

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 4
Sunday, June 25, 2023

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10111 W Jomax Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Fredrick Piepenbrink

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



Christian Suffering: How to deal with God's Silence: Think back to a time you prayed and prayed for something very important. Maybe a loved one was sick. Maybe you lost your job and you prayed that God would help find another. And then nothing happened. Silence. You must have thought, "Why is God not answering me?" In the sermon text this morning Jesus teaches us about our prayer life, how we should bring requests to our God, and why sometimes it seems that God's response to our prayer is seemingly silence.

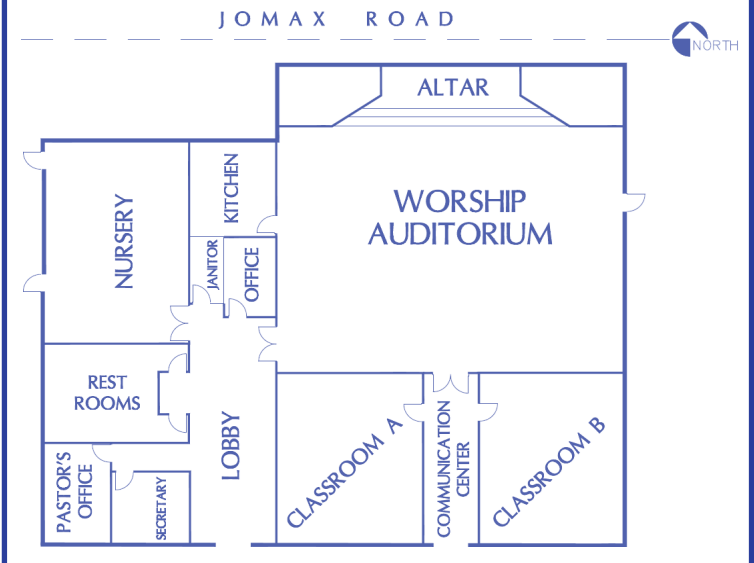
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Service of Celebration and Reverence

Opening Hymn: Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CWH 867



Hymn of praise, prayer,
or reflection on the
season of the church
year.

We follow the advice of
the Apostle Paul to
“teach and admonish
one another with all
wisdom through
psalms, hymns, and
songs from the Spirit,
singing to God with
gratitude in your
hearts.”

(Colossians 3:16)

1 Af - flict - ed saint, to Christ draw near, your Sav - ior's
2 Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the
3 Should per - se - cu - tion rage and flame, still trust in
4 When called to bear your weight - y cross, or sore af -

gra - cious prom - ise hear; his faith - ful Word you can be -
con - flict should be long, the Lord will make the tempt - er
your Re - deem - er's name. In fi - ery tri - als you shall
flic - tion, pain, or loss, or deep dis - tress, or pov - er -

lieve, that as your days your strength shall be. v. 2
flee, that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
see that as your days your strength shall be. Refrain
ty, still as your days your strength shall be. Refrain

Refrain

So, sing with joy, af - flict - ed one; the bat - tle's fierce, but the
vic - t'ry's won! God shall sup - ply all that you need;
yes, as your days your strength shall be.

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We Approach God

(Spoken/Sung Responsively)

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

C: **There is no place we can flee from your sight.**

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.



We are able to ap -
proach the eternal,
almighty Triune God
because he is the God
of undeserved love—
the God of Grace.

