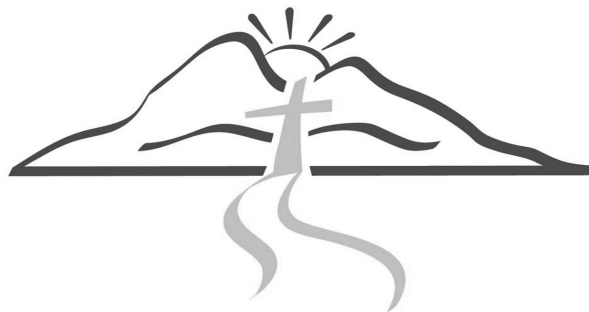


# FOCUSED



*FOCUSED WORSHIP SEEKS SERVICE FROM  
JESUS MORE THAN SERVICE FOR JESUS*

**Pentecost 6**  
**Sunday, July 17, 2022**



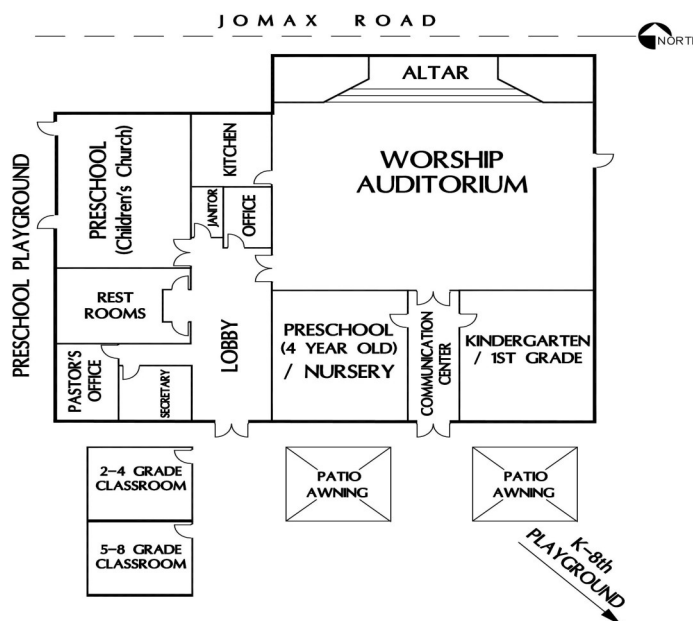
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10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sun. 9am Worship**  
Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor  
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

**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 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 call worship a "service." Which raises the question: who is serving whom? In answering that question, it is easy to focus on what we do in worship. "I set aside time in my week to come to church. I am singing praise to God. I brought him an offering. Clearly, I am serving him." True enough. However, as God speaks this week, he clarifies our focus, letting us see that worship is primarily about him serving us. Through Word and sacrament, he delivers every spiritual gift he wants us to receive. Our service to God is good. His service for us is perfect. Our service to God is important. His service for us is essential. God loves our service to him. But we desperately need his service for us. Receiving his service is actually the highest form of worship. "God wants to be worshipped through faith so that we receive from him those things he promises and offers" (Apology of the Augsburg Confession, Article IV).

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## Scripture and Song & Lord's Supper

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### Gathering Rite on the Word of God

(Spoken Responsively; CWH633 Sung Responses)

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

C: **Amen.**

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: **I meditate on it all day long.**

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: **for they are ever with me.**

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: **for I meditate on your statutes.**

M: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: **sweeter than honey for my mouth.**

### Sung by Congregation:



1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you to re - ceive the food  
of your ho - ly Word; take your truth, plant it  
deep in us, shape and fash - ion us in your like - ness,  
that the light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of  
love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -  
fill in us all your pur - pos-es for your glo - ry.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

**C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.**

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

**C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Sung by Congregation:*

2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
true hu - mil - i - ty; test our thoughts and our  
at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of your pu - ri - ty.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your ma - jes - tic  
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can  
nev - er fail, let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be-lief.

M: God gave his Word so "That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salva-

tion. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

***Sung by Congregation:***

3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds, help us grasp the heights  
of your plans for us, truths un - changed from the  
dawn of time, that will ech - o down thro' e - ter - ni - ty.  
And by grace we'll stand on your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll  
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till your  
Church is built, and the earth is filled with your glo - ry.

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**Prayer of the Day**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy and bring forth fruits in faith, hope, and love; 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

Genesis 18:1–14

*With his gracious visit and his gracious words, the Lord serves Sarah with exactly what she needs—a strengthened faith.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground.

<sup>3</sup>He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup>Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.”

“Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.”

