



**Easter 6**  
***Sunday, May 22, 2022***



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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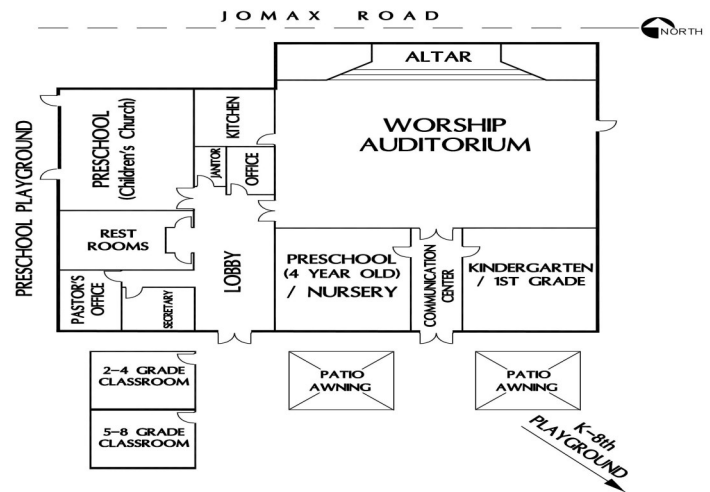
**Sun. 9am Worship**

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 4<sup>th</sup> 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!



To the world he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering for our favorite athlete! Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high.

The victory is ours, now and forever. Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season. We do not merely watch from the sidelines as Christ marches in victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell. We join in the festal procession!

Conventional wisdom says that joy is a direct result of circumstance. Our disposition is nothing more than a product of the events, conditions, and relationships of which our life consists. Therefore, it would seem that for our disposition to change, our circumstances need to change. But Jesus offers us a joy that is superior. It is not a product of circumstance; it's a product of Easter. Easter proves that God can take what normally causes people to weep and turn it into what causes people to rejoice. Sin, death, and shame went into Jesus' tomb. Forgiveness, life, and glory came out. Our risen Savior gives us a joy that remains constant in the highest of life's highs and the lowest of life's lows. It is a joy that can never be taken from us.

## Service of the Word

### Opening Hymn: In You Is Gladness

CWH 513

Soloist sings Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2

Soloist Sings:

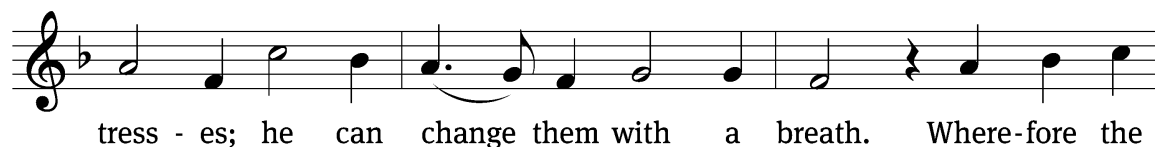
*In you is gladness amid all sadness,  
Jesus, sunshine of my heart.*

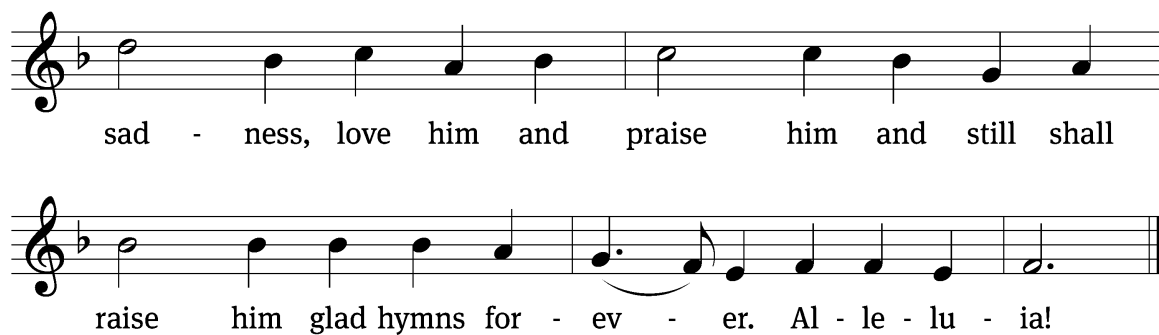
*By you are given the gifts of heaven,  
you the true Redeemer are.*

