

# FOCUSED



*FOCUSED LOVE FINDS A NEIGHBOR  
RATHER THAN AVOIDING ONE*

**Pentecost 5**  
**Sunday, July 10, 2022**



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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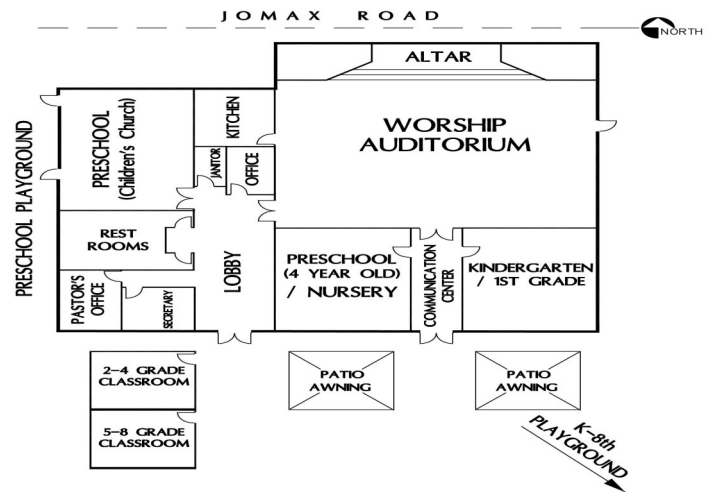
**Sun. 9am Worship**

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!



We tend to think of distraction and focus as opposites. If someone is focused, they are not easily distracted by random events and encounters. If someone is focused, every decision about how to spend time and resources is calculated. Apart from Christ that type of focus spells disaster for our neighbor. We may dismiss the needs of our neighbor, thinking, “If I spend time helping him, that will distract me from other things I should be focused on.” Today, Jesus teaches us that he has set us free to live a life of such distractions. No matter the neighbor and no matter his need, we are free to act in ways that seem senseless. We are free to actively seek out a neighbor in need. We are free to bear any cost and go any distance to serve them as Christ would serve them.

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## Service of the Word

### Opening Hymn: Come, Christians, Join to Sing

CWH 599



1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!  
2 Come, lift your hearts on high,      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!  
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain;      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King;      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!  
let prais - es fill the sky;      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!  
life shall not end the strain;      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;  
he is our guide and friend, to us he'll con - de-scend;  
on heav-en's bliss - ful shore, his good-ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra-cious choice:      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!  
his love shall nev - er end:      Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!  
sing - ing for - ev - er - more,      "Al - le - lu - ia!      A - men!"

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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.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take  
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

Text: n/a

Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949

## Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

Ruth 1:1–19a

*The LORD moves a Moabite woman named Ruth to care for her widowed mother-in-law, even though it meant leaving her people, her country, and her way of life behind.*

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah, together with his wife and two sons, went to live for a while in the country of Moab. <sup>2</sup>The man's name was Elimelek, his wife's name was Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Kilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem, Judah. And they went to Moab and lived there.

<sup>3</sup>Now Elimelek, Naomi's husband, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>They married Moabite women, one named Orpah and the other Ruth. After they had lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>both Mahlon and Kilion also died, and Naomi was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>When Naomi heard in Moab that the LORD had come to the aid of his people by providing food for them, she and her daughters-in-law prepared to return home from there. <sup>7</sup>With her two daughters-in-law she left the place where she had been living and set out on the road that would take them back to the land of Judah.

<sup>8</sup>Then Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back, each of you, to your mother's home. May the LORD show you kindness, as you have shown kindness to your dead husbands and to me. <sup>9</sup>May the LORD grant that each of you will find rest in the home of another husband."

Then she kissed them goodbye and they wept aloud <sup>10</sup>and said to her, "We will go back with you to your people."

<sup>11</sup>But Naomi said, "Return home, my daughters. Why would you come with me? Am I going to have any more sons, who could become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Return home, my daughters; I am too old to have another husband. Even if I thought there was still hope for me—even if I had a husband tonight and then gave birth to sons—<sup>13</sup>would you wait until they grew up? Would you remain unmarried for them? No, my daughters. It is more bitter for me than for you, because the LORD's hand has turned against me!"

<sup>14</sup>At this they wept aloud again. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>"Look," said Naomi, "your sister-in-law is going back to her people and her gods. Go back with her."

<sup>16</sup>But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there I will be buried. May the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if even death separates you and me." <sup>18</sup>When Naomi realized that Ruth was determined to go with her, she stopped urging her.