<sup>6</sup>So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.”

<sup>7</sup>Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup>He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree.

<sup>9</sup>“Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him.

“There, in the tent,” he said.

<sup>10</sup>Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.”

Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup>Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?”

<sup>13</sup>Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

## Psalm 119b

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Teach me, O Lord to follow your decrees;

**C: Then I will keep them to the end.**

M: Give me understanding, and I will keep your law

**C: And obey it with all my heart.**

M: Direct me in the path of your commands,

**C: For there I find delight.**

M: Turn my eyes away from worthless things;

**C: Preserve my life according to your Word.**

M: Fulfill your promise to your servant,

**C: So that you may be feared.**

M: How I long for your precepts!

**C: Preserve my life in your righteousness.**

## Second Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

*Paul prays that God would serve the Colossians through the gospel, rescuing them from the dominion of darkness and empowering them to produce the fruit of good works.*

<sup>1</sup>Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

<sup>2</sup>To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

<sup>3</sup>We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, <sup>4</sup>because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— <sup>5</sup>the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel <sup>6</sup>that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. <sup>7</sup>You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, <sup>8</sup>and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

<sup>9</sup>For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, <sup>10</sup>so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, <sup>11</sup>being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, <sup>12</sup>and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. <sup>13</sup>For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

## Sermon Hymn: Lord, Open Now My Heart to Hear

CWH 632



1 Lord, o - pen now my heart to hear, and through your  
2 Your Word in - spires my heart with - in; your Word grants  
3 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



Word to me draw near. Let me your Word e'er pure re -  
heal - ing from my sin. Your Word has pow'r to guide and  
Spir - it, Three in One, shall glo - ry, praise, and hon - or



tain; let me your child and heir re - main.  
bless; your Word brings peace and hap - pi - ness.  
be now and through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

## Sermon

## Focused Worship Seeks Service from Jesus more than Service for Jesus

Luke 10:38–42

<sup>38</sup>As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup>She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!"

<sup>41</sup>"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup>but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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

CWH 523

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3

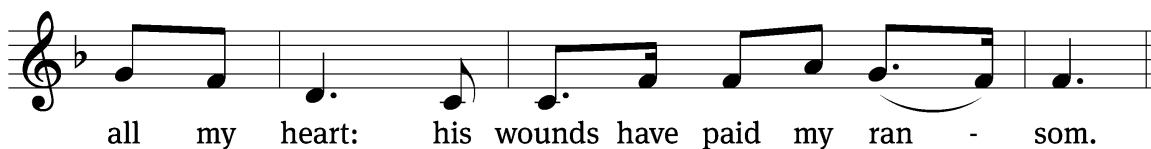
*How deep the Father's love for us,  
 how vast beyond all measure,  
 that he should give his only Son  
 to make a wretch his treasure.  
 How great the pain of searing loss.  
 The Father turns his face away  
 as wounds which mar the Chosen One  
 bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross,  
 my sin upon his shoulders.  
 Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
 call out among the scoffers.  
 It was my sin that held him there  
 until it was accomplished;  
 his dying breath has brought me life.  
 I know that it is finished.*

### Congregation sings:



3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no  
 wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his  
 death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?  
 I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



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## The Offering and Offering Prayer

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## Prayer of the Church

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## Lord's Prayer

*(Spoken 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:

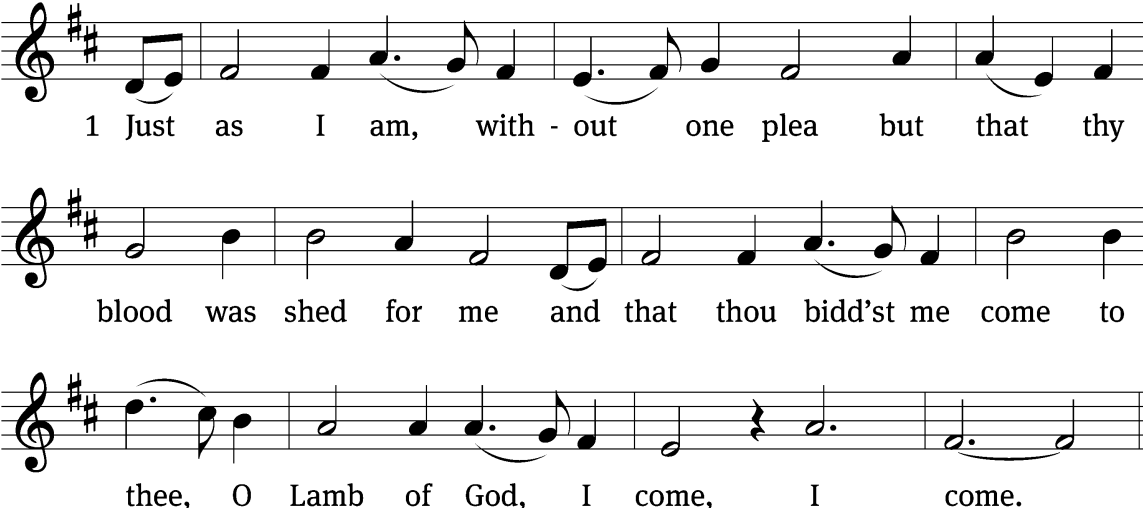
**C:** For we all partake of the one loaf. *(1 Cor 10:16-17)*

