



Pentecost
Sunday, June 5, 2022



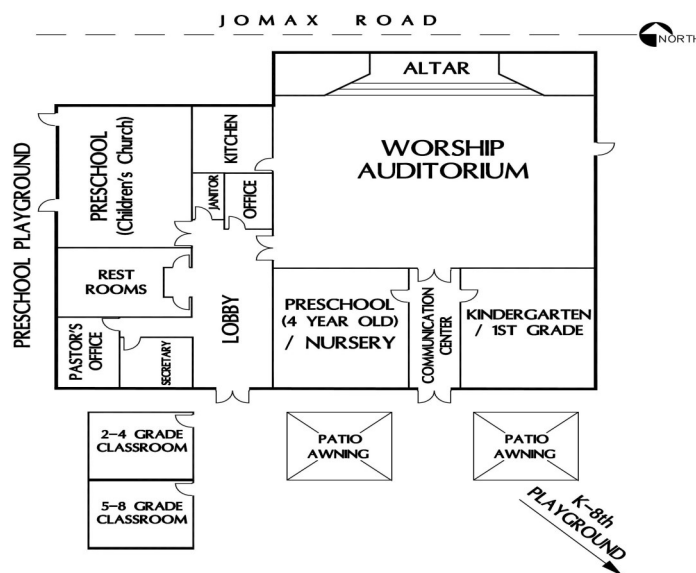
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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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 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!



Jesus ascended into heaven. That does not mean the gospel has ceased to march victorious around the world! Jesus promised to send another advocate to represent God to the world: the Holy Spirit. The Spirit is the constant companion of believers in these Last Days. This raises an important question. If God now reveals himself by his Spirit, where is the Holy Spirit found? God has not left the answer to that question in doubt. When Jesus promised to send the Spirit, he indicated that his work would be connected to words, specifically God's Word. As a result, we need never wonder where we can find the Spirit. He marches victorious through the Word.

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.

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Pentecost Festival Service

Gathering Rite for Pentecost

CW229

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

**This day at your creating word First o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day upon us shine And fill our souls with light divine.**

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

C: The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Congregation Sings:

**This day the Lord for sinners slain In might victorious rose again:
O Jesus, raise your people, too, From death of sin to life in you.**

M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Congregation Sings:

**This day the Holy Spirit came With fiery tongues of cloven flame:
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day With grace to hear and grace to pray.**

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

C: No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

C: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Congregation Sings:

**This day of light and life and grace We gather in our worship-place:
This holy hour, blest gift of love, Give we again to God above.**

M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

**C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of
your love. Alleluia!**

Congregation Sings:

**All praise to God the Father be, To Christ, who set his people free,
Whom with the Spirit we adore Forever and forevermore.**

First Reading

Genesis 11:1–9

At Babel sin led to God confusing people's language.

Grace would lead God to share the gospel in many languages on Pentecost.

¹Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. ²As people moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there.

³They said to each other, “Come, let’s make bricks and bake them thoroughly.” They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. ⁴Then they said, “Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves; otherwise we will be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”

⁵But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower the people were building. ⁶The LORD said, “If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. ⁷Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other.”

⁸So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. ⁹That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

Psalm

Psalm 104A

(Sung Responsively)

Refrain



LORD, send out your Spir-it and re-new the face of the earth.

Tone



Refrain

M: How many are your / works, LORD!

C: In wisdom you / made them all.

M: All creatures / look to you

C: to give them their food at the / proper time.

M: When you give it to them, they gather / it up;

C: when you open your hand, they are satisfied / with good things.

Refrain

M: May the glory of the LORD endure for- / ever;

C: may the LORD rejoice / in his works—

M: he makes winds his / messengers,

C: flames of fire his / servants.

M: I will sing to the LORD / all my life;

C: I will sing praise to my God as long / as I live.

All: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son

and to the Holy / Spirit,

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

Refrain

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The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

Gospel

John 14:23–27

Though his Word Jesus sends us the Holy Spirit and gives us peace.

²³Jesus replied, “Anyone who loves me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. ²⁴Anyone who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

²⁵“All this I have spoken while still with you. ²⁶But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. ²⁷Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

Sermon Hymn: Holy Spirit

3 Vs.

**Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul;
Bring the presence of the Risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
Give me passion for Your purity; Holy Spirit breathe new life in me.**

**Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.**

**Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made.
Show Your power once again on earth, cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; lead us on the road of sacrifice,
that in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.**

Sermon

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: “Aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” ¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**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.