*Our souls are waking, our bonds are breaking;  
who trusts you surely has built securely  
and stands forever. Alleluia!*

*Our hearts are pining to see your shining,  
dying or living to you are clinging  
now and forever. Alleluia!*

Congregation Sings:





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## Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

## Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

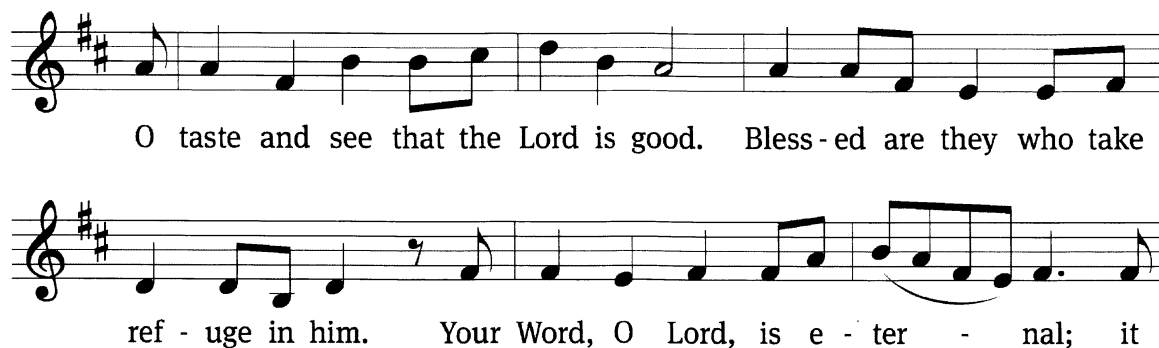
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

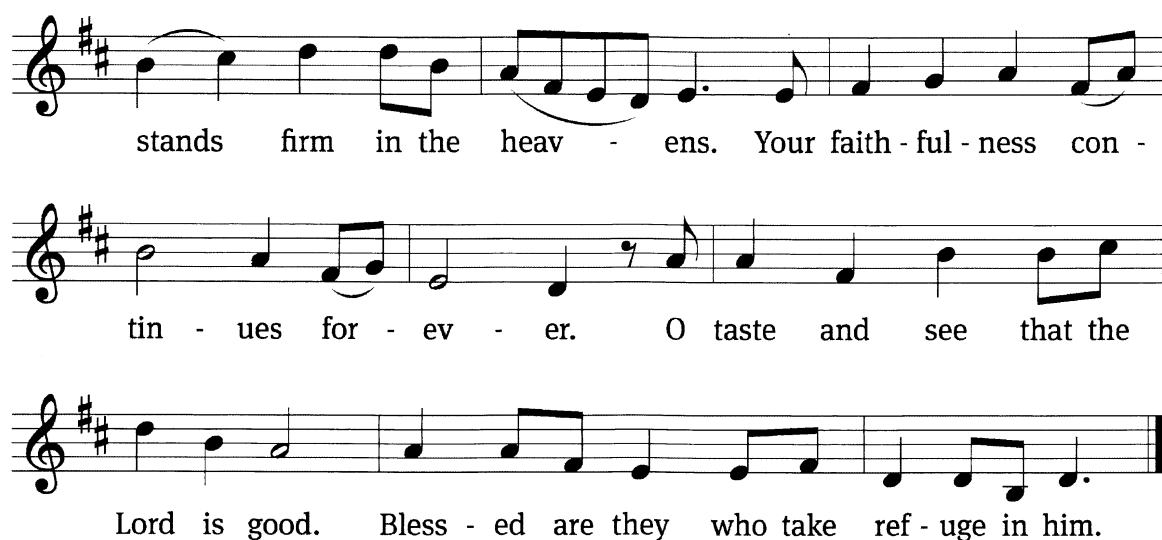
C: **Amen.**

## Prayer and Praise

(Sung by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.





### Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

### First Reading

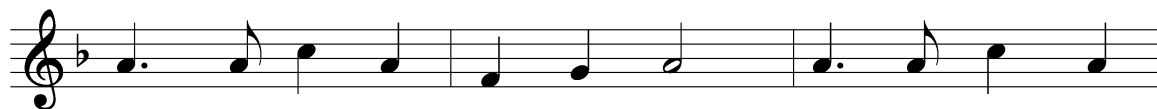
Revelation 21:21–27

*The great joy we have now will soon be made perfect and complete.*

<sup>21</sup>The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of gold, as pure as transparent glass.

<sup>22</sup>I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple.

<sup>23</sup>The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it. <sup>25</sup>On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>The glory and honor of the nations will be brought into it. <sup>27</sup>Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb's book of life.\



1 Ev - 'ry heart its trib - ute pays, ev - 'ry tongue its  
 2 Ev - er while his deeds en - dure our sal - va - tion  
 3 Year by year, the sea - sons' round sees the land with



song of praise; sin and sor - row, guilt and care, brought to  
 stands se - cure; he whose fin - gers spun the earth, gave the  
 bless - ing crowned, where ca - ressed by sun and rain bar - ren



him who an - swers prayer; there by grace may hu - man - kind  
 seas and moun - tains birth, tamed the o - cean, formed the land,  
 earth gives life a - gain; sun - lit val - leys burn with gold,



full and free for - give - ness find; called and cho - sen,  
 spread the skies with might - y hand: far - off shores re -  
 na - ture smiles on field and fold, gifts of God in



loved and blest, in his pres - ence be at rest.  
 vere his name, day and night his pow'r pro - claim.  
 plen - ty poured: all things liv - ing, praise the Lord!

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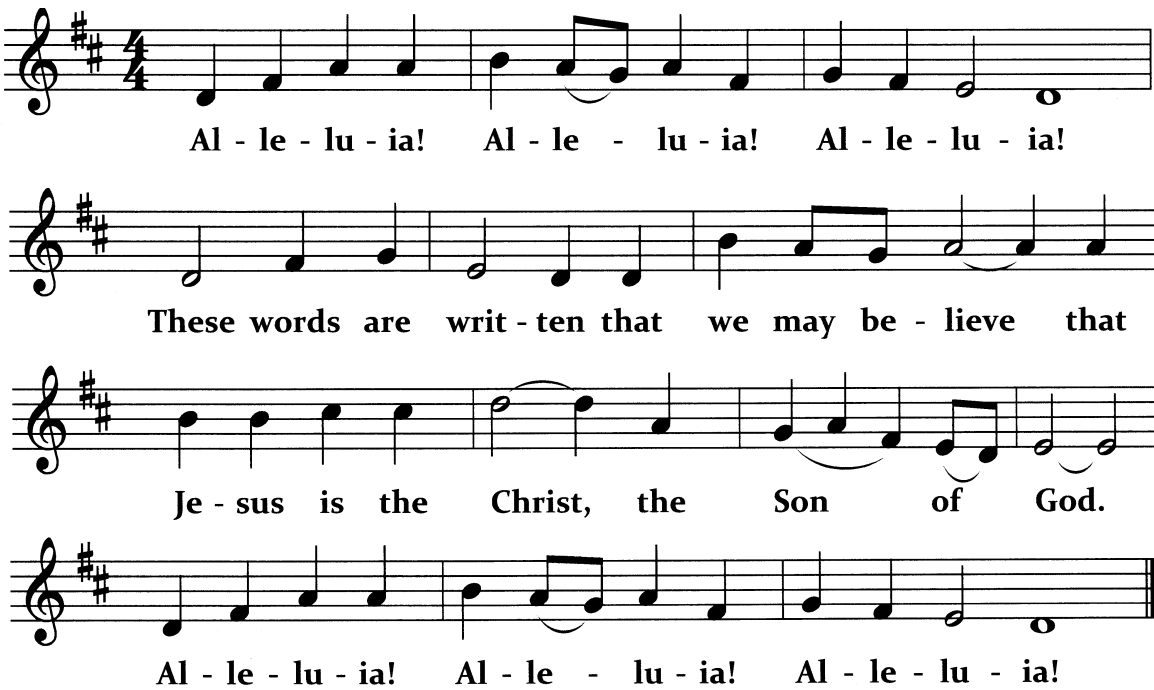
## The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (*John 14:23*)



## Gospel

John 16:16–24

*Jesus promises that all our grief will be turned to perfect joy.*

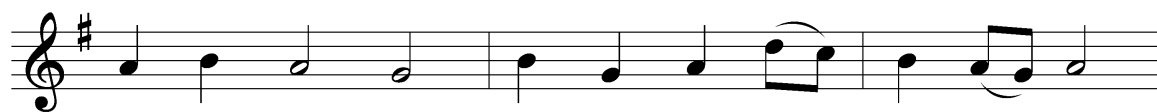
<sup>16</sup>Jesus went on to say, “In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me.”

