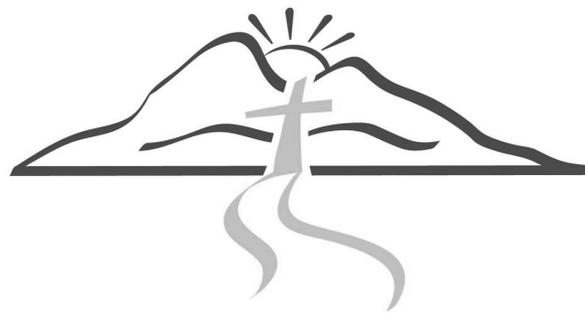




**Ascension**  
**Sunday, May 29, 2022**



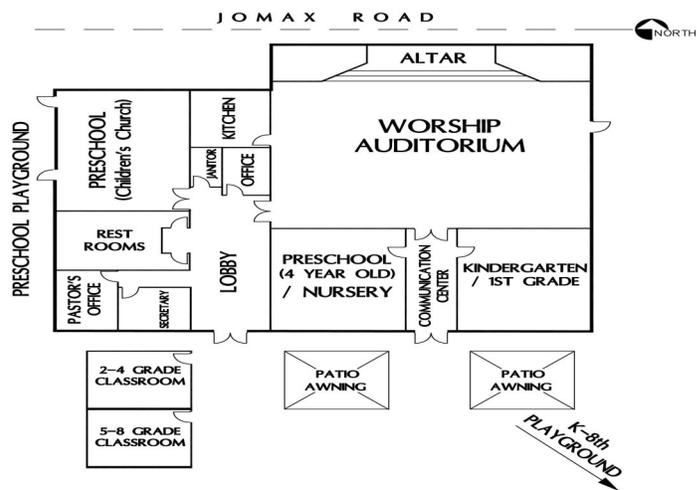
## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

623-224-8839  
[www.crossofglory.org](http://www.crossofglory.org)  
10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**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!



When the Church gathers, it regularly remembers Christ's ascension. The words "He ascended into heaven" are found in all three ecumenical creeds which we use to confess our faith. In addition, the Church sets aside a day each year on which this event takes center stage. This is for good reason. Jesus' ascension marked the fact that his work was complete. Never again will a sacrifice for sin need to be made. However, Jesus' ascension also marks that his work is just beginning. Through the Church Jesus now proclaims forgiveness throughout the world. The Church consists of people like us who are often weak and timid witnesses for Christ. So Jesus promised to send us his Spirit to give us power from heaven, that we might take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

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# Ascension Festival Service

## Opening Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

CWH 472 Vs. 1-4



1 A hymn of glo - ry let us sing! New songs through-  
2 The ho - ly ap - os - tol - ic band up - on the  
3 To them the shin - ing an - gels cry, "Why stand and  
4 "You see him now, as - cend - ing high up to the



out the world shall ring: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Mount of Ol - ives stand, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
gaze up - on the sky?" Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
por - tals of the sky." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Christ, by a road be - fore un - trod, as - cends un -  
and with his fol - low - ers they see their Lord as -  
"This is the Sav - ior," thus they say. "This is his  
"Here - af - ter Je - sus you shall see re - turn - ing



to the throne of God. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
cend in maj - es - ty. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
glo - rious tri - umph day." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
in great maj - es - ty." Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Text: tr. composite; The Venerable Bede, 673-735, abr.

Tune: Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Köln, 1623 Text and tune: Public domain

## Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

## Dialogue for Ascension

*Selected Verses from the Psalms*

M: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

**C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.**

M: How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!

**C: He has set his glory above the heavens.**

M: For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

**C: He is exalted far above all gods.**

M: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

**C: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.**

M: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

**C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.**

M: The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

**C: A scepter of justice will be the scepter of his kingdom.**

M: Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

**C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.**

## Prayer and Praise

CWH 472 Vs. 5-6

5 Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, and be our  
6 O ris - en Christ, as - cend - ed Lord, all praise to

fu - ture great re - ward. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
you let earth ac - cord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Then, throned with you for - ev - er, we shall praise your  
You are, while end - less a - ges run, with Fa - ther

name e - ter - nal - ly. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
and with Spir - it one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## Prayer of the Day