Song of the Season: God's Holy Spirit Came


CWH 479

Soloist sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-4

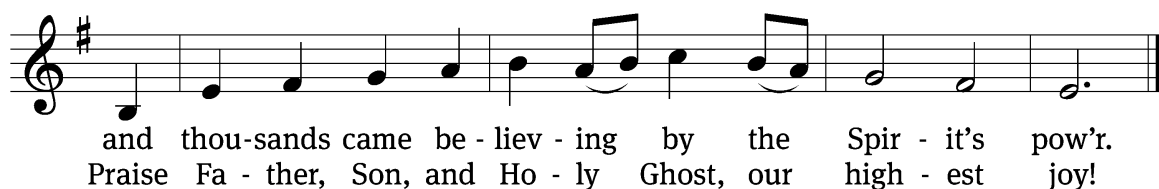
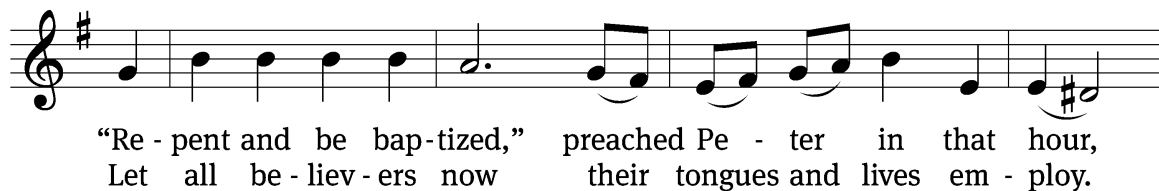
*God's Holy Spirit came
with rushing wind and fire,
Christ's presence here to comfort, bless,
and to inspire.
The Spirit thus began
God's holy work on earth
at Pentecost, a gift that gave the Church its birth.*

*God sent the Spirit forth,
fulfilling prophets' word,
to those who followed Jesus and
who called him Lord.
And as disciples met
near temple courts for prayer
the Spirit blew and rested on those gathered there.*

Sung by Congregation:



3 God's Spir - it filled each one as Je - sus had fore - told.
4 God's Church a - live to - day con - tin - ues to pro - claim



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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

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

~Silent prayer~

M Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts

C: And kindle in us the fire of your love. 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.

Holy Communion

The Salutation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

C: So that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

C: **And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?**

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

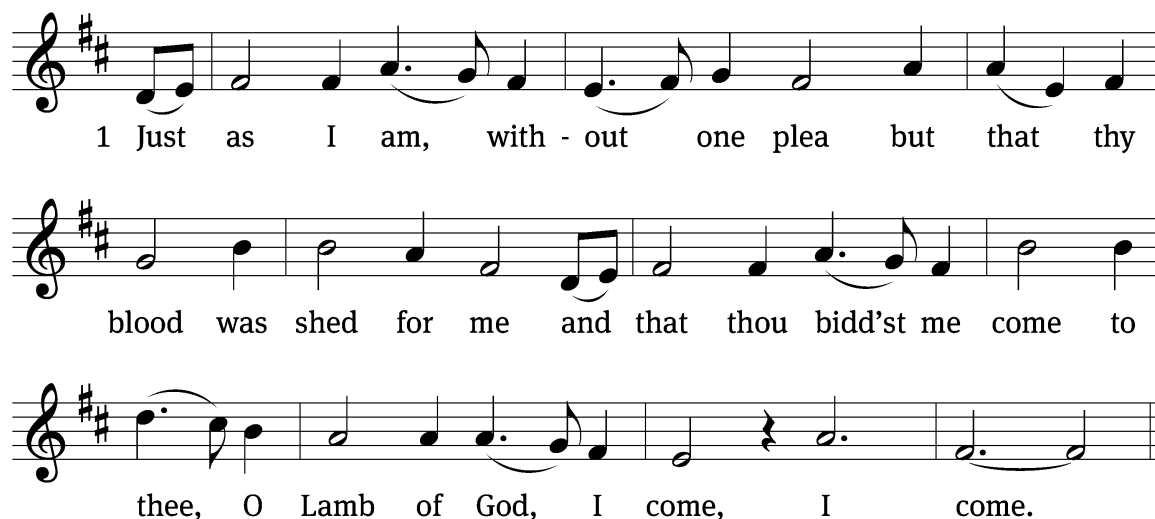
C: **For we all partake of the one loaf.** (1 Cor 10:16-17)

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

C: **A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.** (1 Cor 11:26-28)

Communion Canticle: Just as I Am, without One Plea

CWH 814 Vs. 1



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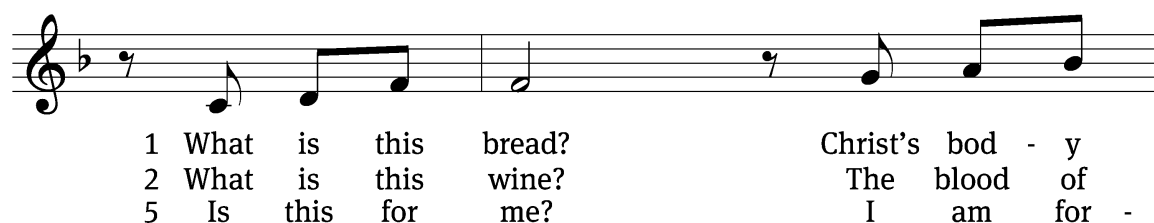
(Spoken by Minister)

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.

