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HEAVENLY TREASURE*

**Pentecost 9**  
**Sunday, August 7, 2022**



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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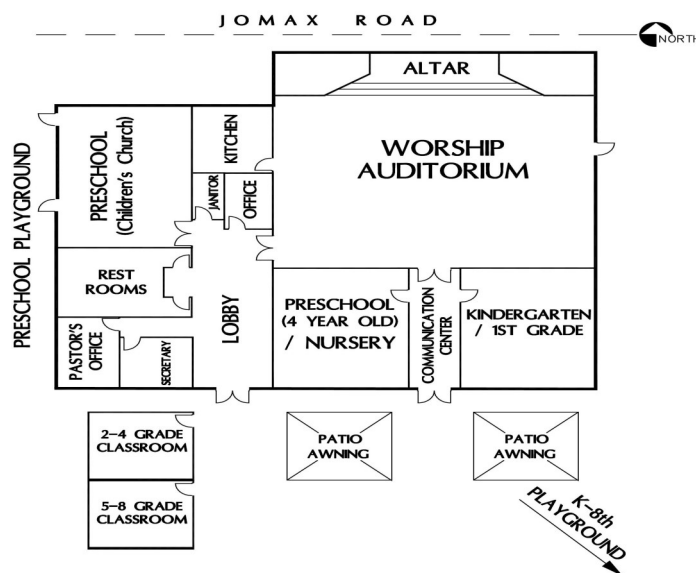
**Sun. 9am Worship**

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!



***What do you treasure in life?*** Last week Jesus warned us against overvaluing earthly wealth. This week Jesus warns against undervaluing heavenly treasure. Last week, Jesus exposed the folly of greed. This week, Jesus exposes the folly of worry, even when faced with the prospect of having a shortage of earthly wealth. This week might be the bigger challenge! When it seems we lack providence or protection for our daily lives, it can be hard to avoid worry. But Jesus focuses us. He points to creatures that do not labor or toil, yet are daily fed and clothed. Even more Jesus points to our Father who promises to give us the heavenly treasures of his kingdom. Jesus assures us that Father will throw in needed earthly possessions as well. We can pursue heavenly treasure wholeheartedly, confident that our Father knows all we need.

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## Service of Word and Sacrament

### Opening Hymn: How Firm a Foundation

CWH 800 Vs. 1-2, 4-5



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,  
2 "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,  
4 "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie,  
5 "The soul that on Je - sus has leaned for re - pose

is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!  
for I am your God and will still give you aid;  
my grace all - suf - fi - cient shall be your sup - ply;  
I will not, I will not, de - sert to its foes;

What more can he say than to you he has said,  
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
the flames will not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign  
that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.  
I'll nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, ed. John Rippon, alt.

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### Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

### Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

**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.

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.**

## Prayer and Praise

(Spoken/Sung Responsively)

**M:** For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

**M:** For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ have mercy.**

**M:** For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord have mercy.**

**M:** Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

**C: Amen.**

**M:** The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

### Congregation Sings:

*Refrain*

O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life

with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your



on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in



your own blood. You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!



O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

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## Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and willing to give far more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask except through the merits and mediation of 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 15:1–6

*In faith, Abram treasured all the LORD's gracious promises.*

<sup>1</sup>After this, the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram.

I am your shield,

your very great reward.”

<sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “Sovereign LORD, what can you give me since I remain childless and the one who will inherit my estate is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no children; so a servant in my household will be my heir.”

<sup>4</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: “This man will not be your heir, but a son who is your own flesh and blood will be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He took him outside and said, “Look up at the sky and count the stars—if indeed you can count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.”

<sup>6</sup>Abram believed the LORD, and he credited it to him as righteousness.

## The Children's Sermon

*(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)*

## Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

*The gift of faith allows us to see that treasure that is found in the city whose architect and builder is God.*

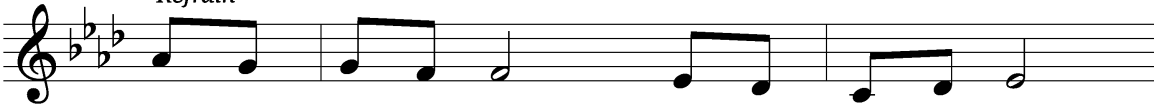
<sup>1</sup>Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. <sup>2</sup>This is what the ancients were commended for.

<sup>3</sup>By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.


