

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost
Sunday, May 28, 2023

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1011 W Jomax Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

Sunday 9am Worship

Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of



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.

Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

ABOUT US

The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

Today's Worship Focus



HE LIVES TO POUR OUT HIS SPIRIT Fifty days after the Passover, God's Old Testament people celebrated Pentecost (Greek for "fifty"). Pentecost commemorated the gathering of the harvest and was also used to remember the giving of the Law on Mt. Sinai, the start of the Church of Israel. Christ chose Pentecost to be the birthday of his New Testament Church too. By pouring out his Holy Spirit, Christ empowered the Church to gather in the great harvest of souls won by the Son. Pentecost is the third great festival of the Church, along with the Nativity and the Resurrection. The early church fathers mention the Festival of Pentecost often enough to lead many to believe it was celebrated annually already at the time of the apostles. Pentecost closes the fifty-day period after Easter and ends the festival half of the church year. The Church dresses in red this day to remind us of the tongues of fire that marked the Spirit's gift, as well as the blood of the martyrs which was the seed of the Church.

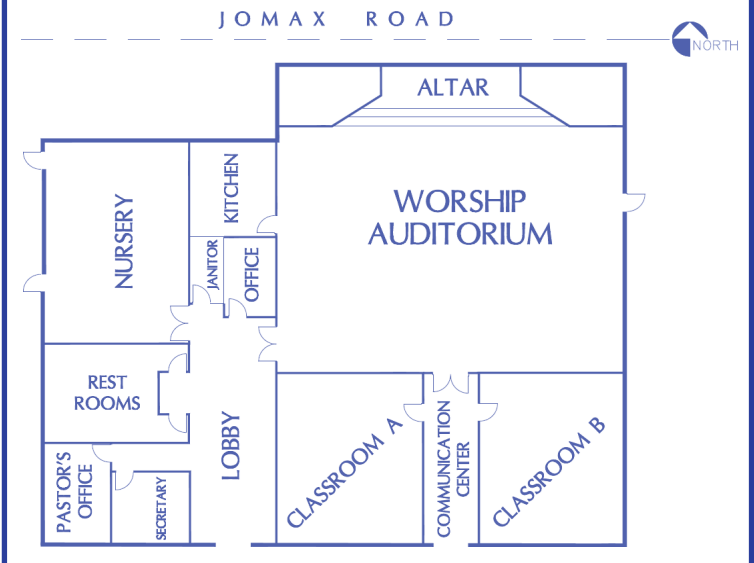
VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time followed by Bible study.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at **church.secretary@crossofglory.org**

CHURCH MAP



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult directly across the lobby.
- **Children in Church Program:** Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Pentecost Festival Service

Gathering Rite for Pentecost

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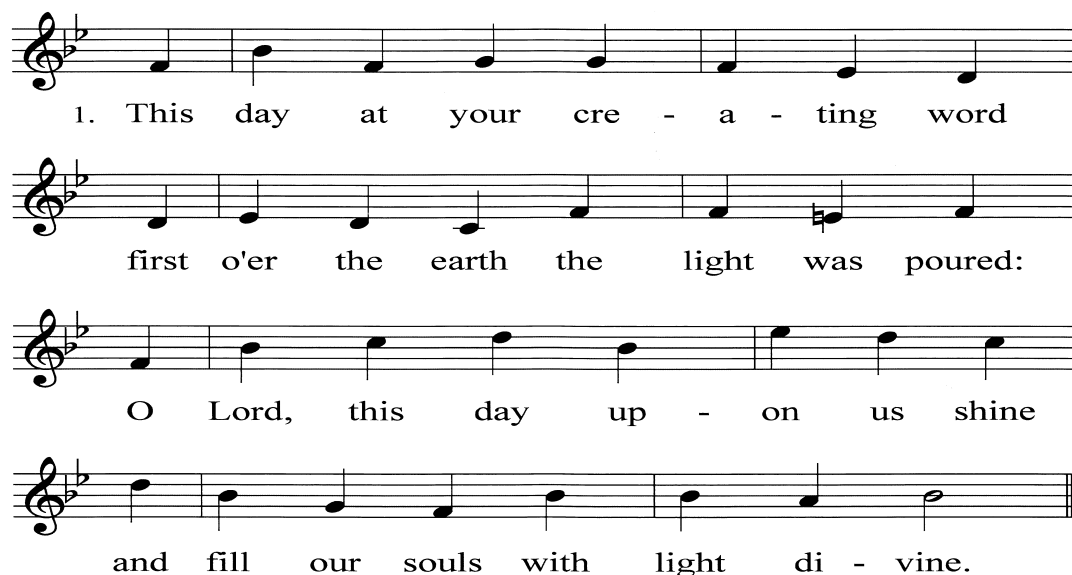


God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on Pentecost, the start of the New Testament church and the work of the Holy Spirit, the creator and maintainer of our faith.