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



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that thy  
blood was shed for me and that thou bidd'st me come to  
thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

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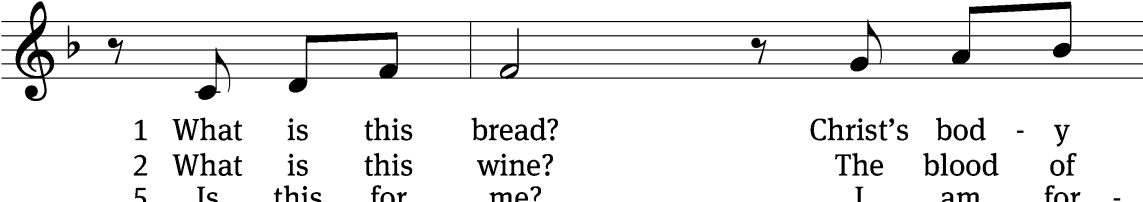
(Spoken by Minister)

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. ~

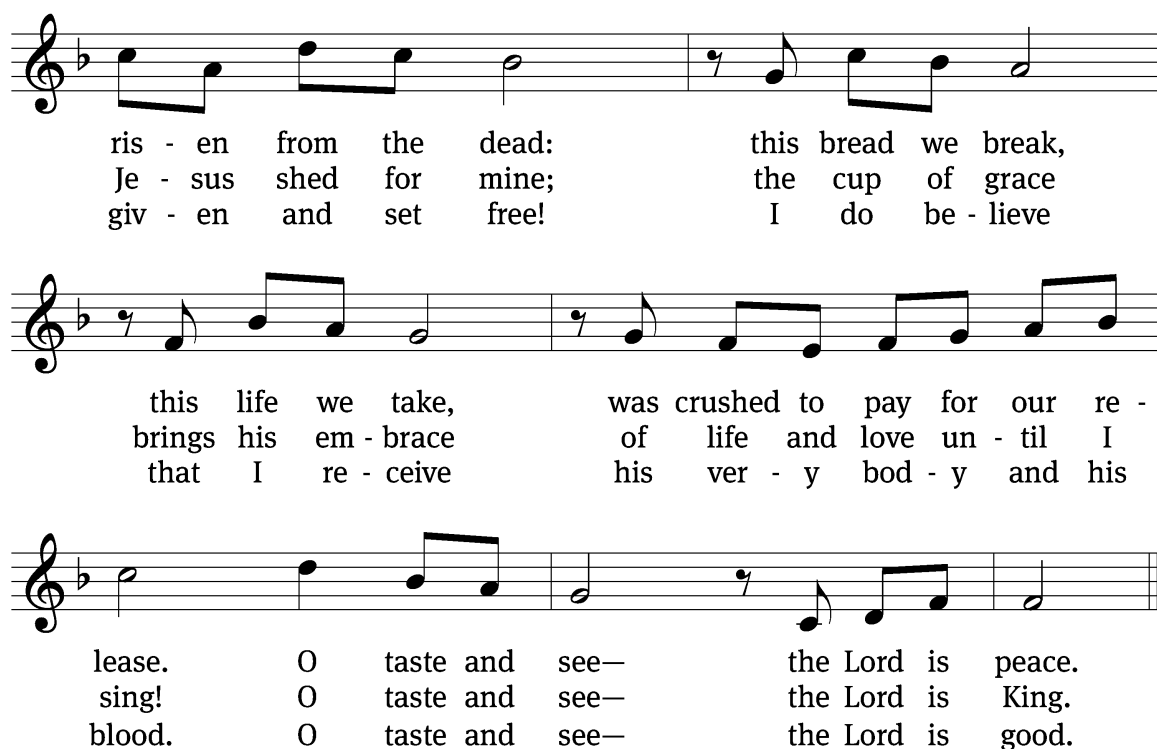
M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

### Sung Response: What Is This Bread

CWH 665 Vs. 1–2, 5



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y  
2 What is this wine? The blood of  
5 Is this for me? I am for -



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

### Behold the Lamb

*Ensemble sings the verses and Congregation joins on Refrain*

*Ensemble: Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us and we remember the promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.*

**Congregation: So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

*Ensemble: The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you; eat and remember; The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.*

**Congregation: So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice as a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

*Ensemble:* The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you, drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.

