



VBS Sunday
Sunday, June 12, 2022



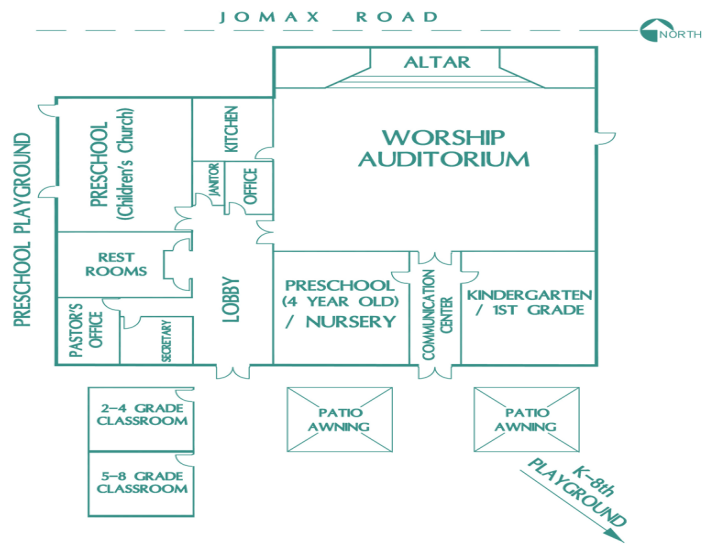
Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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1011 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 par-



Welcome to VBS Sunday!—a celebration of the week we spent learning about how God created all the amazing living things on earth. The name of our VBS this year was Zoomerang! We zoomed around Australia and discovered some amazing animals and sights! More importantly, like a boomerang, we returned to what the Bible says about the value of life. We discovered how precious each and every one of us is to God. From the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God, wonderfully designed to know him and to live for him! Out of his great love, God offers us salvation through his son, Jesus.

In our service today, we will walk thru all the Bible readings from our week together and be reminded of the important lessons we learned. In addition, VBS participants will sing some of the songs they learned this week. May God bless our time together today worshipping our awesome Creator and Savior!

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VBS Lessons and Songs Service

Gathering Rite

How Great Thou Art (CWH 612)

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

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
con - sid - er all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the might - y thun - der,
thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;

Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, How great thou
art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my
Sav-ior-God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

M: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

C: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen. (Revelation 1:4-6)

M: “The days are coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will raise up to David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The LORD our Righteousness.” (Jeremiah 23:5, 6)

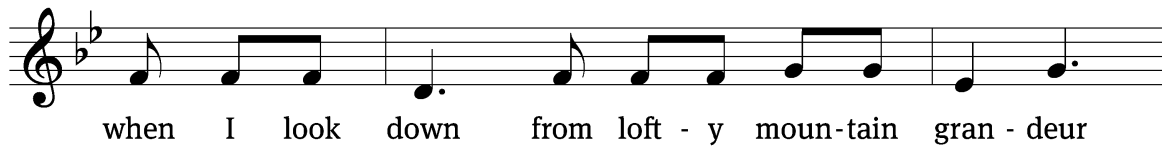
Sung by Congregation:



2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der



and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees;



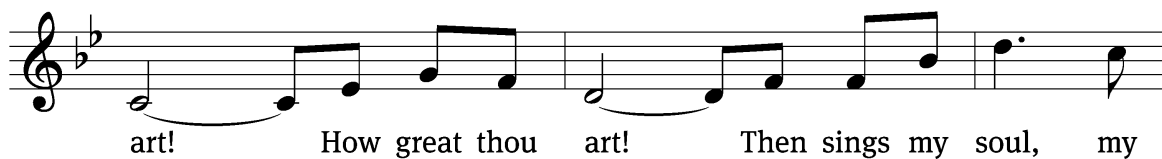
when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur



and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;



Refrain
Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior-God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my




Sav-ior-God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

M: We have come to worship our God, but if we examine our life and our human nature, we find ourselves unworthy to stand in his presence. Therefore, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

Sung by Congregation:




3 And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,



sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,



that on the cross my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing

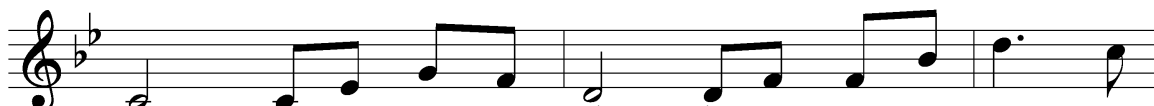


he bled and died to take a - way my sin;


Refrain



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

M: Christ has won your forgiveness through his death and resurrection. In his stead and by his command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Let us praise our God for the new life he gives us.

