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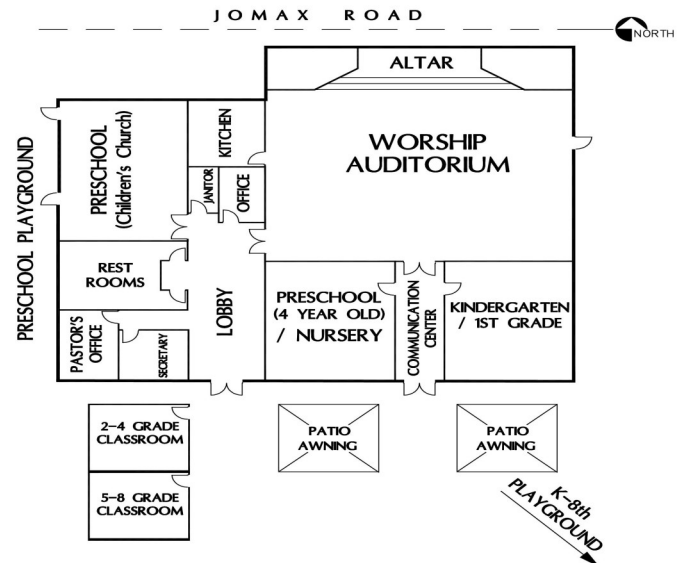
Sun. 9am Worship

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

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.

Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4th grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



God became man and lived life in our place. Christ lived the perfect God-lived life. Living as a Christian, a little Christ, we have the privilege of demonstrating what God looks like in how we live our lives, in living lives that show God. This is the last of four special services at Cross of Glory where we celebrate a God-lived life —God's Word will be challenging us and we'll be challenging one another to live a God-lived life.

In today's worship, the particular emphasis of the God-lived life is on wise ways to use the resources God has given us for the greatest good.

- Service One: A Life Lived for Others
- Service Two: A Life of Being a Disciple
- Service Three: A Life of Hospitality
- Service Four: A Life Lived Shrewdly**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God, in coming to hear your Word this morning, you have planted us like trees beside streams of water. Grant that we may ever delight in your Word and yield abundant fruit in our lives, through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

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Gathering Rite

(CW467)


M: We begin our worship in the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.


M: Heavenly Father, every good and perfect gift comes from you, including the physical gifts you pour out into our lives. You intend these treasures to be used for your glory and in service to our neighbors. We repent for being selfish in the use of the treasures you have given. Forgive us and let your peace rule our lives.

**C:  May the peace of God my Father Rule my life in everything,
That I may be calm to comfort Sick and sorrowing. (CW467:3)**

M: Dear Savior Jesus, though you were rich, yet for our sakes you became poor, so that through your poverty we might become rich. All too often we have been rich toward ourselves instead of rich towards you out of thanks for our forgiveness won for us by your cross and empty tomb. Forgive us and let your love fill our lives.

**C:  May the love of Jesus fill me As the waters fill the sea,
Him exalting self abasing – This is victory. (CW467:4)**

M: O Holy Spirit, you have worked faith in our hearts and you cause us to produce good fruit. We are sorry that our financial stewardship often fails to qualify as good fruit motivated by your love. Forgive us and live within us.

**C:  May his Spirit live within me As I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, Seeing only him. (CW467:6)**

M: As a called servant of the Triune God, I announce to you his grace and forgiveness. On behalf of and by the command of our Savior Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.


**C:  May the mind of Christ my Savior Live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r inspiring All I do or say.**

**May the Word of God dwell richly In my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph Only through his pow'r. (CW467:1-2)**

M: We pray:

Almighty God, you have brought us into the body of Christ by your grace and mercy. Help us to imitate the example of your Son and of our brothers and sisters who have gone before in humble and willing service to you full of faith, hope and love, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

C:  May I run the race before me, Strong and brave to face the foe,
Looking only unto Jesus As I onward go. (CW467:5)

First Reading

2 Kings 4:8-17

A godly woman uses her resources for what really matters.
She wasn't giving to get, she was giving to support ministry.

