

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



VBS Sunday
Sunday, June 11, 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



Welcome to VBS Sunday!—a celebration of the week we spent learning about how we can be part of God's kingdom through salvation in his Son. As believers we are engaged in a spiritual battle—a battle that's been raging since the garden of Eden when sin entered the world. This week we learned how important it is for us to be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom who stand strong in the battle for truth.

In our service today, we will walk thru all the Bible readings from our week together and be reminded of the important lessons we learned. In addition, VBS participants will sing some of the songs they learned this week. May God bless our time together today worshipping our awesome God!

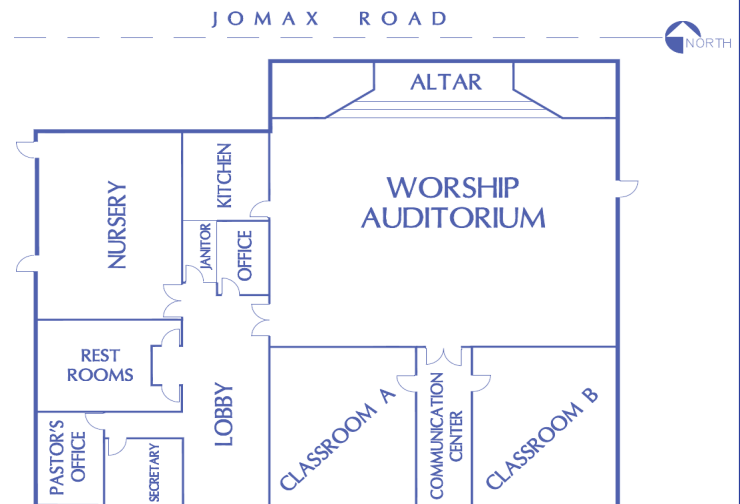
VISITOR INFORMATION

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.

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. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Gathering Rite on the Word of God

(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.

God's people long to gather together for strength from him and for mutual encouragement. The beginning of this worship service focuses on the Word of God and its power to bring us to faith.

"And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe."

(1 Thessalonians 2:13)



*"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. "*

(1 John 1:9)

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.

*Christ said to his disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.*

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 salvation. 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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Catechism Review : Third and Fourth Commandments (Spoken Responsively)

M: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy and gladly hear and learn it.

M: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

For five centuries, Martin Luther's Small Catechism has served as the basic instruction book for the church. It directs us to God's Word and points to the only source for spiritual life, the Means of Grace: the Word and Sacraments. As life-long students of the Catechism, we review these important truths from God's Word as we continue to grow in a deep appreciation for all that Jesus has done as our Savior.



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



Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty and merciful God, you sent your Son, Jesus Christ, to seek and to save the lost. Graciously open our ears and our hearts to hear his call and follow him by faith that we may feast with him forever in his kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Two Kingdoms

Reading

Ephesians 6:10–13

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Reading

John 18:36–37

³⁶Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place."

³⁷"You are a king, then!" said Pilate.

Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me."

VBS Choir

Keepers of the Kingdom

The Belt

Reading

Ephesians 6:14

¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist.

Reading

Genesis 3:1–5

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"



²The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”

⁴“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman. ⁵“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”

Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

CWH 872



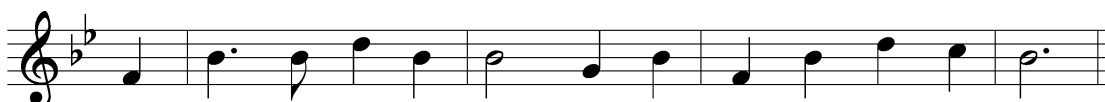
1 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, ye sol - diers of the cross;
2 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the trum - pet call o - bey;
3 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, stand in his strength a - lone;
4 Stand up, stand up for Je - sus, the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss.
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day.
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own.
this day the noise of bat - tle, the next, the vic - tor's song.



From vic - t'ry un - to vic - t'ry his ar - my shall he lead
Ye that are brave, now serve him a - gainst un-num-bered foes;
Put on the gos - pel ar - mor, each piece put on with prayer;
To him that o - ver - com - eth a crown of life shall be;



till ev - 'ry foe is van-quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.
let cour - age rise with dan - ger and strength to strength op - pose.
where du - ty calls or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.
he with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.