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

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:



1. This day at your cre - a - ting word
first o'er the earth the light was poured:
O Lord, this day up - on us shine
and fill our souls with light di - vine.

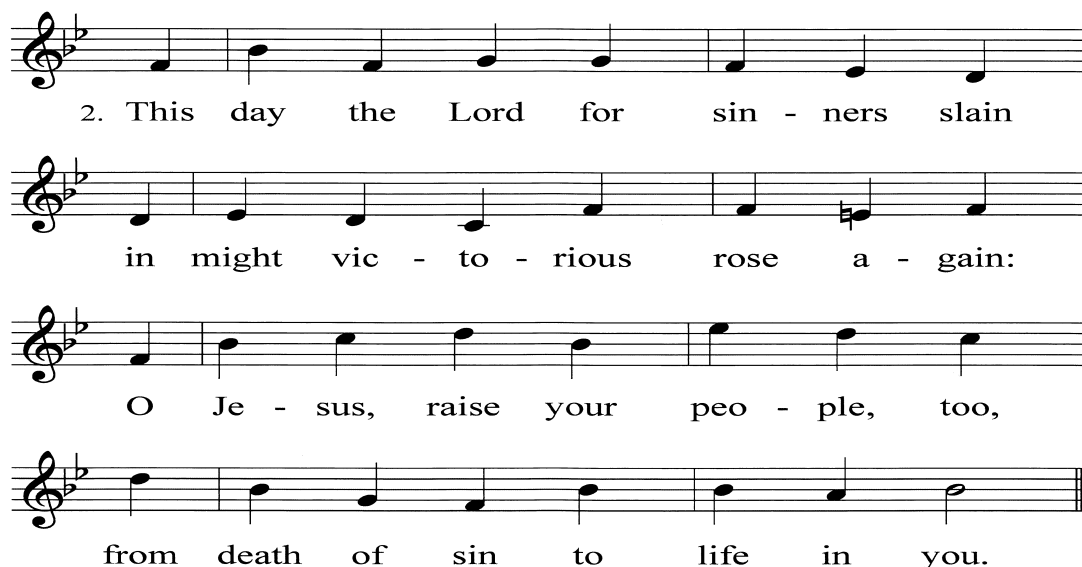
M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.

C: The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?

C: If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

Congregation Sings:



2. This day the Lord for sin - ners slain
in might vic - to - rious rose a - gain:
O Je - sus, raise your peo - ple, too,
from death of sin to life in you.

M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in agony.

C: Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.

Congregation Sings:

3. This day the Ho - ly Spir - it came
with fie - ry tongues of clo - ven flame:
O Spir - it, fill our hearts this day
with grace to hear and grace to pray.

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

C: No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.

C: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.

Congregation Sings:

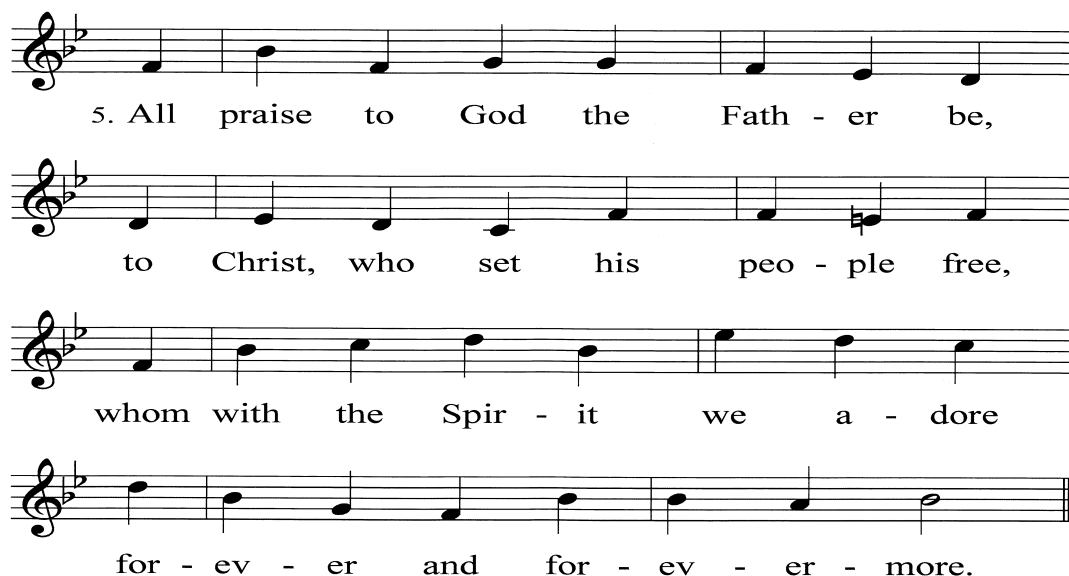
4. This day of light and life and grace
we gath - er in our wor - ship - place:



M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

C: Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Congregation Sings:



Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in a true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

1 Corinthians 12:3–11

³Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, “Jesus be cursed,” and no one can say, “Jesus is Lord,” except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.



When God pours out his Spirit it is not only for the benefit of the individual believer. God gives his Spirit to us so that we might be of benefit to the entire Church.



The Book of Psalms was the Old Testament hymnbook, prayer and liturgy book. It was used by worshipers at the temple. Many of the Psalms are the basis for our hymns and part of our liturgy is taken from the Psalms. The word "Psalm" comes from the Greek and means "a song sung to the accompaniment of a stringed instrument."

⁷Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

Psalm

Psalm 104
Read Responsively

M: How many are your works, LORD!

C: In wisdom you made them all.

M: All creatures look to you

C: to give them their food at the proper time.

M: When you give it to them, they gather it up;

C: when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.

M: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

C: may the LORD rejoice in his works—

M: he makes winds his messengers,

C: flames of fire his servants.

M: I will sing to the LORD all my life;

C: I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

The Children's Sermon

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



Jesus promised that those who were spiritually thirsty would be filled with living water. Jesus kept this promise when he poured out his Spirit on the Day of Pentecost.

Gospel

John 7:37-39

³⁷On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." ³⁹By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.



This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

1. Breath of the liv - ing God on the wa - ters
 2. Breath of the liv - ing God, you con - ceived the
 3. Breath of the liv - ing God, you bring us to

in the be - gin - ning mov - ing, breath of the liv - ing
 Son, Je - sus to be like us; breath of the liv - ing
 life in bap - tis - mal wa - ter; breath of the liv - ing

God, you fill all cre - a - tion with fruit - ful life.
 God, so you re - cre - ate all who live in him.
 God, we new crea - tures live by your liv - ing breath.

Come now and live with - in us, and with your gifts en -

rich us, breath of the Liv - ing God, O most ho - ly

Spir - it of the Lord!

Sermon

Recognizing the Holy Spirit's Power in Us

Acts 2:1-21

¹When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ²Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Ju-



In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).

dea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹(both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!”

¹²Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?”

¹³Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.”

¹⁴Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

“Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. ¹⁵These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! ¹⁶No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

¹⁷“ ‘In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

¹⁸Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.

¹⁹I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

²⁰The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

²¹And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.’



After hearing the word of God, the worshiper responds with this confession of faith.

The Apostles’ Creed, developed over hundreds of years in the early Christian church, is a brief and simple statement of gospel truths taught by the apostles. Christians used it to tell others what they believed and also to confess their faith with one another as they met for worship.

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.

Hymn: Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CWH 595

Vs. 1 & 2 sung by Ensemble; Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4

*Fruitful trees, the Spirit's sowing,
may we ripen and increase,
fruit to life eternal growing,
rich in love and joy and peace.*

*Laden branches freely bearing
gifts the Giver loves to bless;
here is fruit that grows by sharing,
patience, kindness, gentleness.*

Congregation sings:



3 Root - ed deep in Christ our Mas - ter, Christ our pat - tern
4 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's tend - ing, may we grow till

and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,

good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people".
(1 Timothy 2:1)

Prayer of the Church for Pentecost

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Praise to you, Holy Spirit! We worship you as the Lord and adore you as the giver of life. As you were present at the beginning of the world to give life to all created things and as you enlightened and equipped the disciples on the Day of Pentecost by the baptism of fire, so by the baptism of water with the Word you made the light of faith shine in our hearts to know Jesus as our Lord. We confess:

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: Holy Spirit, Spirit of truth and source of all spiritual gifts, stand by us in the weakness of our sinful nature. Grant us a right understanding of the truths that Jesus taught. Give us strength to endure with patience whatever afflictions God may send into our lives. Help us, intercede for us, and train us that we may pray to the Father with boldness and confidence. Preserve us by the power of your Word in our most holy faith as members of the Church, the body of Jesus.