⁸ One day Elisha went to Shunem. And a well-to-do woman was there, who urged him to stay for a meal. So whenever he came by, he stopped there to eat. ⁹ She said to her husband, "I know that this man who often comes our way is a holy man of God." ¹⁰ Let's make a small room on the roof and put in it a bed and a table, a chair and a lamp for him. Then he can stay there whenever he comes to us."

¹¹ One day when Elisha came, he went up to his room and lay down there. ¹² He said to his servant Gehazi, "Call the Shunammite." So he called her, and she stood before him. ¹³ Elisha said to him, "Tell her, 'You have gone to all this trouble for us. Now what can be done for you? Can we speak on your behalf to the king or the commander of the army?'" She replied, "I have a home among my own people."¹⁴ "What can be done for her?" Elisha asked.

Gehazi said, "She has no son, and her husband is old."

¹⁵ Then Elisha said, "Call her." So he called her, and she stood in the doorway. ¹⁶ "About this time next year," Elisha said, "you will hold a son in your arms."

"No, my lord!" she objected. "Please, man of God, don't mislead your servant!"

¹⁷ But the woman became pregnant, and the next year about that same time she gave birth to a son, just as Elisha had told her.

Bible Study

Godliness with Contentment

1 Timothy 6:6-19

⁶ But godliness with contentment is great gain. ⁷ For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. ⁸ But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. ⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable

light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Introduction

The apostle Paul says, “Godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6). The writer of Proverbs 30:8-9 prays, “Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.” How is this a great example of “godliness with contentment” and how does it serve as a test to see if we have godliness with contentment?

Into the Text

Verse 10 is one of the most misquoted verses in the Bible. Many say, “Money is the root of all kinds of evil” instead of “the love of money.” Prove that money is not evil.

In verse 11, Paul tells Timothy to flee from “all this” (i.e., the love of money) and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. How does each help a person flee from “all this” and acquire contentment?

In verses 13ff, Paul alludes to Jesus’ second coming. In what ways is this motivation to “flee from all this?”

In verses 17-19, Paul lists two dangers when God blesses someone with wealth and then describes the best way to use your wealth. Identify the two dangers and how one should use their wealth?

Applying It

1. For what reasons can a person who loves money not be content?
2. Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35) Explain the truth of Jesus’ words when it comes to our spending priorities like gifts to the Lord, paying taxes, providing for family, and the poor, etc.
3. Martin Luther said that money must be the least of all God’s gifts because he even gives it to fools. What truth was Luther trying to make about money and its place?

Gospel

Luke 16:1-15

Jesus tells a parable about a shrewd manager to make the single point that a God-lived life uses its resources for God’s purposes.

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ² So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

³ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴ I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

⁵ “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

⁶ “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

⁷ “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

⁸ “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the peo-

ple of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹ I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

¹⁰ “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹² And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own?”

¹³ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

¹⁴ The Pharisees, who loved money, heard all this and were sneering at Jesus. ¹⁵ He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

Sermon Hymn: What Is the World to Me

CWH 717 Vs. 1-2, 4



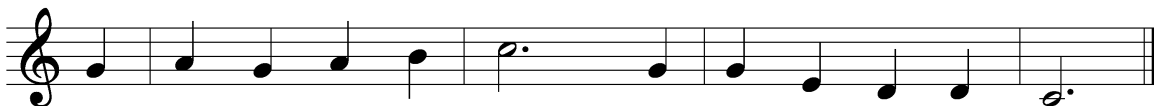
1 What is the world to me with all its vaunt-ed plea - sure
2 The world seeks af - ter wealth and all that mon - ey of - fers,
4 What is the world to me! My Je - sus is my trea - sure,



when you and you a - lone, Lord Je - sus, are my trea - sure!
yet nev - er is con - tent though gold should fill its cof - fers.
my life, my health, my wealth, my friend, my love, my plea - sure,



You on - ly, dear - est Lord, my soul's de - light shall be;
I have a high - er good, con - tent with it I'll be;
my joy, my crown, my all, my bliss e - ter - nal - ly.



you are my peace, my rest. What is the world to me!
my Je - sus is my wealth. What is the world to me!
Once more then I de - clare: What is the world to me!