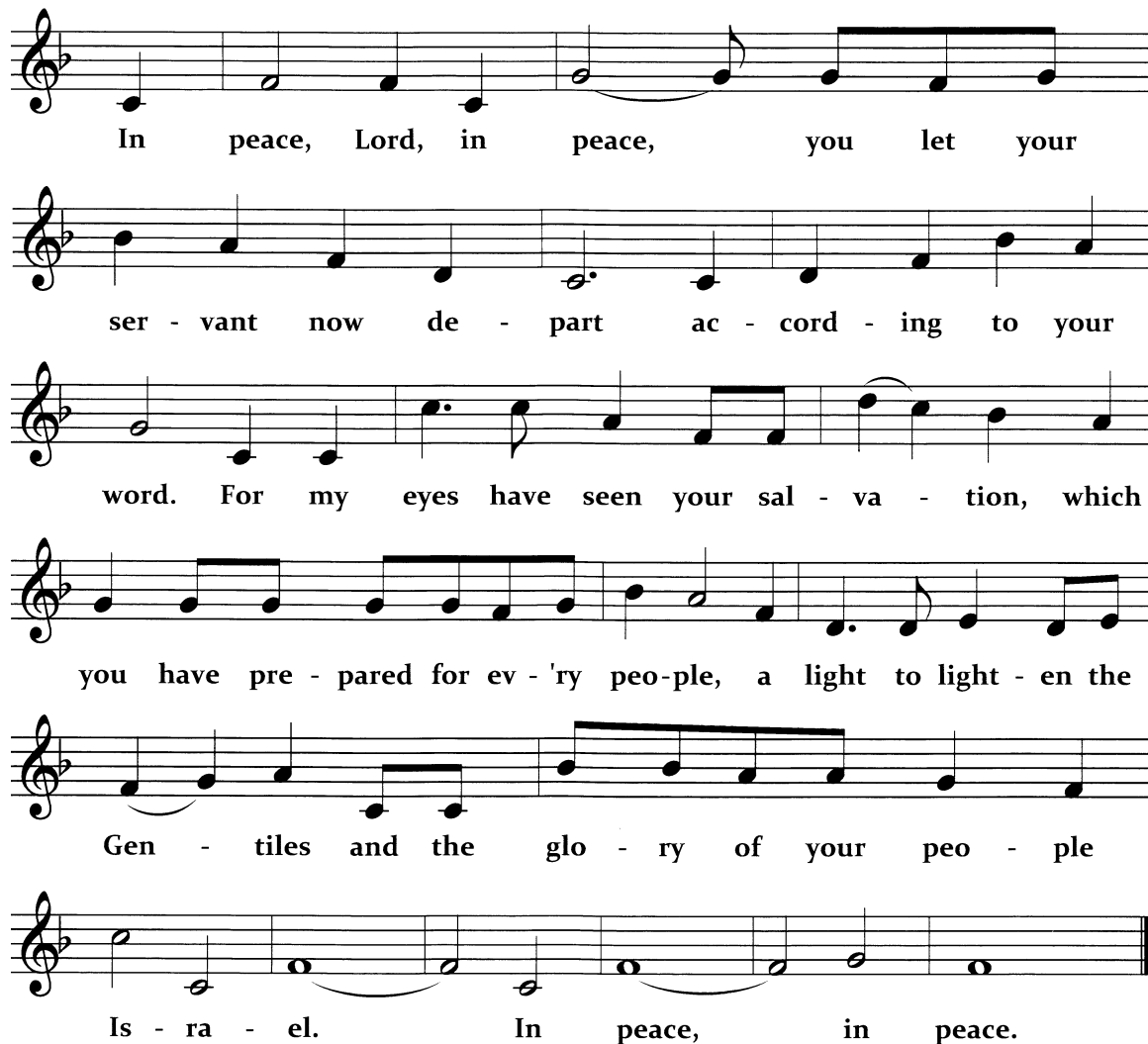
*Congregation:* **So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice  
as a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

*Ensemble:* And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond, and to remember  
our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.

