

# FOCUSED



*FOCUSED PRAYER CLAIMS WHAT GOD WANTS  
FOR US, NOT WHAT WE WANT FROM HIM*

**Pentecost 7**  
***Sunday, July 24, 2022***



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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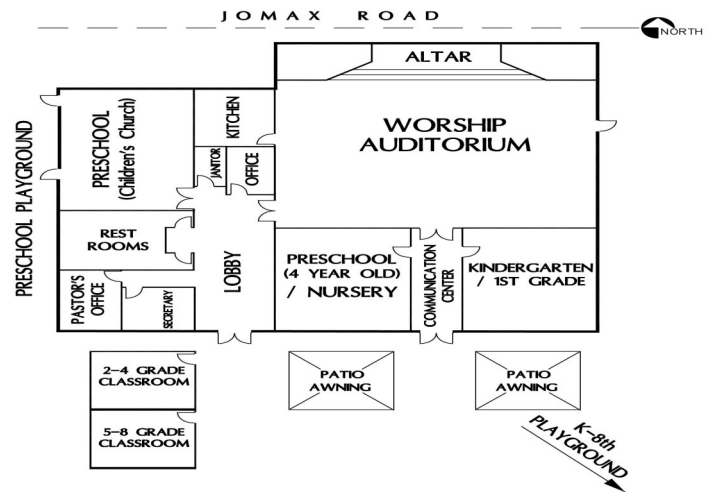
**Sun. 9am Worship**

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!



In a sense, prayer comes naturally to us. We want so we ask. We hurt so we cry out. We are frustrated so we vent. We are blessed so we give thanks. So we sometimes define prayer as “speaking to God from the heart.” Seems so easy. What does not come naturally, however, is the focused prayer God wants for us. We need focus when it comes to the basis of our prayers. Our prayers are based entirely on the unique and unearned relationship with have with God, our Father. We also need focus when it comes to the content of our prayers. Yes, we can speak from the heart and ask for anything we want. But our Father invites us to pray specifically for the things he wants to give us. Prayer is the opportunity to bring our will into conformity with God's will, not the other way around. We have much to learn about prayer. So, along with Jesus' disciples, we say, “Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1).

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## Service of the Word

### Opening Hymn: In Holy Conversation

CWH 722



1 In ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion we speak to God in prayer,  
2 These ho - ly con - ver - sa - tions be - gin in child-like ways;  
3 As ho - ly con - ver - sa - tion, in si - lence or by word,  
and at his in - vi - ta - tion our deep - est thoughts we share.  
we bring our sup - pli - ca - tions and words of thanks and praise.  
in ev - 'ry sit - u - a - tion through Je - sus, we are heard.  
We come, his will o - bey - ing, as chil - dren bring - ing needs;  
With care our Fa - ther lis - tens to ev - 'ry thought ex - pressed,  
So let us pray se - cure - ly, ex - press - ing hopes and fears  
and to sup - port our pray - ing, his Spir - it in - ter - cedes.  
then an - swers our pe - ti - tions in ways he knows are best.  
with con - fi - dence that sure - ly our Fa - ther ev - er hears.

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### Greeting

*(Spoken Responsively)*

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

C: Amen.

### Baptism

**Josiah Ellias Collins**

**Born 7/7/2022**

### 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 notation is written on five staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The second staff continues: D4 (half), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), E3 (half), D3 (half). The third staff: C3 (half), B2 (half), A2 (quarter), G2 (quarter), F#2 (quarter), E2 (quarter), D2 (half), C2 (half). The fourth staff: B1 (half), A1 (half), G1 (quarter), F#1 (quarter), E1 (quarter), D1 (quarter), C1 (half), B0 (half). The fifth staff: A0 (half), G0 (half), F#0 (quarter), E0 (quarter), D0 (quarter), C0 (quarter), B0 (half), A0 (half). The piece ends with a double bar line.

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Tune: Kermit G. Moldenhauer, b. 1949

## Prayer of the Day

*(Prayed by Minister)*

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings you have promised; 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 18:20–32

*Abraham prays on the basis of what he knows about the LORD: that the LORD is a just judge, that the LORD shows mercy, and that the LORD invites us to be bold in our prayers.*

<sup>20</sup>Then the LORD said, “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous <sup>21</sup>that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.”