<sup>8</sup>By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. <sup>9</sup>By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. <sup>10</sup>For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God. <sup>11</sup>And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise. <sup>12</sup>And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

<sup>13</sup>All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth. <sup>14</sup>People who say such things show that they are looking for a country of their own. <sup>15</sup>If they had been thinking of the country they had left, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup>Instead, they were longing for a better country—a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared a city for them.

*Refrain*



Where your trea - sure is, there your heart shall be.



All that you pos - sess will nev - er set you free.



Seek the things that last; come and learn from me.




Where your trea - sure is, your heart shall be.



1 What do you gain from all your wor - ry,  
 2 Look at the ra - vens high a - bove you.  
 3 Be - hold the lil - ies in their splen - dor.  
 4 O lit - tle flock, do not be fright - ened;



what you should eat or what to wear?  
 They do not work their whole life through,  
 In grace and beau - ty are they dressed,  
 yours is the king - dom of the Lord.



There is no peace in stress or hur - ry.  
 and yet God feeds them and pro - tects them.  
 and yet so soon their bloom is fad - ed.  
 Give your pos - ses - sions to the need - y;



*Refrain*

Do you not know that you are held with - in God's care?  
 So how much more will God pro - tect and care for you?  
 So how much more will those who look to God be blessed?  
 ob - tain a trea - sure in God's heav - en safe - ly stored.

## **Sermon**

## **Focused Living Properly Values Heavenly Treasure**

**Luke 12:22–34**

<sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. <sup>24</sup>Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! <sup>25</sup>Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? <sup>26</sup>Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup>“Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>28</sup>If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! <sup>29</sup>And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. <sup>30</sup>For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. <sup>31</sup>But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

<sup>32</sup>“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. <sup>33</sup>Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. <sup>34</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

## **.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: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

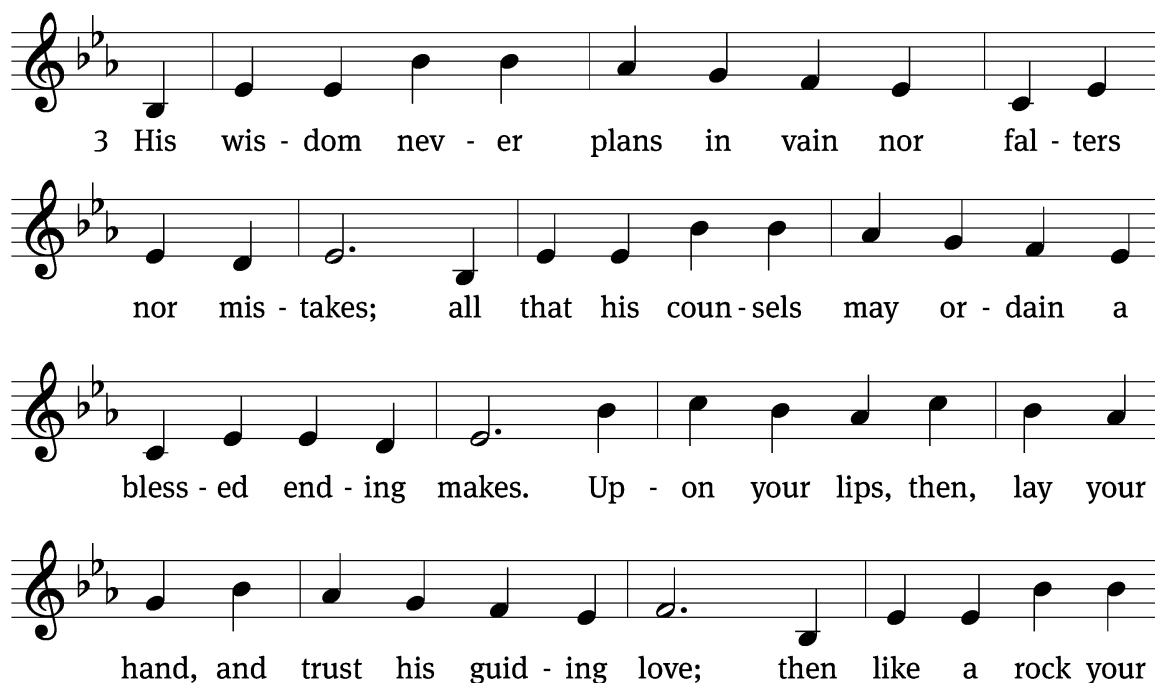
CWH 827

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

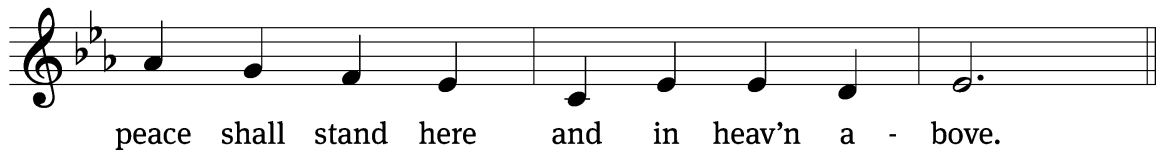
*Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain;  
for God, the source of ev'rything, your treasure shall remain.  
Why spend the day in blank despair, in restless thought the night?  
On your Creator cast your care; he makes your burdens light.*