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Live for the now? Live for the new.

Nicene Creed

(Spoken by All)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



(To give an offering, please scan QR code)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Almighty Father, you are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing. You give us time, energy, talents, and treasures. Because of you we can say with the psalmist, “the boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places.” Your Word teaches us of your great love for us and how to love our neighbor. Give us wisdom in using your gifts in God-pleasing ways. Lord in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Lord Jesus Christ, you tell us that “what people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.” Help us to recognize our true treasure in you, our Savior and our God. Protect us from the devil who would have us marvel at insignificant things as a treasure, while neglecting the great gifts you give us in your Word and Sacraments. Give us wisdom in cherishing you and your greater gifts in God-pleasing ways. Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, you have set us apart and made our bodies your temple. You live in us. Your Word teaches us who we really are by the grace of God and through the innocent suffering and death of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give us wisdom to see that godliness with contentment is great gain and grow in us the fruit that is pleasing to you Lord, in your mercy:

C: Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Accept our prayers for the sake of Jesus our Savior. Help us to not be arrogant nor put our hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but help us put our hope in you, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment, for Jesus, our Savior’s sake. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken by All)

**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.

The Sacrament

Preface

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung to the tune of CWH 872)

Tune: WEBB



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
 2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er-last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
 who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro - claim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

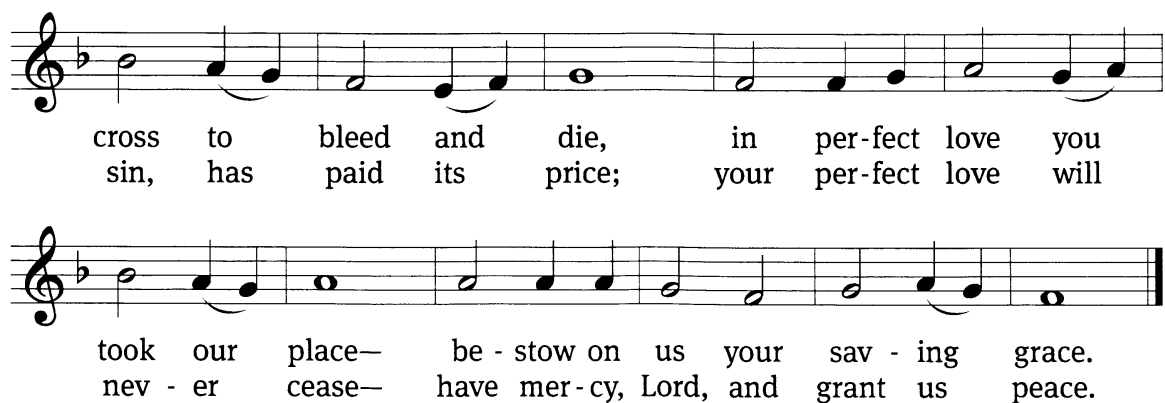
C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

(Sung to the Tune of CWH 407)



1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled



cross to bleed and die, in per-fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per-fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

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Distribution of Sacrament

(Please refer to “Worship Welcome” in chair pocket)

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord’s Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God’s Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