<sup>17</sup>At this, some of his disciples said to one another, “What does he mean by saying, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me,’ and ‘Because I am going to the Father’?” <sup>18</sup>They kept asking, “What does he mean by ‘a little while’? We don’t understand what he is saying.”

<sup>19</sup>Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, “Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, ‘In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me’?” <sup>20</sup>Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. <sup>21</sup>A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. <sup>22</sup>So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. <sup>23</sup>In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.



1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word we are gath - ered  
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est  
 3 Gra - cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from  
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and



all to hear you. Let our hearts and souls be stirred  
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks our night  
 God pro - ceed - ing, o - pen now our heart and mind;  
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant that we your Word may trust,



now to seek and love and fear you, by your teach - ings,  
 with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed. You a - lone to  
 help us by your Spir - it's plead - ing. Hear the cry your  
 con - fi - dent of our sal - va - tion, while we here be -



sweet and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.  
 God can win us; you must work all good with - in us.  
 Church now rais - es; hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.  
 low must wan - der, till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

Text (Vs. 1-3): tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; (Vs. 1-3): Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684; (Vs. 4): tr. unknown, alt.; (Vs. 4): Geistreiches Gesang-Büchlein, Berlin, 1707

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## Sermon

## You Have Heard the Good News

Acts 14:8-18

<sup>8</sup>In Lystra there sat a man who was lame. He had been that way from birth and had never walked.  
<sup>9</sup>He listened to Paul as he was speaking. Paul looked directly at him, saw that he had faith to be healed  
<sup>10</sup>and called out, "Stand up on your feet!" At that, the man jumped up and began to walk.

<sup>11</sup>When the crowd saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, "The gods have come down to us in human form!" <sup>12</sup>Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes because he was the chief speaker. <sup>13</sup>The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought bulls and wreaths to the city gates because he and the crowd wanted to offer sacrifices to them.

<sup>14</sup>But when the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of this, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting: <sup>15</sup>"Friends, why are you doing this? We too are only human, like you. We are bringing you good news, telling you to turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made

the heavens and the earth and the sea and everything in them. <sup>16</sup>In the past, he let all nations go their own way. <sup>17</sup>Yet he has not left himself without testimony: He has shown kindness by giving you rain from heaven and crops in their seasons; he provides you with plenty of food and fills your hearts with joy.” <sup>18</sup>Even with these words, they had difficulty keeping the crowd from sacrificing to them.

## Apostles' Creed

(Spoken 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.

## Song of the Season: Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

CWH 448



1 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,  
2 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,  
3 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.  
our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.  
for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.



Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754

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## The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

## The Lord's Prayer

(Prayed in Unison)

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 Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

## Closing Hymn: All Men Living Are But Mortal

CWH 840 Vs. 6-7

6 O Je - ru - sa - lem, how glo - rious are your heav'n - ly  
7 Now I see what here was told me, see that won - drous  
man - sions fair! I can hear the tones vic - to - rious  
glo - ry shine, feel the spot - less robes en - fold me,  
ev - er sweet - ly sound - ing there. Oh, the bliss that there sur -  
know a gold - en crown is mine. Thus be - fore the throne so  
pris - es! Look, my soul, the sun now ris - es, and the  
glo - rious now I stand, a soul vic - to - rious, filled with  
break - ing day I see that shall nev - er end for me.  
pur - est joy and peace that in Christ shall nev - er cease.