*Congregation:* **As we share in His suffering, we proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

## Song of Simeon

(Sung by Congregation)



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

(Spoken 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.**

## **Ensemble**

*By Faith*

*Congregation joins for final refrain*

## **Offerings**

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 Jo-max Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



## **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.

## Pantry Shower

We welcome to Cross of Glory Mr. Michael Radue, our new fifth- and sixth-grade teacher and athletic director. Mike joins us from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He recently graduated from Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota. Let's join together to welcome him to the Cross of Glory family with a shower of gift cards and pantry items.

Mr. Radue lives in Surprise. Nearby stores are Walmart, Target, and Fry's. Please bring your welcome gift to church on or before his installation service, which is on Sunday, August 7 (during the regular Sunday worship service). Items can be dropped off in the office during summer hours 9-2pm.

Mike is also on the hunt for a cheap or free washer and dryer.

We are thankful to the Lord of the Church for providing another worker for our growing school and church ministry.



**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.

## Meal Train

We have wonderful news! Jay and Betsy Collins welcomed a healthy baby boy into their family on Thursday, July 7. His name is Josiah, and he weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces at birth. Betsy is the first- and second-grade teacher at Cross of Glory, and Jay serves as janitor.

A Meal Train has been created for the family. If you can provide a meal or send a Door Dash gift card, please use the sign-up below. A meal is a wonderful way to bless a family as they are adjusting to the new member of their family.

Link is in the Weekly News.

## 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](#)

## Life Coaching Group

Topic: Cornerstone  
2nd & 4th Mondays, 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 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

## LOOKING AHEAD

July 18, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
July 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
July 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
July 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

<b>Jomax Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>July 17th</b>	<b>July 24th</b>	<b>July 31st</b>
<b>Counters</b>	<b>Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa</b>	<b>Judy Sasse Susie Cornell</b>	<b>Nick Nicholai Stacy Cornell</b>
<b>Communion Setup</b>	<b>Shannon Gullerud</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	<b>Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger</b>	<b>Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud</b>	<b>Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern</b>
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	<b>Stacey Aguilar Karen Goelzer</b>	<b>Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson</b>	<b>Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud</b>
<b>A/V</b>	<b>Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson</b>	<b>Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud</b>	<b>Titus Patterson Chris Patterson</b>



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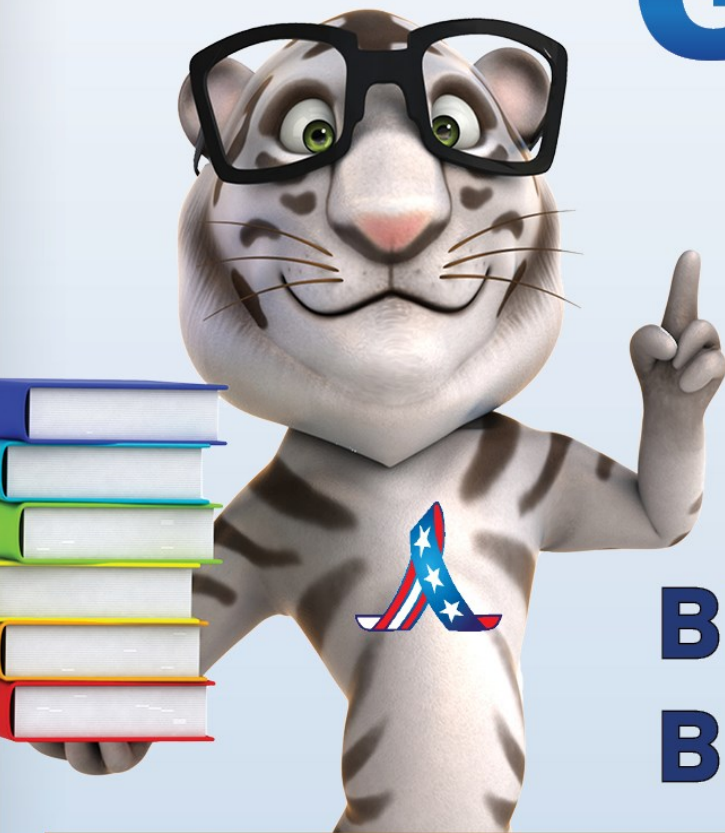
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# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*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.*

**Roger Ferch**, as he undergoes heart valve replacement on July 19 at Boswell Hospital.

**Velta Larson**, as she recovers from an infection.

**Karen Jurado**, a prayer of thanksgiving for continuing recovery after experiencing lung issues due to a past COVID infection.

**Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments. The cancer is spreading, and he began 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.