<sup>22</sup>The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. <sup>23</sup>Then Abraham approached him and said: “Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? <sup>24</sup>What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? <sup>25</sup>Far be it from you to do such a thing—to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?”

<sup>26</sup>The LORD said, “If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.”

<sup>27</sup>Then Abraham spoke up again: “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, <sup>28</sup>what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?”

“If I find forty-five there,” he said, “I will not destroy it.”

<sup>29</sup>Once again he spoke to him, “What if only forty are found there?”

He said, “For the sake of forty, I will not do it.”

<sup>30</sup>Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?”

He answered, “I will not do it if I find thirty there.”

<sup>31</sup>Abraham said, “Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?”

He said, “For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it.”

<sup>32</sup>Then he said, “May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?”

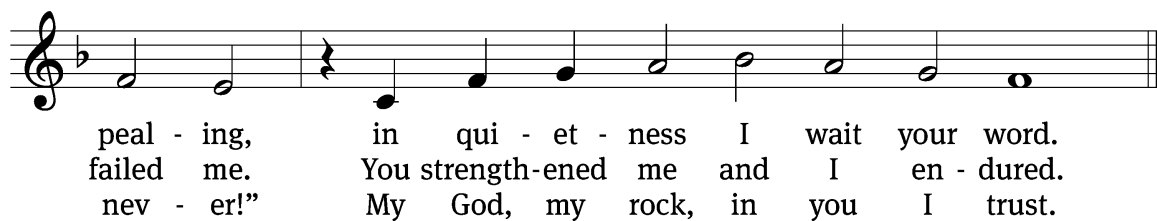
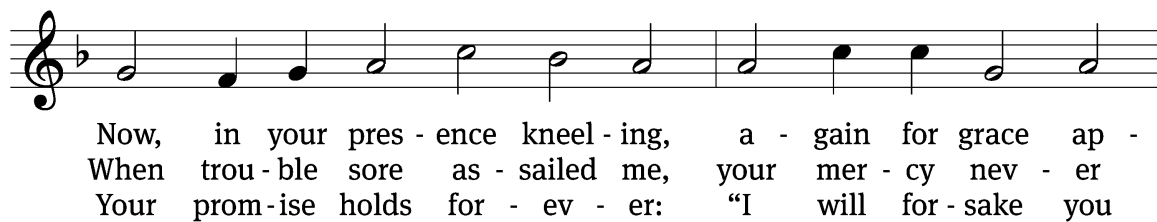
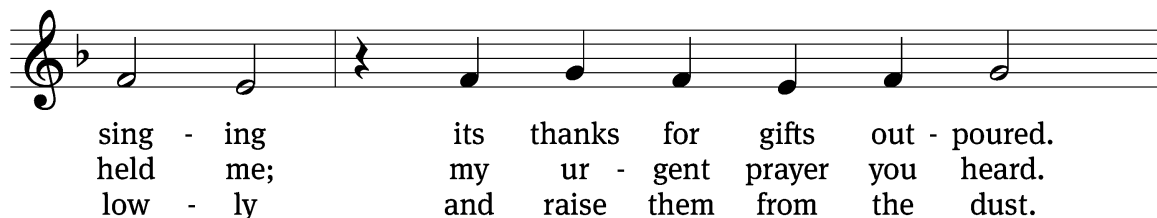
He answered, “For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it.”