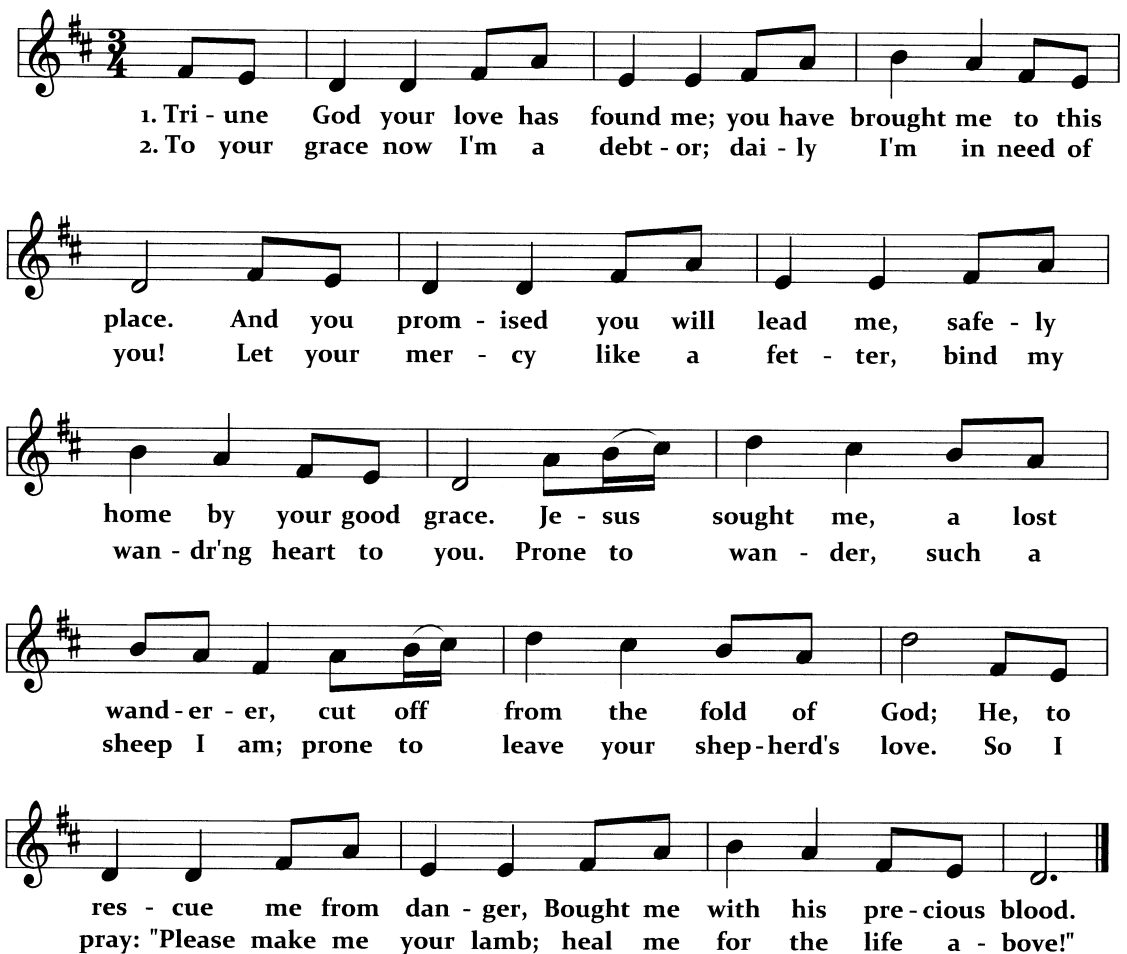
We confess our sins to
God confident he will
forgive us because he
has promised, “If we
confess our sins, he
[God] is faithful and
just and will forgive us
our sins and purify us
from all unrighteous -
ness” (1 John 1:9).

C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)



1. Tri-une God your love has found me; you have brought me to this
2. To your grace now I'm a debt-or; dai-ly I'm in need of

place. And you prom-ised you will lead me, safe-ly
you! Let your mer-cy like a fet-ter, bind my

home by your good grace. Je-sus sought me, a lost
wan-dr'ng heart to you. Prone to wan-der, such a

wand-er-er, cut off from the fold of God; He, to
sheep I am; prone to leave your shep-herd's love. So I

res-cue me from dan-ger, Bought me with his pre-cious blood.
pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life a-bove!"

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven. Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because our debt of sin was paid by Jesus, our victorious Savior.

Catechism Review: 5th & 6th Commandment

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

M: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

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 lifelong 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.

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, because your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of your daily mercies that we may live secure and content in your eternal love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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



Paul taught that many people in this world cannot bear sound doctrine. Instead, they persecute it.

First Reading

2 Timothy 4:1–8

¹In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: ²Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. ³For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. ⁵But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

⁶For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

The Children's Sermon

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



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.”

Psalm 91

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Surely he will save you from the fowler's snare

C: and from the deadly pestilence.

M: He will cover you with his feathers,

C: and under his wings you will find refuge.

M: You will not fear the terror of night,

C: nor the arrow that flies by day,

M: nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,

C: nor the plague that destroys at midday.

M: If you say, “The LORD is my refuge,”

C: and you make the Most High your dwelling,

M: no harm will overtake you,

C: no disaster will come near your tent.

M: For he will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways;

M: they will lift you up in their hands,

C: so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

(Sung by the Congregation)



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the

mes - sage is heard through the Word of Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le' lu - ia!



A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17.

Gospel

Matthew 10:5a,21-33

⁵These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

²¹“Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²²You will be hated by everyone because of me, but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ²³When you are persecuted in one place, flee to another. Truly I tell you, you will not finish going through the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.

²⁴“The student is not above the teacher, nor a servant above his master. ²⁵It is enough for students to be like their teachers, and servants like their masters. If the head of the house has been called Beelzebul, how much more the members of his household!

²⁶“So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. ²⁷What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. ²⁸Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.



Jesus guaranteed that when we carry out gospel ministry in his name, there will be many that hate us for it.

³²“Whoever acknowledges me before others, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³But whoever disowns me before others, I will disown before my Father in heaven.



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

Sermon Hymn: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

CWH 766

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of
 2 Still your chil - dren wan-der home-less; still the hun - gry
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re -
 4 Sent from wor - ship as your ser - vants, forth in your dear

hu - man need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,
 cry for bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom;
 veal - ing light in its height and depth and great - ness,
 name we go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged,

of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants,
 still in grief we mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your
 dawns up - on our quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the
 love in liv - ing deeds to show; hope and health, good -

bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se -
 deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul, use the
 needs and bur - dens your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring
 will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your

crat - ing to your pur - pose ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.
 love your Spir - it kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 us to tire-less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 ser - vants, Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

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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).

