

REPENT

TURN TO JESUS!

Sunday, April 10, 2022



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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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.



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OPENING HYMN: ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

CW 131

1 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and blessed one.

2 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels Is praising you on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.

3 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.

4 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.

5 All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.

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

THE CHILDREN'S LESSON

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

SONG RESPONSE:

ALL HAIL THE KING OF HEAVEN

BY: GETTY MUSIC

1 All hail the king of heaven, Christ the Lord of all
Whom thund'ring angels circle 'round, ablaze with awe
Let now the Hallelujah of Earth in glad refrain
Ascend the throne, to him belongs immortal praise

Chorus: All hail the king of heaven
Creation join together
Let endless praises crown his name
All hail the king of heaven

2 All hail the great redeemer, who so humbly came
The Lamb of our salvation, O for sinners slain
Now let the loud hosanna resound from shore to shore
You nations say, "His kingdom reigns forever more!" [*Chorus*]

3 Let praise of nations rise now as a symphony
to sound the endless wonders of his Majesty
Let every heart adore him, the great and small the same
Through generations ever let his anthem ring [*Chorus x2*]

MESSAGE

THE BEST SUPERHERO

Matthew 21:1-11

Jesus Comes to Jerusalem as King

21 As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. 3 If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away."

4 This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet:

5 "Say to Daughter Zion,

'See, your king comes to you,
gentle and riding on a donkey,

and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'"[a]

6 The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. 7 They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. 8 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. 9 The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted,

"Hosanna[b] to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"[c]

"Hosanna[d] in the highest heaven!"

10 When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?"

11 The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

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: RIDE ON, RIDE ON IN MAJESTY

CW 133

1 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.

2 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.

3 Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
Look down with sad and wond'ring eyes To see th' approaching sacrifice.

4 Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne Awaits his own anointed Son.

5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

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:

LEAD ME TO THE CROSS

BY: HILLSONG UNITED

Savior I come, quiet my soul remember Redemption's hill
Where Your blood was spilled For my ransom

Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss

Chorus: Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me Lead me to the cross

You were as I, tempted and tried You are, the word became flesh
Bore my sin and death Now You're risen

Everything I once held dear I count it all as loss [*Chorus*]

Bridge: To Your heart To Your heart
Lead me to Your heart Lead me to Your heart

Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You Oh, lead me Lead me

Lead me to the cross where Your love poured out
Bring me to my knees, Lord, I lay me down
Rid me of myself, I belong to You
Oh, lead me Lead me to the cross

THE BLESSING

BY: KARI JOBE

The Lord bless you And keep you Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you The Lord turn His Face toward you And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you And keep you Make His face shine upon you
And be gracious to you The Lord turn His Face toward you
And give you peace

Amen, amen, amen Amen, amen, amen

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.

Call Letters

Dear Cross of Glory,

I would be delighted to officially accept the one-year call to continue teaching first and second grade for the upcoming school year. It has been such a joy teaching God's Word here and I am looking forward to reaching more students here in the future.

Thank you for this opportunity and all the support and love you share with my family!

Mrs. Collins

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Dear Cross of Glory Family,

Thank you for renewing my Call to be the Music teacher at Cross of Glory. It is a position that has brought me joy and meaningful connection to the kids and teachers at Cross of Glory. I'm sure you understand that I need to return the Call now, but you will always be in my prayers. We are confident that God has good things in store for Cross of Glory in both the church and the school in the future.

Blessed to have shared life with you all these last 6 years,

Becky Foxen

Easter Events in Vistancia

We are excited to continue our outreach in Vistancia. Please contact Liz (cog.secretary@crossofglory.org) or Pastor Ehlers to volunteer to help spread the love of Jesus and hand out fliers at Mystic Community Center and the Mountain Vista Club on April 16th 10:00-1:00pm.

Call Meeting

All members are invited to our voter's meeting on April 14 directly after the Maundy Thursday service, around 8:15 p.m. The voters will be deciding who to call to teach grades 5 and 6 next school year. This will be the last opportunity for us to call before the graduate assignments in May.

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.

Update on Pastor Foxen's Call and Cross of Glory's Immediate Future

Dear members of Cross of Glory,

WELS World Missions and our church council have now worked out details regarding the conclusion of my ministry among you. Preaching and leading worship on Easter Sunday will be my last official act at Cross of Glory. That said, my family and I will still be around through the end of the school year. I will be using the time after Easter to prepare for my new ministry in Africa. I have training and conferences to attend, and it looks like a quick trip to Zambia will be happening in May so that I can obtain my work visa.

Pastor Ehlers and I are working on a transition of pastoral duties. There may be some things that I would still be able to help with in the time that I'm still around (Confirmation Sunday is an example). Worship in Vistancia will be suspended after Palm Sunday (outreach efforts to the area will continue), and the congregation will be worshipping together on the Jomax campus until further notice after that day.

The council is preparing a recommendation for the voters regarding the future pastoral needs at Cross of Glory, to be decided at the upcoming April voters' meeting. Whatever is decided, it will be important for the congregation to unite around its leaders at this time and trust in God's guidance and faithfulness. Changes are inevitable, but God's steadfast love and care for his people are also certain and unchanging.

Cross of Glory's ministry and people will remain in my thoughts and prayers always.

With much love in Christ,
Pastor Foxen

Building Project Update

The solar project is underway! Some of the panels are up, and the crew will be working to get the rest up as soon as possible, then tie them all into our system.

The classroom building project also continues to move forward. The crew has poured the foundation for the building. Framing is going up now, and then trusses will be brought in.

Please continue to keep these projects in your prayers.

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.

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.

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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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.

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.



Jomax Worship Volunteers	April 10th	April 17th	April 24th
Counters	Wempner/ Voigt	Wempner/ Cornell	Sasse/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Peterson Aguilar	Kelley/ Grams	Patterson
Communion Setup	Maundy Thursday Sharon Kull	-	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	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	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Easter Breakfast	Paula Considine
A/V	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Levi Foxen Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of more people to add to the church cleaning rotation. If we get three more teams, the rotation would be once every two months. Please let Liz know if you would like to be added to a team. Cog.secretary@crossofglory.org

We also need more counters in to rotation to count offerings on Sunday mornings right after church. Please contact John Kull at (858) 395-5666 or financialsecretary@crossofglory.org

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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 14, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
April 15, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 15, 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 17, 7:00 a.m.	Easter Dawn Service
April 17, 7:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
April 17, 8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 17, 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service
April 17, 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 17, 9:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (New River)
April 17, 10:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 18, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group

LOOKING AHEAD

April 18,	Easter Monday (No School)
April 18, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 20, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
April 21, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
April 22, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
April 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
April 24, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
April 25, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 28, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
April 29, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms

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.

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.

Karen Jurado, as she recovers from her recent hospitalization from low sodium levels.

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 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.

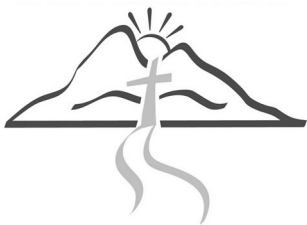
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.