C: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

M: Holy Spirit, you comfort and counsel us in every need. In dark and difficult days strengthen our feeble hands, steady our weak knees, and encourage our fearful hearts. Support us with the promise that in your final creative act you will raise up our bodies so that together with all believers we may see and enjoy the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true. Amen.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

~Silent prayer~

M: Come, Holy Spirit, renew our hearts

C: and kindle in us the fire of your love. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done



We speak to God as
our Father as Jesus
taught us. (Matthew 6)

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.



In the Blessing and Response, the minister speaks a summary of Ephesians 1. The congregation responds by singing the doxology (song of praise). Finally, the minister speaks the **Apostolic Blessing**. This is the blessing which the apostle Paul spoke as he concluded his second letter to the church at Corinth. (2 Corinthians 13:14)

Blessing and Response

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

Praise God from whom all bless - ings
 flow; praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;
 praise him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Ensemble

Holy Spirit

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Congregation joins for Vs. 3

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breath new life into my willing soul;
 Bring the presence of the risen Lord, to renew my heart and make me whole.
 Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see.
 Give me passion for your purity; Holy Spirit breath new life in me.

*Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least; gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace; Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.*

Congregation sings:

3. Ho - ly Spir - it, from cre - a - tion's birth, giv - ing
life to all that God has made. Show your pow - er once a -
gain on earth, cause your church to hun - ger for your ways.
Let the fra - grance of our prayers a - rise;
lead us on the road of sac - ri - fice,
that in u - ni - ty the face of Christ will be
clear for all the world to see.

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Friendship Register

Please remember to fill out the red friendship register located in the seat pockets so we can have record of your attendance with us.

Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	May 28th	June 4th	June 11th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicolai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
Cleaners	Coates		
Communion		Andrea	
Ushers	Joel Ditter Tanner Pluzuweit Michael Radue Guy Robertson	Len Collyard Nick Nicolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Stacy Cornell Jennifer Paul	Diana Piepenbrink Rachel Plitzuweit
A/V	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson

Weekly QR Code

Please check your email or use this QR Code for weekly announcements



This Week at Cross Of Glory

May 28th

9:00 am

Jomax Worship (Live Streamed)

9:30 am

New River Worship Service

10:45 am

Contemporary Service

10:45 am

Kids Klub

May 31st

6:30pm

Grams Growth Group

June 1st

6:30pm

New River Growth Group

Employment Opportunities at School

Cross of Glory has several teaching aid positions open for next school year. Most do not require special training or degrees. Hours range from 4 to 7 hours a day. Work days may be flexible. For more information, contact Mr. Aguilar. Complete the application, the link can be found in the weekly news, and submit it to the school office by May 24 for consideration.

ALA Summer Sports Camps

ALA summer sports camps

Registration is now open for the ALA summer sports camps that take place the first three weeks of June. All the camps are Monday through Thursday.

Week one, June 5 -8, will be baseball, softball and volleyball.

Week two, June 12 -15, will be boys basketball.

The last week, June 19 -22, will be girls basketball.

For more information or to register for one of the camps go to ALAcoyotes.org/camp

Good Shepherd Bible Camp

GSBC groups campers into 3 groups: Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors. Each group has their own set of activities throughout the week, some even unique to that specific camper group. Check out the various activities your camper will get to do if they attend GSBC!



JUNIORS 4TH/5TH GRADERS

- Devotions
- Bible study
- Nature Walk
- Swimming
- Crafts
- Archery
- Gaga Pit
- Game Zone
- Lodge Games
- Evening Activities
- Campfire

INTERMEDIATES 6TH/7TH/8TH GRADERS

- Devotions
- Bible Study
- Day Hike
- Swimming
- Archery
- Crafts
- Game Zone
- Lodge Games
- Evening Activities
- Campfire



SENIORS 9TH/10TH GRADERS

- Devotions
- Bible Study
- **Overnight hike**
- Swimming
- Archery
- Crafts
- Game Zone
- Lodge Games
- Evening Activities
- Campfire

Register TODAY at
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Haven't registered yet? Head to our website and sign up today! Camper and staff registration are both open. The staff fee is \$60 and camper fee is \$330.

www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.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.

Velta Larson, as she regains her strength

Gerry Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is still undergoing treatments.

Pat Powell, as she recovers from back issues.

Anita Lindsay (Weyer), daughter of Mark and Shelley Heiser, as she recovers from surgery after a serious hit-and-run accident.

Norm Voigt, as he regains his strength.

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, at El Paso, TX



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.