*Did not his love and truth and pow'r guard ev'ry childhood day?  
And did he not in threat'ning hour turn dreaded ills away?  
He always will with patience chide, his rod falls gently down;  
and all your sins he casts aside in ocean depths to drown.*

#### Sung by Congregation:



3 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain nor fal - ters  
nor mis - takes; all that his coun - sels may or - dain a  
bless - ed end - ing makes. Up - on your lips, then, lay your  
hand, and trust his guid - ing love; then like a rock your



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## The Offering and Offering Prayer

*(Prayed by Minister)*

### Teacher Installation

**Michael Radue**  
**Susan Ehlers**

### Prayer for Christian Education

*(Prayed by Minister)*

**M:** Eternal Father, your Word is a lamp for our feet and a light to our path. You inspired the Scriptures for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness, so that your servants might be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

**C:** **Lead us to love your Word more and more and to receive your message with great eagerness.**

**M:** Work in all your people, especially in parents, the resolve and patience to teach little children the simple truths about the Savior who loves them. Walk with us as we take our children to the manger, the cross, and the empty tomb. Let them find Jesus in stories, songs, and prayers.

**C:** **Move us to bring up our children in the training and instruction of the Lord.**

**M:** Provide wisdom and commitment to teachers who train our young people in Sunday Schools and youth Bible classes. Deepen their knowledge of your Word as they prepare and share the lessons they teach. Move them to model a sincere devotion to the Scriptures.

**C:** **Lead us to plan for and support the Christian training of children.**

**M:** We thank you for enabling our congregation to provide elementary education for our children. We know our schools are your special blessing, and we pray for the resolve to establish and maintain standards of excellence in all aspects of education. Move us to be generous in our offerings so that teachers may teach and students may learn in fitting surroundings.

**C:** **Lead us to provide Christian schools that reflect the immensity of your love.**

**M:** Bless the schools and teachers who prepare public ministers of the gospel for service in our churches and around the world. Lead teachers and professors to be faithful to your Word and provide insights that enable them to pass on your truth to their students. Ignite the zeal of young men and women to be willing and eager to share the truths of Scripture with others. Move us to support with our prayers and gifts the schools our synod has established.

**C:** **We pray that you send workers in your harvest fields.**

M: Work in us that we may find the lasting value of growing in the grace and knowledge of Christ. Lead us to be faithful in our personal study of the Scriptures and in participating in regular Bible classes. Rid us of all thoughts that Christian education ends in our youth. Make us life-long students of your precious Word.

**C: Lead us to believe that at every age your Word remains a lamp for our feet and a light to our path.**

## **The 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.**

## **The Sacrament of the Altar**

### **Greeting**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them up to the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

