

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 6
Sunday, July 9, 2023

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1011 W Jomax Road
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Sunday 9am Worship

Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of



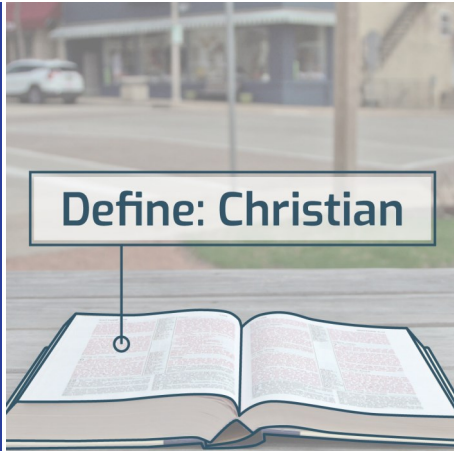
God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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



THE CHRISTIAN FINDS REST IN JESUS Without rest, we suffer. Studies show that after 36 hours without sleep, most people will experience extreme fatigue and hormonal imbalances, resulting in decreased attention, poor decisions, and even speech impairment. Other studies show if someone takes no breaks during their workday, their productivity is lower than those who do take periodic breaks. We need rest. Christians know they need more than sleep or breaks. We need more than physical rest. We need spiritual rest. The Christian knows that the only place to find that type of rest is Jesus. Jesus provides more than a pause in work, more than enjoyable recreation. Jesus provides the removal of our sins, the cleansing of our guilty conscience, and a gentle new yoke of discipleship. In Jesus, the Christian finds rest from his burdens, rest from his battles, and rest forever in heaven.

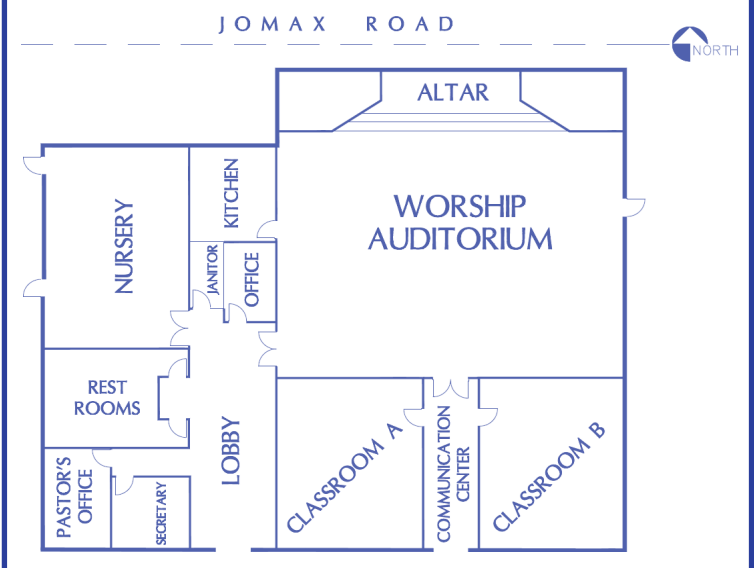
VISITOR INFORMATION

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. 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 Worship and Praise

Opening Hymn: God Himself Is Present

CWH 917



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 God him - self is pres - ent: let us now a - dore him
2 God him - self is pres - ent: hear the harps re - sound - ing;
3 Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it,



and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his
see the hosts the throne sur - round - ing. “Ho - ly, ho - ly,
trust - ing on - ly in your mer - it. Like the ho - ly



tem - ple, all with - in keep si - lence, hum - bly kneel in
ho - ly!” hear the hymn as - cend - ing, songs of saints and
an - gels, wor - ship - ing be - fore you, may I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. He a - lone on his throne
an - gels blend - ing. Bow your ear to us here:
ly a - dore you. All my days shall my praise



is our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er!
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that your Church now rais - es.
rise to you in heav - en for the grace you've giv - en!

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We Gather in God's Name

(Read/Sung Responsively)

M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed.” As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. To-



We call upon God to be
present with us. We
worship the triune God,
remembering our Bap-
tism in his name.



“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)

day in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

The song of confession is taken from Isaiah which reminds us that "all our righteous acts are like filthy rags", but along with Isaiah we acknowledge that through his Word our God is able to mold us into the humble servants he wants us to be.