<sup>19</sup>So the two women went on until they came to Bethlehem.



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.  
 2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days

Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.  
 to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.

Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;  
 When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,

for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.  
 to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

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## The Children's Sermon

*(Children may come forward to the altar)*

## Second Reading

*Galatians 5:1,13-25*

<sup>1</sup>It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

<sup>13</sup>You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. <sup>14</sup>For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>15</sup>If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.

<sup>16</sup>So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup>For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. <sup>18</sup>But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup>The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup>idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup>and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup>But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup>gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup>Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. <sup>25</sup>Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. (1 John 4:11)

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Sermon Hymn: Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace

CWH 768

1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace to love all  
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide your chil - dren,  
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less  
 4 Give me your cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er  
 5 With your own love may I be filled and by your

peo - ple, ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son  
 Lord, on ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bors' good let  
 act and thought - less word. Make me to see the  
 strong op - press the weak; and should I be a  
 Ho - ly Spir - it willed, that all I touch, what -



help me view my kin-dred, loved, re-deemed by you.  
me pur - sue; bind them to me and all to you.  
wrong I do will hurt my neigh - bor, Lord, and you.  
vic - tim, too, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring you.  
e'er I do, may be di - vine - ly touched by you.

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## Sermon

## Focused Love Finds a Neighbor Rather than Avoiding One

Luke 10:25–37

<sup>25</sup>On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

<sup>26</sup>“What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

<sup>27</sup>He answered, “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

<sup>28</sup>“You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

<sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

<sup>30</sup>In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’

<sup>36</sup>“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”

<sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”

Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

## 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: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

CWH 523



1 How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all  
 2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his  
 3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no

mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
 shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
 wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his

make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.  
 out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?

The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the  
 un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has  
 I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with

Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
 brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.  
 all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.

## **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.**



1 For the fruits of his cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For his gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are  
 In our world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 found us, most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:financialsecretary@crossofglory.org)

## Rental Opportunities

Please keep an eye out for affordable rentals (apartments, casitas, condos, extra rooms, etc.). We have one young man searching for options for housing, Pastor Ehlers' nephew, Tim Hampson.

## Singles Retreat

### **WELS/ELS Singles Retreat Nov 11-13, 2022 at Camp Phillip**

Did you know that November 11 is International Singles Day? We invite you to join us at the 2022 WELS/ELS Singles Retreat on November 11-13 at Camp Phillip, Wisconsin for a weekend of fun and fellowship. For more information about the event and to register check out our webpage: [2022 Singles Retreat](#)



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## Life Coaching Group

Topic: Cornerstone  
2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
Mountain Vista Club

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](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

July 10, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
July 10, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
July 10, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
July 14, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast

## LOOKING AHEAD

July 17, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
July 17, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
July 17, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
July 18, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group

<b>Jomax Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>July 10th</b>	<b>July 17th</b>	<b>July 24th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Nick Nicholai Stacy Cornell</b>	<b>Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa</b>	<b>Judy Sasse Susie Cornell</b>
<b>Communion Setup</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Shannon Gullerud</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson</b>	<b>Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger</b>	<b>Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud</b>
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	<b>Paula Considine</b>	<b>Stacey Aguilar Karen Goelzer</b>	<b>Ally Kelley 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>

## Offerings

We have now returned to collecting offerings during the service. Offerings can also be made online by visiting [crossofglory.org](http://crossofglory.org) in your browser, clicking on the menu on the upper right corner (3 horizontal lines) and selecting “**Giving**” from the menu. You can also scan the QR code with your phone’s camera. This will take you directly to the offering page. In addition, you may also mail your offerings to Cross of Glory at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



We have a custom Cross of Glory link that will make donating your tax dollars a little easier this year! For more information on how to donate or how the tax credit works, get in touch with Elizabeth Simkauskas or donate at <https://pages.acsto.org/school/cross-of-glory>.



**AUGUST 5TH, 2022 AT 6:00 PM**

# *Ice Cream Social!*

Please join us for the Ice Cream Social. There will be music, games and yummy ice cream. Bring your own ice cream creation for the tasting contest.

# 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.

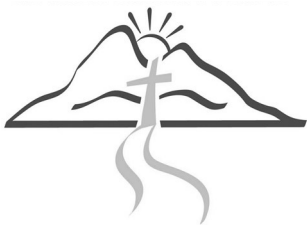
**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**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.