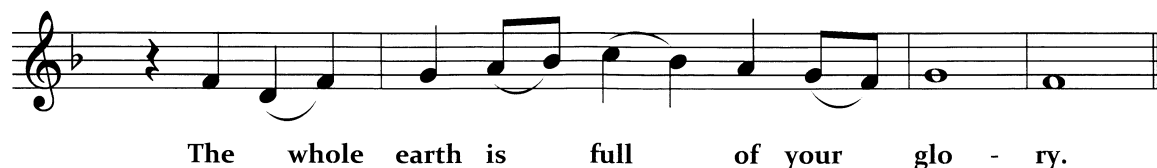
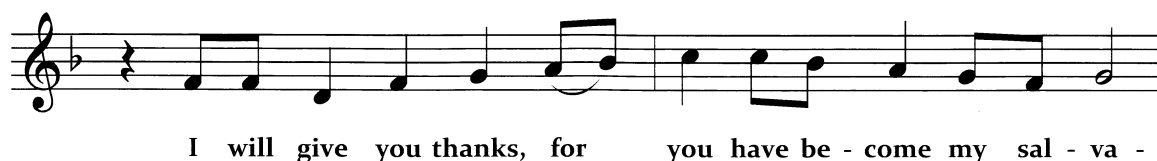
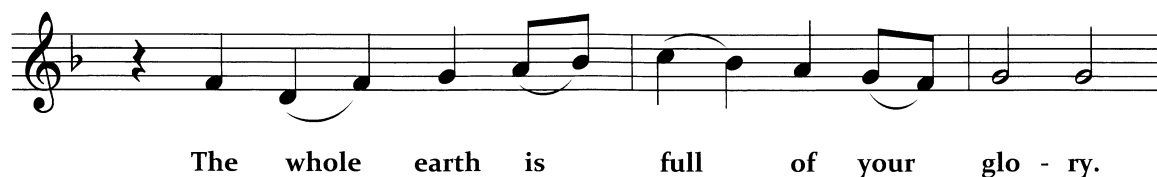
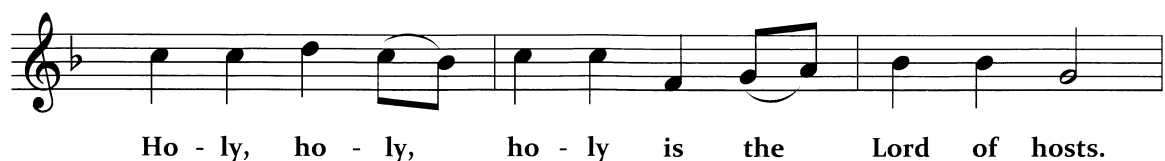
**C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

## Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung by Congregation)



## Words of Institution

(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.

C: Amen.

## O Christ, Lamb of God

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us,

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.

O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

## Distribution of Sacrament

(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)

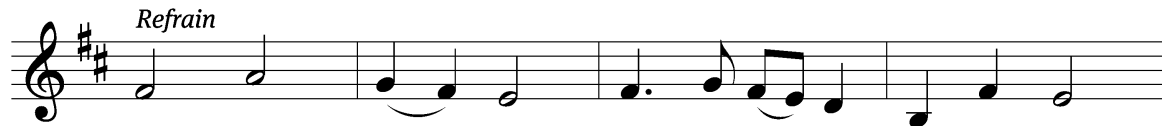
*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union 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 the podium at the sanctuary entrance.. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

## Distribution Hymn: Draw Near


CWH 662

Soloist sings verses; Congregation sings refrains

*Refrain*



Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y of your Lord.



Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out-poured!

*Draw near and take the body of your Lord, and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.  
Saved by his body and his holy blood, with souls refreshed we give our thanks to God. (Refrain)*

*Christ our Redeemer, God's eternal Son, has by his cross and blood the vict'ry won.  
He gave his life for greatest and for least, himself the off'ring and himself the priest. (Refrain)*


*Let us approach with faithful hearts sincere and take the pledges of salvation here.  
Christ, who in this life all the saints defends, gives all believers life that never ends. (Refrain)*

*With heav'nly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.  
Lord of the nations, to whom all must bow, in this great feast of love be with us now. (Refrain)*


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## Song of Thanksgiving


(Sung by Congregation)




Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev - 'ry - one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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: Lord Jesus, You Have Come

CWH 897 Vs. 1, 4



1 Lord Je - sus, you have come a teach - er sent from heav - en  
4 The ser - vants you have called and to your Church are giv - ing



and by both word and deed God's truth to us have giv - en.  
pre - serve in doc - trine pure and ho - li - ness of liv - ing.



You wise - ly have or - dained the ho - ly min - is - try  
Your Spir - it fill their hearts and charge their words with pow'r;



that we, your flock, may know the truth that sets us free.  
what they should bold - ly speak, O give them in that hour!

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## Meditations

The newest copy of *Meditations* is available, and we have extras located in the church entry. Also, it is time to renew our *Meditations* subscription. If you are interested in renewing or would like to begin receiving the quarterly, please let Liz know, and give her a check made out to Cross of Glory for \$20.

### 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. 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 with a shower of gift cards and pantry items.

Mr. Radue lives in Surprise. Nearby 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 and dryer.

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

<b>Jomax Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>August 7th</b>	<b>August 14th</b>	<b>August 21st</b>
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## 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.



## 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.

## Worship at New River

We are continuing worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. **Pastor Freeman will be leading worship every third Sunday and offering Holy Communion at 9:15.**

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. The service time is 9:30 a.m.

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

August 4, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
August 5, 6:00 p.m.	Ice Cream Social
August 7, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
August 7, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
August 7, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

## LOOKING AHEAD

August 8, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
August 11, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
August 14, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 14, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
August 14, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)

## 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).

# 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.*

**Fred Piepenbrink**, as he suffers from blood clots.

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