## Psalm

Psalm 138A Vs. 1-3



1 Your prais - es, God, I'm bring - ing; my heart with joy is  
2 When deep - est need had felled me, your stead - fast love up -  
3 Though you, O God, are ho - ly, yet you re - gard the



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## The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

## Second Reading

1 Timothy 2:1–7

*Paul teaches us that the ultimate purpose for everything we ask is that God's will would be done.*

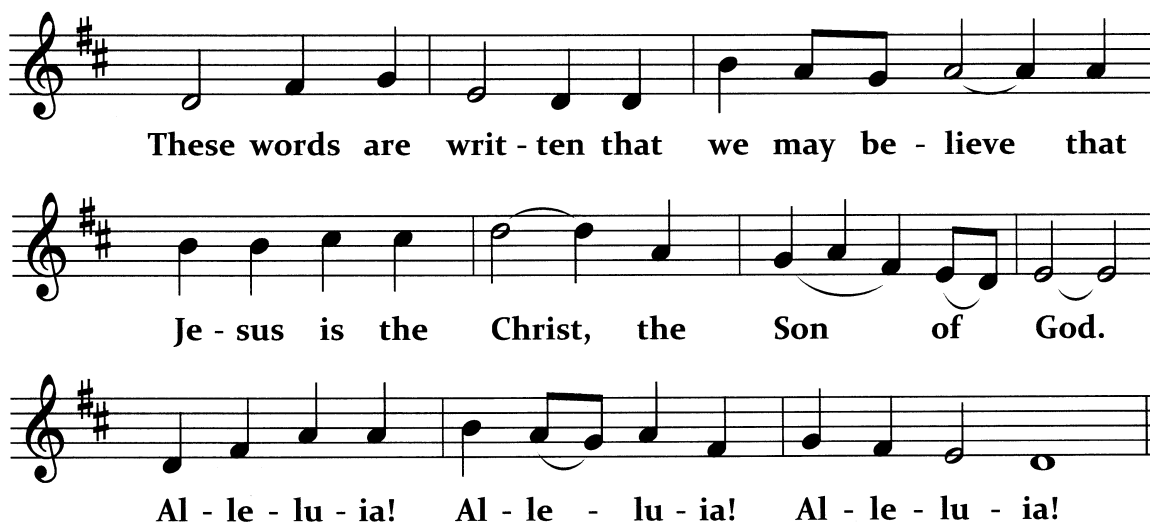
<sup>1</sup>I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup>For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. <sup>7</sup>And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

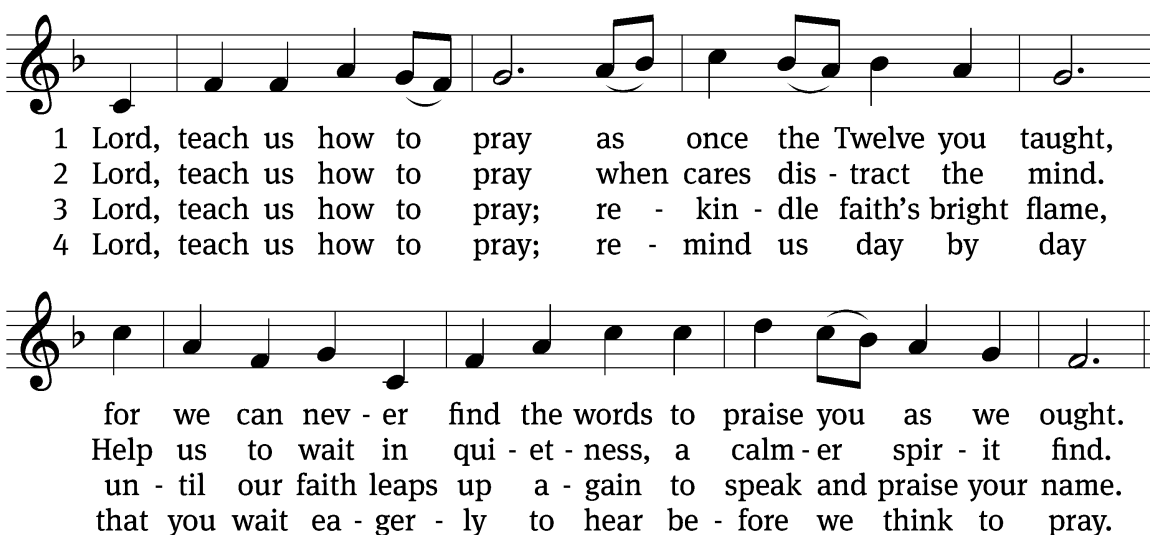
M: Alleluia. Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. Alleluia. (Luke 11:9 )





### Sermon Hymn: Lord, Teach Us How to Pray

CWH 719



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### Sermon

### Focused prayer claims what God wants for us, not what we want from him

Luke 11:1–13

<sup>1</sup>One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.”