Sermon Christian Suffering: How to deal with God's Silence Matthew 15:21–28

²¹Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²²A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, “Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly.”

²³Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, “Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us.”

²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel."

²⁵The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said.

²⁶He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs."

²⁷"Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table."

²⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

The 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.



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 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)

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

Song of the Season: Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's Sowing

CWH 595

1 Fruit - ful trees, the Spir - it's sow - ing, may we rip - en
2 Lad - en branch - es free - ly bear - ing gifts the Giv - er
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 in - crease, fruit to life e - ter - nal grow - ing,
loves to bless; here is fruit that grows by shar - ing,
and our goal, teach us, as the years fly fast - er,
har - vests cease; till we taste, in life un - end - ing,

rich in love and joy and peace.
pa - tience, kind - ness, gen - tle - ness.
good - ness, faith, and self - con - trol.
heav - en's love and joy and peace.

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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

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.**

Closing Prayer

(Spoken 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

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: Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor

CWH 812

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

*Christ, the sure and steady anchor
in the fury of the storm—
when the winds of doubt blow through me
and my sails have all been torn,
in the suffering, in the sorrow,
when my sinking hopes are few,
I will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.*

*Christ, the sure and steady anchor
while the tempest rages on—
when temptation claims the battle
and it seems the night has won,
deeper still then goes the anchor,
though I justly stand accused;
I will hold fast to the anchor;
it shall never be removed.*



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.

Congregation sings:

3 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor through the
4 Christ, the sure and stead - y an - chor as we

floods of un - be - lief— hope - less, some - how, O my
face the wave of death— when these trials give way to

soul now, lift your eyes to Cal - va - ry.
glo - ry and we draw our fi - nal breath,

This my bal - last of as - sur - ance, see his
we will cross that great ho - ri - zon, clouds be -
Christ, the shore of our sal - va - tion, ev - er

love for - ev - er proved; I will hold fast to the
hind and life se - cure, and the calm will be the
faith - ful, ev - er true— we will hold fast to the

4th stanza repeat italics
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.
bet - ter, for the storms that we en - dure.
an - chor; it shall nev - er be re - moved.

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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	June 25th	July 2nd	July 9th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
Communion		Shannon	
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Aaron Gullerud Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan	Cody Hall Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Nicole Brown Tracy Ditter Leslie Contreras	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Karen Goelzer Angela Hall
A/V	Kelly Simpson Isaac Patterson	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson

Weekly QR Code

Please check your email or use this QR code for weekly announcements.



Employment Opportunities at COG

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. Workdays may be flexible. For more information, contact Mr Aguilar. You can complete the application using the link found in the weekly news, and submit it to the school office for consideration.

Join the Kingdom Workers Team

We are looking for an outgoing, independent person with great relationship-building skills to represent Kingdom Workers in Arizona and the Southwest. As our regional development officer working from either the Phoenix or Tucson area, you'll connect with our current donors in Arizona (read: meet for coffee) and identify new individuals with a heart for Kingdom Workers mission of sharing Jesus and serving our neighbors. Any coaching needed will be provided. New Kingdom Workers programs are ramping up in Arizona, and we need you to help us tap into the generous hearts of Lutherans in Arizona. If you're passionate about building relationships, advancing the Kingdom, and making a lasting impact, apply today by scanning the QR code.



Hope Patterson and Kassi Aguilar's Letter

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 2.

Moving Help

Our new vacancy pastor, Paul Mueller, and wife, Julie, will be moving to the area on Wednesday, July 5. They are temporarily renting a house in the Sun City community while looking to buy their retirement home. Since they will be moving their entire household furnishings, we will need "many hands on deck" to complete the process in a timely manner. If you are at all available to help, please be at the following residence by 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5.

10833 W Oakmont Drive
Sun City, Arizona

Pantry Shower for Elise Bernthal

A pantry shower is planned for our new teacher, Miss Elise Bernthal. Please bring food, household items, gift certificates, etc. to the church where a box will be provided.

Thank you from Elise Bernthal

"Thank you to all who came to help me move in. You guys are awesome!!! I am so grateful for your help and so excited to be part of your church family"

Elise Bernthal

Letter from Pastor Casmer

Dear brothers and sisters at Cross of Glory,

I have been blessed over the last few weeks to consider a call from you to serve as pastor at Cross of Glory. It has been wonderful to speak with your leaders, to discuss your vibrant ministry with your chairman, principal, and various members, and to consider the needs of each of our congregations and how I might serve in each place. After a few weeks of prayerful consideration, I am led to remain in my call at Christ the Lord and to return your call to serve as pastor at Cross of Glory.

Though the times are trying, as you continue to gather around God's Word, he will bless you with strength in his grace. May God give you continued confidence in his power to work and bless as he knows best. I will be praying that God will quickly bless by filling out your pastoral call for someone to continue shepherding you with his Word.

In Christ Jesus,

Pastor Philip J. Casmer

Our next call meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 29th at 7:00pm

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.

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

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.

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.

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.