Distribution Hymn: Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

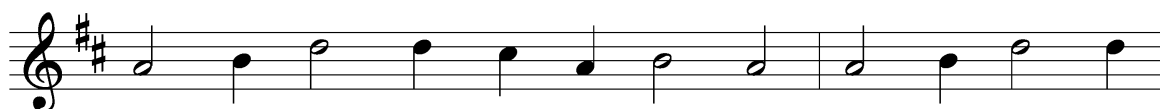
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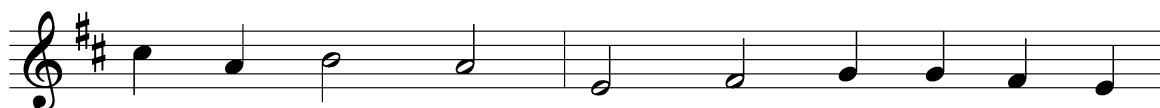
1 Soul, a - dorn your - self with glad - ness; leave be -
2 Has - ten as a bride to meet him, and with
3 He who craves a pre - cious trea - sure nei - ther
4 Now I kneel be - fore you low - ly, filled with

hind all gloom and sad - ness. Come in - to the day-light’s
lov - ing rev - ’rence greet him, for with words of life im -
cost nor pain will mea - sure, but the price - less gifts of
joy most deep and ho - ly, as with trem - bling awe and

splen - dor; there with joy your prais - es ren - der
mor - tal he is knock - ing at your por - tal.
heav - en God to us has free - ly giv - en.
won - der on your might - y work I pon - der,



un - to him whose grace un-bound - ed has this won - drous
O - pen wide the gates be - fore him, say - ing, as you
Though the wealth of earth were prof - fered, naught would buy the
by such mys - ter - y sur-round - ed, depths that no one



sup - per found - ed. He, though reign - ing high and
there a - dore him: Grant, Lord, that I now re -
gifts here of - fered: Christ's true bod - y, for you
ev - er sound - ed. None may dare to pierce un -



ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly.
ceive you, that I nev - er - more will leave you.
riv - en, and his blood, for you once giv - en.
bid - den se - crets that with you are hid - den.

Human reason, though it ponders,
cannot fathom these great wonders,
that Christ's body must be boundless
since the souls it feeds are countless,
and that he his blood is giving
with the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded
are by God alone expounded.

Lord, by love and mercy driven,
you have left your throne in heaven
on the cross for me to languish
and to die in bitter anguish,
to forgo all joy and gladness
and to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living,
Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor,
Jesus, friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, joy of my desiring,
fount of life, my soul inspiring:

at your feet I cry, my maker,
let me be a fit partaker
of this blessed food from heaven
for our good, your glory, given.

Jesus, Lord of life in heaven,
help me when this meal is given
to receive it for my blessing
as I come, my sins confessing.
In this supper let me measure,
Lord, how deep is your love's treasure,
that, as I on earth have eaten,
I may be your guest in heaven.

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Closing Prayer

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.



1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri-umphed o'er the grave



hark how the heav'n-ly an-them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
and rose vic - to-rious in the strife for those he came to save.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
His glo - ries now we sing who died and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match-less King thro' all e - ter - ni - ty.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.

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Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

After Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	May 15th	May 22nd	May 29th
Counters	Sasse Joel Ditter	Sasse Stacey Cornell	-
Cleaners	Coates/ Simkauskas	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Kelley/ Grams
Communion Setup	Shannon Gullerud	-	-
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud
Sunday Refreshments	Clara Naber	Foxen Farewell	Ally Kelley Karen Goelzer
A/V	Levi Foxen Isaac Patterson	Titus Patterson Pedro Contreras	Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson

Building Project Update

Did you see the new athletic field? Thanks to the students (and a few professionals), we have a newly sodded athletic field. What a blessing this will be to our kids and many more to come. The first event on the new field will be an all-school kickball game on the last day of school. All are invited!

Our new building site is a frenzy of activity. The framing and sheeting are nearly complete. We've ordered the metal panels for the roof that will match our church building. The fire sprinklers are going in right now. Also, the electrical and plumbing are being "roughed in." The new building has 14 sinks and 17 potties. That's a lot of plumbing!