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“ ‘Father,  
 hallowed be your name,  
 your kingdom come.

<sup>3</sup>Give us each day our daily bread.

<sup>4</sup>Forgive us our sins,

for we also forgive everyone who sins against us.  
And lead us not into temptation.’ ”

<sup>5</sup>Then Jesus said to them, “Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; <sup>6</sup>a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.’ <sup>7</sup>And suppose the one inside answers, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can’t get up and give you anything.’ <sup>8</sup>I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need.

<sup>9</sup>“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup>For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>11</sup>“Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? <sup>12</sup>Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup>If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

## **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.

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### 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.

## Closing Hymn: What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CWH 721



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,  
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?  
Do your friends de-spise, for-sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be-cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!  
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak-ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a sol-ace there.

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Jomax Worship Volunteers	July 24th	July 31st	August 7th
<b>Counters</b>	Joel Ditter Susie Cornell	Judy Sasse Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Stacy Cornell
<b>Communion Setup</b>	-	-	Sharon Kull
<b>Ushers</b>	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plitzuweit
<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink
<b>A/V</b>	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras

## 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 Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



## 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

Two part-time to Full-time Preschool Aids  
Part-time Music Teacher

Please contact Liz at [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org) for the application

## 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](#)

## Golden Agers Breakfast

The next Golden Agers breakfast will be held on Thursday, August 11, 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).

## 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 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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July 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

## LOOKING AHEAD

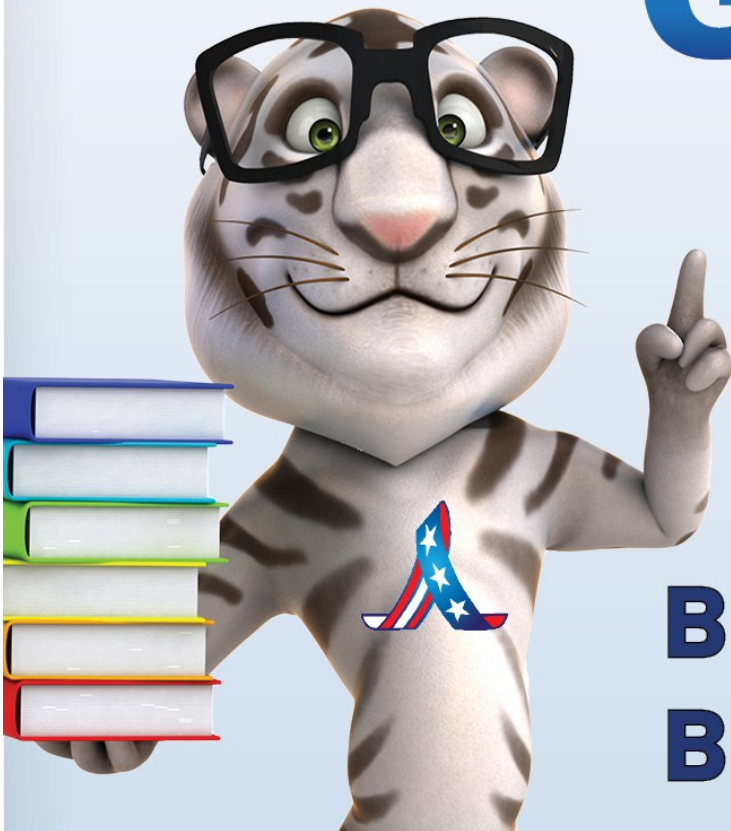
July 28, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
July 31, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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# PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

*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**, underwent a successful surgery, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving.

**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.

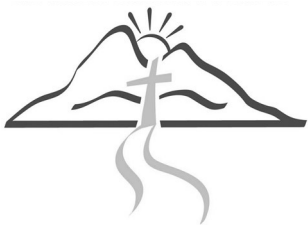
**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**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.