Sung by Congregation:



4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion



and there pro - claim: "My God, how great thou art!"



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior - God, to thee, How great thou



art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my



Sav - ior - God to thee, How great thou art! How great thou art!

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The Beginning of Life: Made in God's Image

Genesis 1:26-28, 2:7-23

²⁶Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

²⁷So God created mankind in his own image,
in the image of God he created them;
male and female he created them.

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

⁷Then the LORD God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

⁸Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. ⁹The LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰A river watering the garden flowed from Eden; from there it was separated into four headwaters. ¹¹The name of the first is the Pishon; it winds through the entire land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹²(The gold of that land is good; aromatic resin and onyx are also there.) ¹³The name of the second river is the Gihon; it winds through the entire land of Cush. ¹⁴The name of the third river is the Tigris; it runs along the east side of Ashur. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. ¹⁶And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ¹⁷but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

¹⁸The LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him."

¹⁹Now the LORD God had formed out of the ground all the wild animals and all the birds in the sky. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. ²⁰So the man gave names to all the livestock, the birds in the sky and all the wild animals.

But for Adam no suitable helper was found. ²¹So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and then closed up the place with flesh. ²²Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

²³The man said,

“This is now bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called ‘woman,’
for she was taken out of man.”

VBS Choir

Do You Not Know?

The Wonder of Life: Made with Amazing Design

Psalm 139:13-16

¹³For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
¹⁴I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

VBS Choir

Wonderfully Made

The Value of Life: Made with Worth

Luke 2:1-7

¹In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. ²(This was the first census that took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria.) ³And everyone went to their own town to register.
⁴So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. ⁵He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. ⁶While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, ⁷and she gave birth to her firstborn, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room available for them.



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho-sen night when an - gels
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen, in flesh and
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God! How else could



clove the sky with song and light and God em - bod - ied
 blood you bore our griefs and pain, in bread and wine you
 I have loved you, O my God! How else could I em -



love and sheathed his might— Who could but gasp: Im - man - u - el!
 vis - it us a - gain— Who could but see: Im - man - u - el!
 brace you, O my God! Who could but pray: Im - man - u - el!



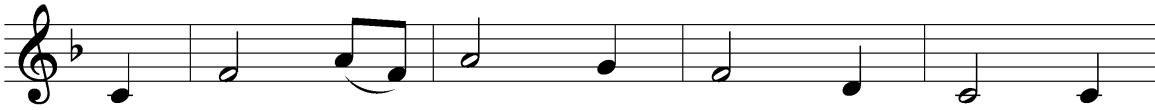
Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!
 Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

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Eternal Life: Made for Relationship
Ephesians 2:8-9, John 11:25-26

⁸For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— ⁹not by works, so that no one can boast.

²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.



1 A - maz - ing grace— how sweet the sound— that
 2 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but
 Word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind but now I see.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Using Your Life: Made for a Reason

Acts 1:6-11

⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?”

⁷He said to them: “It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But 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.”

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

¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹“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.”

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.**

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.

VBS Choir

Take My Life

Thank You!

Thank you to all those that are helping with VBS. The turnout is impressive and it's a blessing to have so many that are willing to share the Gospel with others.

We will need helpers after church to help take down the VBS sets and get things back to normal.



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



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

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



Come spend a week with us in the mountains!

To register, visit
www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.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.

Golden Agers Breakfast

The next Golden Agers breakfast will be held on Thursday, July 14, at 9:30. The location is Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345. Please email Judy Sasse if you plan to attend. sasseja43aol.com.

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 12-15	AZ/CA District Convention
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)

LOOKING AHEAD

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
June 26, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Livestream)
June 26, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service at Jomax
June 26, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service New River

Jomax Worship Volunteers	June 12th	June 19th	June 26th
Counters	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Nick Nickolai Stacey Cornell	-
Communion Setup	-	Lynn Wempner	-
Ushers	Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann	Cody Hall Joel Ditter Levi Foxen
Sunday Refreshments	Mary Berggren Naber	Stacey Aguilar Diana Piepenbrink	Leslie Contreras Angela Hall
A/V	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

Positions Available

- Full-time Kindergarten Aid
- Two part-time to Full-time Preschool Aids
- Part-time Music Teacher
- Part-time School Marketing Coordinator - job description available

Please contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org for the application and job description.

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.

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.

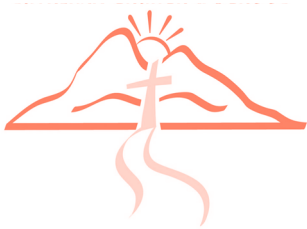
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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...

- n 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.
- n 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.
- n 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.
- n 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.