



REPENT

TURN TO JESUS!

Sunday, March 6, 2022



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor

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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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Service

OPENING HYMN

GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

CW 104

1 Go to dark Gethsemane, All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see. Watch with him one bitter hour;
Turn not from his griefs away; Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.

2 Follow to the judgment hall; View the Lord of life arraigned.
Oh, the wormwood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, pain, or loss; Learn of him to bear the cross.

3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb; There, adoring at his feet,
Mark that miracle of time, God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear him cry; Learn of Jesus Christ to die.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God who is just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us then confess our sins:

C: **Save Your servant who trusts in You, O Lord, gracious Father; with hope I cry to You all the day long. I have done much to deserve Your anger, and my life has been basically selfish. Lord, You are good and ready to forgive and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. You are loving to all who call on You with a truthful heart. Hear my confession in the name of Jesus and forgive my sins because of Christ, the Righteous Lamb of God, my Savior. Amen.**

M: Take heart and be of good cheer – your sins are forgiven you. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved! Go now in peace fellow children of God – and sin no more. May the Lord, (who has begun this good work in you), bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ— according to his Gospel promises. 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)

1. Come out of sadness From wherever you've been
 Come broken hearted Let rescue begin
 Come find your mercy Oh sinner come kneel
 Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal
 Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal

Refrain:

So lay down your burdens Lay down your shame All who are broken
 Lift up your face Oh wanderer come home You're not too far
 So lay down your hurt Lay down your heart Come as you are

2. There's hope for the hopeless And all those who've strayed
 Come sit at the table Come taste the grace
 There's rest for the weary Rest that endures
 Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't cure [*Refrain*]

Come as you are Fall in his arms Come as you are
 There's joy for the morning Oh sinner be still Earth has no sorrow
 That heaven can't heal Earth has no sorrow That heaven can't heal [*Refrain*]
 Come as you are Come as you are Come as you are

MESSAGE

TURN TO JESUS AND NOT TO YOURSELF

Luke 18:9-14

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

⁹To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’

¹³“But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’

¹⁴“I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”

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 Rise, my soul, to watch and pray; From your sleep awaken!
 Be not by the evil day Unawares o'ertaken. For the foe, Well we know,
 Is a harvest reaping While the saints are sleeping.

2 Watch! Let not the wicked world With its lies defeat you
 Lest with bold deceptions hurled It betray and cheat you.
 Watch and see Lest there be Faithless friends to charm you
 Who but seek to harm you.

3 Watch against yourself, my soul, Lest with grace you trifle;
 Let not self your thoughts control Nor God's mercy stifle. Pride and sin
 Lurk within, All your hopes to shatter; Heed not when they flatter.

4 But while watching also pray To the Lord unceasing.
 God protects you day by day, Strength and faith increasing,
 So that still Mind and will Shall unite to serve him And forever love him.

THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



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

NOT FOR A MOMENT (AFTER ALL)

BY: MEREDITH ANDREWS

You were reaching through the storm Walking on the water
 Even when I could not see In the middle of it all
 When I thought You were a thousand miles away
 Not for a moment did You forsake me Not for a moment did You forsake me

Refrain:

After all You are constant After all You are only good
 After all You are sovereign Not for a moment will You forsake me

You were singing in the dark Whispering Your promise
Even when I could not hear I was held in Your arms
Carried for a thousand miles to show Not for a moment did You forsake me *[Refrain]*

Not for a moment will You forsake me

Bridge: And every step every breath you are there Every tear every cry every prayer
In my hurt at my worst When my world falls down
Not for a moment will You forsake me
Even in the dark Even when it's hard
You will never leave me After all *[Refrain]*

Not for a moment will You forsake me
Not for a moment will You forsake me

BLESSING

Spoken by Minister

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
The love of God the Father and
The fellowship of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all...



Teen Group

This Sunday, March 6, the teens will be meeting at the Jomax Campus at 4:00 p.m. for fun, food, and fellowship. Please let Pastor Ehlers know if you are planning to attend.

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.

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.

Voters Meeting

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. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

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.

New River Growth Group

The Ten Commandments

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

Contact Pastor John Ehlers

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

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.



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 6th	March 13th	March 20th
Counters	Moline/ Voigt	Moline/ Cornell	Moline/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Kelley/ Grams	Patterson
Communion Setup	Lynn Wempner	-	Dawn Ellis
Ushers	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Connie Sauer Clara Naber	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson
A/V	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia	Levi Foxen Pedro Contreras	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

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.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for Jennifer Myers, a long-time youth leader at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa, will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 1:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served afterward. You may view Jennifer's obituary at: <https://www.bunkerfuneral.com/obituaries/jennifer-lynn-myers> A "Go Fund Me" account has been set up to help the family with expenses at <https://gofund.me/68b05893>, donations can be made to the Pilgrim Member Tuition Assistance Fund in Charlie's name or the Pilgrim Christ Teens. For more information contact the church at office@pilgrimmesa.com, 480-830-1723.

In Christ,
Pat Coats
Secretary
Pilgrim Lutheran Church & School

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 8, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 9, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
March 9, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 9, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 10, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
March 10, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
March 11, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 11, 12:30 p.m.	Grandparents Day
March 11, 1:30 p.m.	6th Annual Fun Run
March 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
March 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
March 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
March 13, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 14, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

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 Growth Group
March 18, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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March 21, 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 6 - Skit Klub - Leslie Contreras
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.

Arvid Sternquist and Family, as his health continues to fail. He trusts in the Lord and Looks forward to being with his Savior soon.

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.

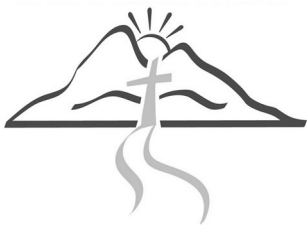
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.