*(Prayed by Minister)*

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power, we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## First Reading

*Acts 1:1-11*

*Jesus ascends to rule over all things as his Church serves as his witnesses.*

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

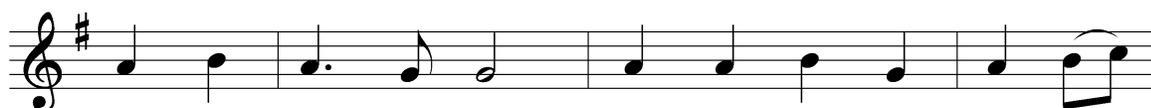
<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in



his the throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the  
 sor - row now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be -



vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! The songs of peace - ful  
 lieves, nor ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re -



Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus  
 ceived him when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our



out of ev - 'ry na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?"

Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, abr., alt. Tune: adapt. Edward Hodges, 1796–1867; Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827

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## The Children's Sermon

*(Children may come forward to the altar)*

## Gospel

Luke 24:44–53

*Before he ascends, Jesus promises to send the disciples power from heaven to carry out his mission.*

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**Sermon Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name**

CWH 512 Vs. 1-2, 4-6



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God who from his al - tar call;  
 4 Ye Gen - tile sin - ners, ne'er for - get the worm-wood and the gall;  
 5 Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 6 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.  
 ex - tol the stem of Jes - se's rod and crown him Lord of all.  
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet and crown him Lord of all.  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - crite and crown him Lord of all.  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song and crown him Lord of all.



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Text (Vs. 1-2): Edward Perronet, 1726-1792, abr., alt.; (Vs. 4-6): A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, alt.

Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765-1844 Text and tune: Public domain

**Sermon**

**King of Kings and Lord of Lords**

Revelation 19:11-16

<sup>11</sup>I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. <sup>12</sup>His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. <sup>13</sup>He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. <sup>14</sup>The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. <sup>15</sup>Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. <sup>16</sup>On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

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.

*Refrain*



He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Christ the Lord is



ris - en! Our joy shall have no end.

## The Offering and Offering Prayer

*(Spoken by Minister)*

### Prayer of the Church

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Confident of our Lord's return, let us approach our Father's throne of mercy on behalf of the Church and of all people.

Gracious Lord God, amid shouts of joy we celebrate your Son's ascension into heaven where he is now seated in majesty at your right hand. Grant your Church steadfastness in these gray and latter days that she may hold to the truth and boldly confess the saving name of Jesus.

**C: As the devil, the world, and our sinful nature seek to silence our witness, grant us courage to believe and confess that Jesus is Lord.**

M: Even as your beloved Son intercedes on behalf of his Church, so has he commanded us to pray for others.

**C: Hear us, O Lord, as we implore you to show mercy to those in need:**

M: to the sick, the lonely, and the depressed grant relief;

to the dying and those who mourn bring comfort;

to the hungry, the homeless, and the unemployed send your help;

to the elderly, give joy for living life to the full;

to the young, send patience to wait for the fuller life to come;

to husbands and wives and their families and to single parents who raise their children alone grant wisdom and strength.

**C: Bestow your blessings to all who depend on your power and grace.**

M: Almighty Father, you are the good Giver of all that we have. In your mercy continue to grant us daily bread, supplying us with what we need before we even ask.

**C: Teach us to be thankful and content, whether we have plenty or are in need.**

M: Come with your guidance, O Lord, and pour out your blessings on all who have gathered here to proclaim your love in speech, song, and symbol. May our worship enrich us so that our work for others adorns your love among them.

**C: Lead us to praise you as we joyfully wait for your return.**

M: O Lord, heavenly Father, we remember the sufferings and death of your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Praising his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he always intercedes for us as our own high priest. Gather us to-

gether, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom which has no end.

**C: Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*~Silent prayer~*

M: To you alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **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.**



1 May the peace of God our heav'n - ly Fa - ther,  
 2 May this peace which pass - es un - der - stand - ing,



and the grace of Christ the ris - en Son,  
 and this grace which makes us what we are,



and the fel - low - ship of God the Spir - it  
 and this fel - low - ship of his com - mun - ion



keep our hearts and minds with - in his love.  
 make us one in spir - it and in heart.

