We are free from sin forevermore (we are free indeed)
Oh how sweet the sound (hey) Oh how grace abounds (hey)
We will praise the Lord our rescuer We will praise the Lord our rescuer

MESSAGE

HE FORGIVES YOU

Luke 23:32-34

32 Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. 33 When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. 34 Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

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 Heaven came and kissed the earth Prophets long ago foretold His birth
He became the living word To show the human heart its worth, oh-oh-oh-ohh

Pre-Chorus: Whether I'm in want or plenty Whether I'm in health or ill
Our God promises His children He will, He will

Chorus: He'll bind up the brokenhearted Oh He will, oh He will
He'll set captives free from darkness Oh He will, oh He will
He'll breathe hope into the hopeless Help a restless soul be still
Oh-ohh, oh-ohh He will, He will

2 He came to walk in truth and grace Man of sorrows entered all our pain
On the cross, He took our place Then He rose up out of the gra-a-ave

[Pre-Chorus] [Chorus]
Oh-oh-ohh, ohhh-oh Oh-oh-oh, oh-oh-ohh
Oh-oh-ohh, ohhh-oh Oh-oh-ohhhh

Bridge:
He'll give beauty for our ashes He'll restore the oil of gladness
We will praise Him through our sadness Until the promise is fulfilled
Oh-oh-ohh, oh-oh-ohh He will, He will

Chorus:
Oh-oh-ohh, oh-oh-ohh He will, He will

THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



(Prayed by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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 heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.

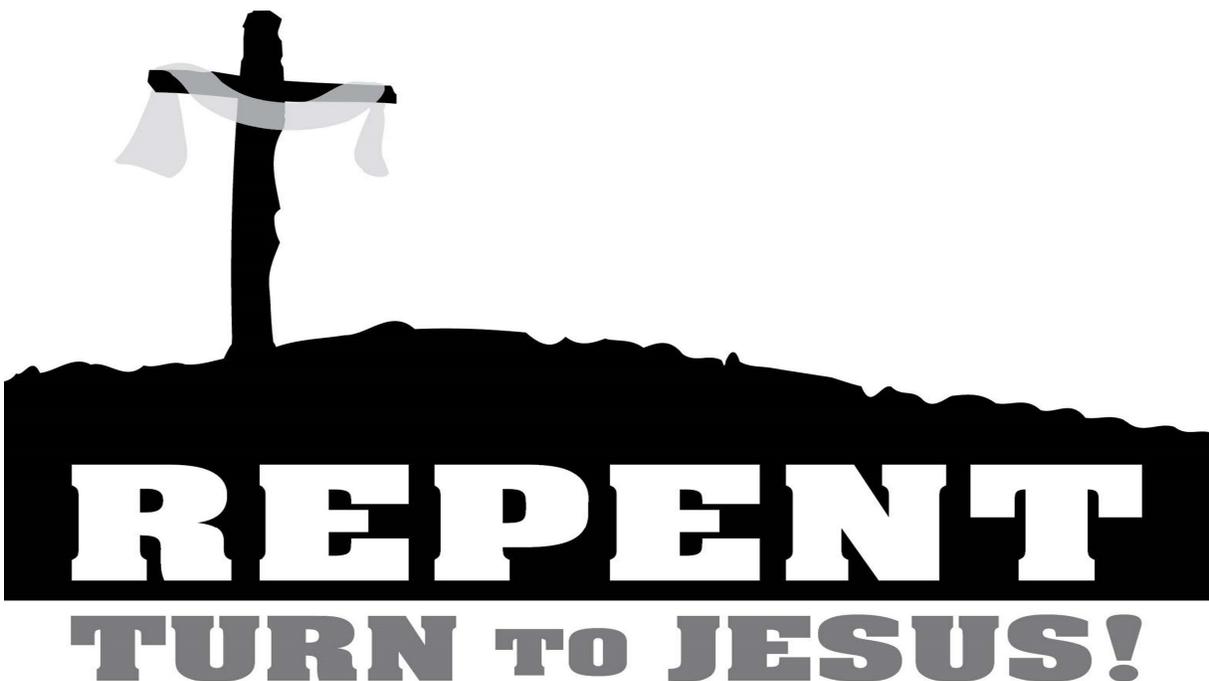
2 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light.
Look unto me; your morn shall rise and all your day be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

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.



LWMS Spring Rally

LWMS Grand Canyon West Spring Rally
Saturday, April 2, 2022- 8:15 am
Shepherd Of The Valley Lutheran Church - Surprise

The LWMS Grand Canyon West Spring Rally will be held **Saturday, April 2, 8:15 am** at Shepherd Of The Valley Lutheran Church, 14650 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ. Mark the date to attend this uplifting rally scheduled for our LWMS ladies. Speakers include Pastor Eric Hansen - multi-site mission at Crown of Life, Riverside, CA and Pastor Brock Groth, mission work in South Asia

As part of the Rally, a women's choir will be singing. Anyone interested in participating in the choir, there will be a practice on Sunday, March 27 at 10:30am at Shepherd of the Valley.

The rally begins at 9:00am, but doors open for final registration and fellowship at 8:15am.

If you'd like to attend, please register online. You can do so by filling out a form in the back of church or online. (link in the weekly news)

Building Project Update

The solar project is underway! Crews are currently on site to bring this long-awaited project to completion.

The classroom building project also continues to move forward. The crew is getting ready to pour the foundation for the building. The framing should then be up in a week and a half afterwards, and then trusses will be brought in. They've also begun to create the connecting roadway between the two parking lots on the north side of the building.

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.



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

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

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>.

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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 if you are interested in being a part of the prayer circle or have a prayer request. Circle emails will be sent out on a weekly basis.

Refreshment Volunteers and Greeters

We are looking for more volunteers to bring refreshments on Sunday mornings to space out how often they have to serve. Please contact Clara Naber at cnaber42@gmail.com to volunteer.

We would also like to improve our welcoming experience for visitors. To that end, we're looking for some people who would be willing to be greeters on Sunday morning. These greeters would welcome everyone, of course, but especially visitors. Do you have an outgoing personality? Do you love meeting and getting to know new people? Then this is a perfect way for you to serve! Pastor Foxen will meet with those interested to discuss plans for the greeting process. You can sign up online or contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

Mission Opportunity

Our sister church in the Czech Republic is looking for some volunteers to help out with a couple English-speaking outreach programs this year. One of the programs is scheduled to take place during Holy Week (April 8-18), and the other during the summer (July 7-19). If you would be interested in volunteering for these opportunities, please talk with Pastor Foxen, and he will give you more details.

Mailboxes

Our financial secretary, John Kull, has placed offering envelopes in your mailboxes at church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience so that you have them for the new year. Thank you!

Jomax Worship Volunteers	March 20th	March 27th	April 3rd
Counters	Moline/ Schirripa	Moline/ Plitzuweit	Moline/ Brooks
Cleaners	Patterson	Foxen/ Koutia	Coates/ Simkauskas
Communion Setup	Dawn Ellis	-	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Paula Considine	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras
A/V	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 21, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
March 21, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
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)

LOOKING AHEAD

March 28, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
March 29, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 30, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 30, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
April 1, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 2, 9:00 a.m.	BCLAL Track Meet
April 3, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
April 3, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 3, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
April 3, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
April 3, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
April 3, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
April 4, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
April 4, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)

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 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.

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 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.