Please continue to keep the workers in your prayers. May they be kept safe as they work to the best of their ability.

Volunteers Needed

We 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

Meditations

We have extra Meditations located on the table in the back of church. Please help yourself. These are

VBS Meeting

Today there will be a vacation Bible school meeting to discuss what everyone will be doing at VBS. We will need all leaders and helpers to attend this meeting.

Help Wanted!

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching [this June]. It takes a lot of great volunteers [like you!] to pull this off. Please contact the school/church office, if you are able to help. Volunteers are needed to serve as group leaders, craft and snack helpers, drama team, etc. This ministry is an exciting opportunity to reach out to our community. It seems to grow every year...so sign up to join the fun!!

Lakeside Lutheran teens are coming to help with VBS this year. Please let us know if you are interested to house one, two, or more June 5-11. Sign up online.



VBS Registration Is Now Open!

Early VBS registration for our church and school families is open as of today! The registration website will be publicized to everyone outside of our church and school families a week after Easter, so now is your chance to reserve your spot! To do so, simply follow the link on our website.

VBS Meeting

On May 15th at 10:30 there will be a VBS to discuss what everyone will be doing at VBS. We will need all leaders and helper to attend this meeting.

Register Now!
Good Shepherd Bible Camp
July 10-16, 2022



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Dates: July 10-16, 2022

Campers: Those entering the 4th grade to 10th grade in fall 2022

Staff: Those entering 11th grade in fall 2022 and older

Register at goodshepherd-biblecamp.com

Fees: \$290/camper; \$120/staff



**Come spend a week with
us in the mountains!**

To register, visit
www.goodshepherd-biblecamp.com

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.

Kids Klub (May)

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 teen 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, May 15 - Science - Betsy Collins](#)

[Sunday, May 29 - Craft - Andrea Semmann](#)

Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing up. After May 29, Kids Klub will go on break for the summer.

Golden Agers Breakfast

The next Golden Agers breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 12, 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.

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.

Foxen Farewell

Please mark your calendars for May 22nd at 11:00 for the Foxen's farewell. Join us for a potluck to celebrate their new adventure and remember all the wonderful times they had with us.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

May 19, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
May 22, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
May 22, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
May 22, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
May 22, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

May 26, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
June 2, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
June 5, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
June 5, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
June 5, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
June 5, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

Call Response Letter

April 17, 2022

Dear Members of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we made our way through Holy Week, from the upper room to the garden, from the kangaroo court of Caiaphas to the politically motivated verdict of Pilate, from the climb up Calvary to the curse of the cross and finally from the excitement of the empty tomb to the joy of a risen and living Jesus, we are blessed to witness God's marvelous plan of salvation as it unfolds before us once again. What a glorious reminder that God's plans, while they may not necessarily seem logical to human reason, are always the best.

On Thursday evening I received a divine call from your congregation to serve as 5th & 6th Grade Teacher and Athletic Director. I am both humbled and excited to have the opportunity to prayerfully consider what the Lord's future plans for me are. Whether it be to continue serving in my current call or to join you and the exciting ministry that is growing among you, I am confident that the Lord will continue to bless the work taking place in both congregations.

I ask for your continued prayers for my wife and I, as well as our congregation here in Juneau, WI, as I now deliberate the two calls I now hold. We are keeping you in our prayers as well.

Have a blessed Easter, confident that, "Because He lives, we also shall live!"

Your Fellow Brother in Service to Christ,
Matthew Lober

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. The cancer is spreading, and he is beginning intense treatments on May 10 for three months.

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.

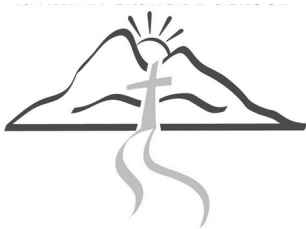
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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. 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.