Sung Response: What Is This Bread

CWH 665 Vs. 1–2, 5



ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -
 brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I
 that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Distribution of Sacrament

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

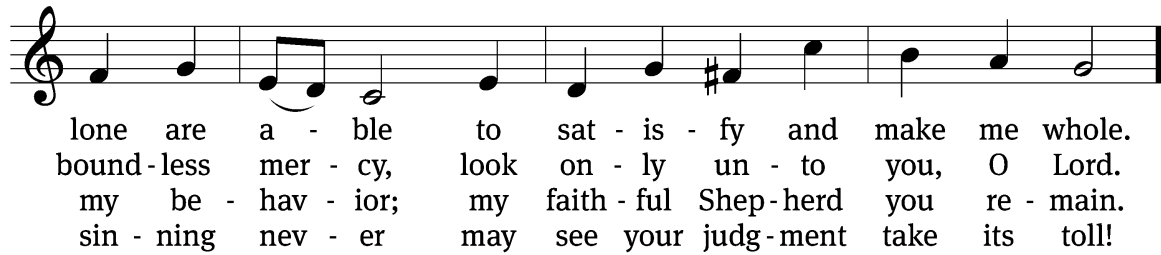
*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union 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: I Come, O Savior, to Your Table

CWH 670

1 I come, O Sav - ior, to your ta - ble, for weak and
 2 O grant that I in man - ner wor - thy may eat and
 3 I should not be your sheep, dear Sav - ior; I stray in
 4 O let me loathe all sin for - ev - er as death and

wea - ry is my soul; O Je - sus, you a -
 drink and be re - stored, and, dwell - ing on your
 sin’s ac - cursed ter - rain. And yet you par - don
 poi - son to my soul, that I through will - ful



Your holy heart has one obsession,
 one blessèd thing it burns to do—
 to cleanse the sinner from transgression;
 so I, a sinner, come to you. (Refrain)

My soul is burdened; Lord, relieve me,
 by all this weight of sin oppressed!
 Though sinful, yet, in grace receive me
 and feed me as your grateful gueVs. (Refrain)

Within me, Lord, your vision traces
 a heart of deep humility
 that mourns its sin and yet embraces
 the merit you have earned for me. (Refrain)

By faith I call your holy table
 the testament of your deep love,
 for by your gift I now am able
 to know the heart of God above. (Refrain)

This meal with blessing is abounding:
 to poor ones wealth, to weak ones pow'r,
 to angels joy, to hell confounding,
 and life for me in death's dark hour. (Refrain)

My heart has now become your dwelling,
 O blessèd, holy Trinity.
 With angels I, your praises telling,
 shall live in joy eternally. (Refrain)

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Song of Simeon

(Sung by Congregation)

The musical score for 'Song of Simeon' is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of seven lines of music, each with a corresponding line of lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final double bar line at the end of the seventh line.

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your
ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your word.
For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which
you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.
In peace, in peace.

Closing Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through Him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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: Breath of the Living God

LAP 36 3 Vs.

**Breath of the living God on the waters in the beginning moving,
Breath of the living God, you fill all creation with fruitful life.**

Refrain:

**Come now and live within us, and with your gifts enrich us,
Breath of the living God, O most holy Spirit of the Lord!**

**Breath of the living God, you conceived the Son, Jesus to be like us;
Breath of the living God, so you recreated all who live in him. *[Refrain]***

**Breath of the living God, you bring us to life in baptismal water;
Breath of the living God, we new creatures live by your living breath. *[Refrain]***

Jomax Worship Volunteers	June 5th	June 12th	June 19th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Nick Nickolai Stacey Cornell
Communion Setup	Sharon Kull	-	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann
Sunday Refreshments	Stacey Aguilar Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Naber	Stacey Aguilar Diana Piepenbrink
A/V	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras

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 leftover from Vistancia.

Help Wanted!

Vacation Bible School kicks off tomorrow. Please join us to set up and prepare for this fabulous week of sharing Jesus with others.



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

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.

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.

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 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)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 16, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
June 19, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
June 19, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
June 19, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
June 20, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
June 23, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
June 25,	Women's Day Out

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.*

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.

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