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The Breastplate and Shoes

Reading

Ephesians 6:14–15

¹⁴Stand firm then, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Reading

2 Kings 22:11; 23:1–2

¹When the king heard the words of the Book of the Law, he tore his robes.

¹Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. ²He went up to the temple of the LORD with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the LORD.

VBS Choir

Faith is the Victory

The Shield and Helmet

Reading

Ephesians 6:16–17

¹⁶In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation.

Reading

1 Kings 3:5–6, 9–12

⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, “Ask for whatever you want me to give you.”

⁶Solomon answered, “You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day.

⁹So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?”

¹⁰The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹So God said to him, “Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹²I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.



1 On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,
2 Like a might - y ar - my moves the Church of God;
3 Crowns and thrones may per - ish, king - doms rise and wane,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.
broth - ers, we are tread - ing where the saints have trod.
but the Church of Je - sus con - stant will re - main.



Christ, the roy - al mas - ter, leads a - gainst the foe;
We are not di - vid - ed, all one bod - y we,
Gates of hell can nev - er 'gainst that Church pre - vail;



for - ward in - to bat - tle see his ban - ners go!
one in hope and doc - trine, one in char - i - ty.
we have Christ's own prom - ise, and that can - not fail.

Refrain



On - ward, Chris - tian sol - diers, march - ing as to war,



with the cross of Je - sus go - ing on be - fore.

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The Sword and Prayer

Reading

Ephesians 6:17–18

¹⁷Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

Reading

Matthew 4:1–11

¹Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.
²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and



said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶"If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down. For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you,
and they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

⁷Jesus answered him, "It is also written: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹"All this I will give you," he said, "if you will bow down and worship me."

¹⁰Jesus said to him, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

VBS Choir

Way, Truth, Life

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.



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.



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

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken 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: You have given us your Word that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing we may have life in his name. Enable us to see the wonders of your love in Christ from the beginning to the end of your holy book.

C: Help us to see Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

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: 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.

*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)*

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



*The **Aaronic Blessing** is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23–27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.*

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

M: How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your Word. Even when we are old and gray, lead us to meditate on your decrees that we may delight in your wonderful deeds.

C: Do good to your servants, Lord, according to your Word. Amen.

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.**

Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.



1 Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
 2 Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 3 Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me;
 4 I the Lord will bless and keep you and give you peace;



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you; you are my own.
 Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
 grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.
 I the Lord will smile up - on you and give you peace;



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for -
 Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry; here you touched him, saw his
 Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you; here his ten - der com - fort
 I the Lord will be your Fa - ther, Sav - ior, Com - fort - er, and



ev - er. Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own.
 glo - ry. Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
 stilled you. Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free.
 Broth - er. Go, my chil - dren; I will keep you and give you peace.

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	June 11th	June 18th	June 25th
Counters	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Communion		Dawn	
Ushers	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Diana Piepenbrink Rachel Plitzuweit	Jon Naber	Nicole Brown Tracy Ditter Leslie Contreras
A/V	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreas	Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson

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Letter from Hope Patterson and Kassi Aguilar

The following letter was received in the church office from Kassi Aguilar and Hope Patterson, who will be attending Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minnesota, this fall to be trained for the teaching ministry in our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

To the leadership and our dear members at Cross of Glory,

We first want to thank you for the immense support you have given both of us throughout the years. You cheered Hope on during many grade school and high school sports games, gave her the privilege to sing in church services, and always gave a listening ear for guidance. In the same way, you helped Kassi through her time away from MLC and welcomed her into your Cross of Glory teaching family.

Soon will come the day when we have to say goodbye to you all for some time and venture on to learn how to serve God's future family of believers as we attend Martin Luther College. We ask for your financial and spiritual support for this time in our lives. Would you please consider giving to the congregational matching program offered by MLC? They will match COG's gift up to \$1,325 for each of us, and it will all go directly to our tuition accounts. Thank you for considering. Please keep us in your prayers as you will be in ours.

*Serving together in Christ,
Kassi Aguilar and Hope Patterson*

If you wish to encourage Kassi and Hope as they devote their lives to teaching children the love of Jesus, please use the **special envelope** located at each of the church's entrances. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it inside your own envelope to the church office. If you do not have access to the special envelope, please identify your gift on the check as going to the MLC tuition fund. Make your check out to **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**. Gifts that total more than \$2,650 will add even more to Kassi's and Hope's tuition accounts. Please make your gift of encouragement by July 31.

VBS Picture Day 1



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.