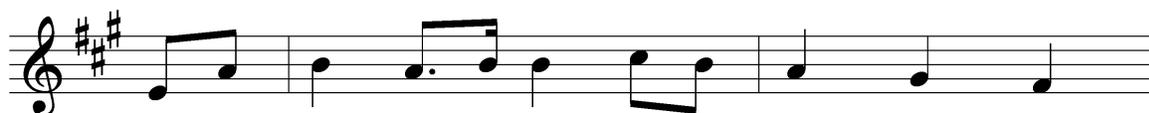
*Refrain*



And to him be praise for his glo - rious reign



from the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.



We de - clare the name of the Lamb once slain—



Christ e - ter - nal, the King of kings.

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<b>Jomax Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>May 29th</b>	<b>June 5th</b>	<b>June 12th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Nick Nickolai Judy Sasse</b>	<b>Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa</b>	<b>Judy Sasse Susie Cornell</b>
<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>Kelley/ Grams</b>	<b>Jay Collins</b>	<b>Jay Collins</b>
<b>Communion Setup</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Sharon Kull</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud</b>	<b>Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern</b>	<b>Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit</b>
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	<b>Ally Kelley Karen Goelzer</b>	<b>Stacey Aguilar Sharon Wilson</b>	<b>Mary Berggren Naber</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson</b>	<b>Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud</b>	<b>Titus Patterson Chris Patterson</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

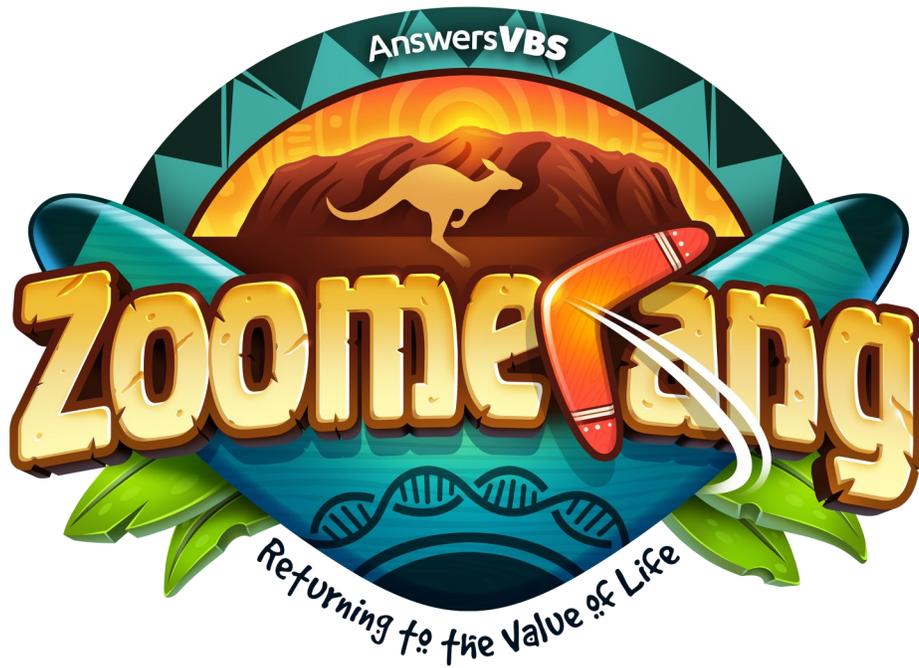
We need more counters in to rotation to count offerings on Sunday mornings right after church. Please contact John Kull at (858) 395-5666 or [financialsecretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:financialsecretary@crossofglory.org)

## 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.

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

June 2, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
June 5, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
June 5, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
June 5, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

## LOOKING AHEAD

June 6, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
June 9, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
June 9, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
June 12, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
June 12, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
June 12, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

## Congratulations 2022 Graduates

**Michael Radue**  
**Ethan Aguilar**  
**Katelyn Aswege**  
**Nicholas Marcell**  
**Kaylen Ehinger**  
**Tanner Plitzuweit**  
**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

## Rental Opportunities

Please keep an eye out for affordable rentals (apartments, casitas, condos, extra rooms, etc.). We have two young men searching for options for housing. One of them is our new teacher, Michael Radue, and the other is for Pastor Ehlers' nephew, Tim Hampson.

# 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.