



REPENT

TURN TO JESUS!

Sunday, March 27, 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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OPENING HYMN: WERE YOU THERE

CW 119

1 Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

2 Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

3 Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
- C: **Almighty Lord God, we have come together to stand in your presence, to hear your Word, and to worship you.**
- M: But who may appear in your presence, heavenly Father, and who may call on you for help?
- C: **He who has clean hands and a pure heart: he shall receive blessings from the LORD.**
- M: O holy and righteous God, you alone can make us clean. We have rebelled against you and become worthless. But your mercies never end; they are new every morning. At your command and promise, therefore, we come to you and confess our sins.
- All: **O holy and most merciful Father, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But at your gracious Word I come to you, and for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ I plead: God have mercy on me a sinner!**
- M: Having heard your confession, I as a called minister of God's Word assure you that our gracious Father in heaven has heard your prayer, and by the command of the Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Peace be with you. Amen.

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

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

SONG RESPONSE:**ALL MY HOPE**

BY: CROWDER

1. I've been held by the Savior I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river I ain't the same, a prodigal returned

Chorus: All my hope is in Jesus Thank God that [my] yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven And I've been washed by the blood

2. I'm no stranger to the prison I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven And I'm not going back
I'll never be the same That's why I sing... [*Chorus*]

Bridge: There's a kind of thing that just breaks a man Break him down to his knees
God, I've been broken more than a time or two (yes, Lord)
Then He picked me up and showed me What it means to be a man

Come on and sing... [*Chorus*]

Come on and sing... [*Chorus*]

MESSAGE**HE HOLDS THE KEY**

Luke 23:35-43

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.

HYMN RESPONSE:**GLORY BE TO JESUS**

CW 103

1 Glory be to Jesus, Who in bitter pains
Poured for me the lifeblood From his sacred veins.

2 Grace and life eternal In that blood I find;
Blest be his compassion, Infinitely kind.

3 Blest through endless ages Be the precious stream
Which from endless torments Did the world redeem.

4 Abel's blood for vengeance Pleaded to the skies,
But the blood of Jesus For our pardon cries.

5 Oft as earth exulting Lifts its praise on high,
Angel hosts rejoicing Make their glad reply.

6 Lift we, then, our voices, Swell the mighty flood;
Louder still and louder Praise the precious blood!

THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



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.

CLOSING SONG

I LOOK TO THE KING

BY: MEREDITH ANDREWS

1. On the battle field Where the fight is waged My enemy is real and my
courage fades I lift my eyes, I lift my eyes Where does my help come from?

Chorus: I look to the king—eternal, immortal, invincible God
I stand on the Rock of Ages My Savior, He conquered it all
I look to the King I look to the King

2. On the battle field Of all that lies ahead Here your blood will spill A greater word
than death I lift my eyes, I lift my eyes Where does my help come from?

[Repeat Chorus 2xs]

Bridge: Victorious Victorious Reigning over us forevermore
Victorious [You alone are] Victorious Reigning over us forevermore

[Repeat Chorus 2xs] I look to the King I look to the King

BLESSING:

BAROCHA

BY: MICHAEL CARD

**The Lord bless you and keep you The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace And give you peace And give you peace forever**

**The Lord be gracious to you The Lord turn His face toward you
And give you peace And give you peace And give you peace forever**

And give you peace And give you peace And give you peace forever



Pastor Foxen's Call

Pastor Foxen has accepted his call to African. 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.

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!

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 planning to be on site this Saturday to get working on this long-awaited project.

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 finished creating the connecting roadway between the two parking lots on the north side of the building.

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.

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.



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>.

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, 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 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.

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 27th	April 3rd	April 10th
Counters	Wempner/ Plitzuweit	Wempner/ Brooks	Sasse/ Voigt
Cleaners	Foxen/ Koutia	Coates/ Simkauskas	Plitzuweit/Peterson Aguilar
Communion Setup	-	Shannon Gullerud	Maundy Thursday Sharon Kull
Ushers	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann
A/V	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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. elementary)	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Ele- mentary)
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)

LOOKING AHEAD

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.	Worship Service (Jomax)
April 10, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 10, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
April 10, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
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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 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.