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.; J. G. Albinus, 1624-1679

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<b>Jomax Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>May 22nd</b>	<b>May 29th</b>	<b>June 5th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Sasse Stacey Cornell</b>	-	-
<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar</b>	<b>Kelley/ Grams</b>	<b>Jay Collins</b>
<b>Communion Setup</b>	-	-	<b>Sharon Kull</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger</b>	<b>Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud</b>	<b>Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern</b>
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	<b>Foxen Farewell</b>	<b>Ally Kelley Karen Goelzer</b>	<b>Stacey Aguilar Sharon Wilson</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Titus Patterson Pedro Contreras</b>	<b>Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson</b>	<b>Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud</b>

## **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**

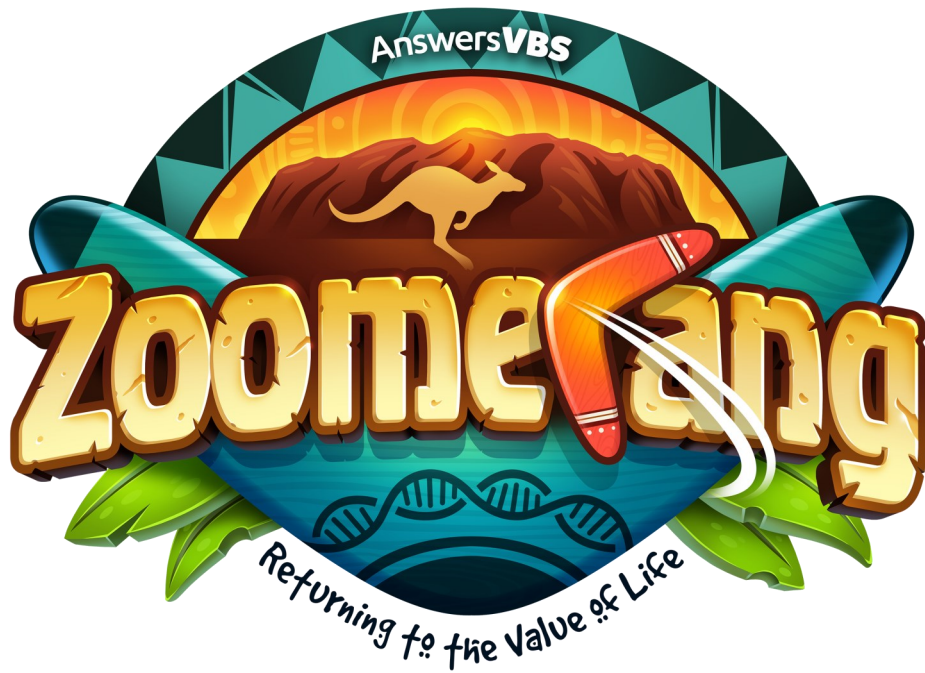
We need more counters in to rotation to count offerings on Sunday mornings right after church. Please contact John Kull at (858) 395-5666 or [financialsecretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:financialsecretary@crossofglory.org)

## **Meditations**

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

## 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!!



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



Come spend a week with  
us in the mountains!

To register, visit  
[www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com](http://www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com)

## Good Shepherd Bible Camp

**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](http://goodshepherd-biblecamp.com)

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

## 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 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, June 9, 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](mailto: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

Today is 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 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

## LOOKING AHEAD

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)

## Congratulations 2022 Graduates

**Michael Radue  
Ethan Aguilar  
Katelyn Aswege  
Nicholas Marcell  
Kaylen Ehinger  
Tanner Plizuweit  
Kade Ehinger  
Levi Foxen**

## Youth Rally

**2022 WELS International Youth Rally  
June 28-July 1  
University of Tennessee, Knoxville**

**Royal people. Momentous purpose. We are here and now “for such a time as this” (Esther 4:14).**

Esther’s life was riveting. God’s love for her was amazing. God’s work through her was powerful. Esther was a royal woman who served a momentous purpose. We serve a momentous purpose too! Like Esther, our lives are riveting because of God’s amazing love and God’s powerful work. We are his royal people prepared, placed, and serving HERE and NOW for such a time as this.

**Join us as a family of believers at the 2022 WELS International Youth Rally!**

Registration runs March 8–May 31  
Cost per person is \$395

# 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.

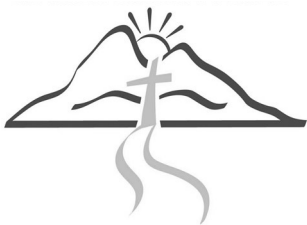
**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**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.