Refrain

Change my heart, O God, Make it ev - er true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

Verse

You are the Pot - ter. I am the clay; Mold me and

make me. This is what I pray. (To Refrain)

M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, "He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord." God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

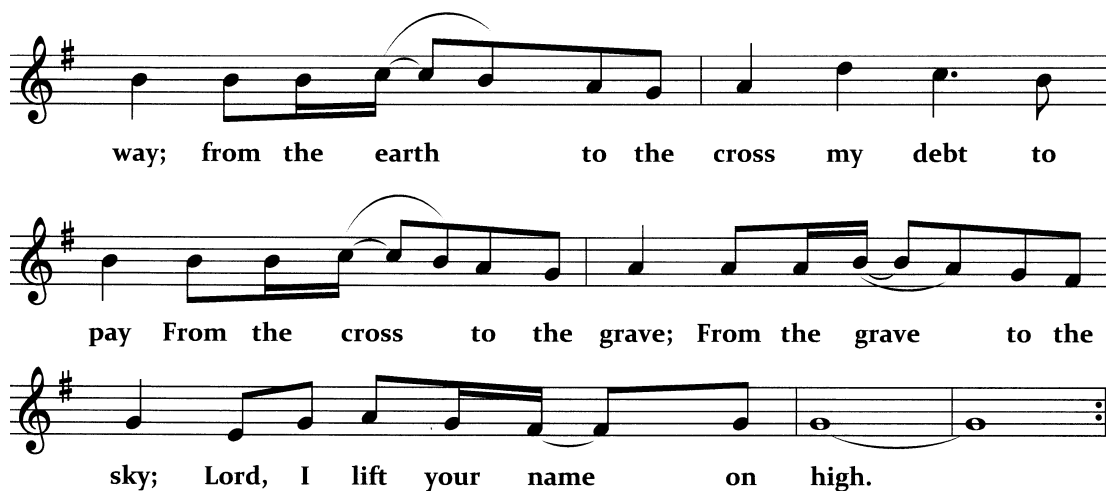
This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because our debt of sin was paid by Jesus, our victorious Savior.

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your

prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life;

I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from hea - ven to earth to show the



Catechism Review: 7th and 8th Commandment

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You shall not steal.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not take our neighbor's money or property, or get it by dishonest dealing, but help him to improve and protect his property and means of income.

M: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, or give him a bad name, but defend him, speak well of him, and take his words and actions in the kindest possible way.

First Reading

Exodus 33:12–23

¹²Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’ ¹³If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”

¹⁴The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”

¹⁵Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. ¹⁶How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”

¹⁷And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”

¹⁸Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”

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 Lord gives Moses spiritual rest by promising that his Presence will go with Israel and allowing Moses to see a glimpse of his glory.



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.”



Jesus Christ gives spiritual rest to the one who wants to do what is good yet cannot carry it out.

¹⁹And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. ²⁰But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”

²¹Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock. ²²When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by. ²³Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

Psalm 62

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Truly my soul finds rest in God;

C: my salvation comes from him.

M: Truly he is my rock and my salvation;

C: he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

M: Yes, my soul, find rest in God;

C: my hope comes from him.

M: Though your riches increase,

C: do not set your heart on them.

M: My salvation and my honor depend on God;

C: he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

M: Trust in him at all times, you people;

C: pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Romans 7:15–25a

¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!



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



1 "Come un - to me, ye wea - ry, and I will give you rest."
 2 "Come un - to me, ye wan - d'ers, and I will give you light."
 3 "Come un - to me, ye faint - ing, and I will give you life."
 4 "And who - so - ev - er com - eth, I will not cast him out."



O bless - ed voice of Je - sus, which comes to hearts op - pressed!
 O lov - ing voice of Je - sus, which comes to cheer the night!
 O cheer - ing voice of Je - sus, which comes to aid our strife!
 O pa - tient love of Je - sus, which drives a - way our doubt,



It tells of ben - e - dic - tion, of par - don, grace, and peace,
 Our hearts were filled with sad - ness, and we had lost our way,
 The foe is stern and ea - ger, the fight is fierce and long,
 which, though we be un - wor - thy of love so great and free,



of joy that has no end - ing, of love that can - not cease.
 but thou hast brought us glad - ness and songs at break of day.
 but thou hast made us might - y and strong - er than the strong.
 in - vites us ver - y sin - ners to come, dear Lord, to thee!

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Sermon

The Christian Finds Rest in Jesus

Matthew 11:25–30

²⁵At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

²⁷"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."



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).



After hearing the Word of God, we respond with our confession of faith.

Today, we confess the third article of The Apostles' Creed, which focuses on the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit who creates faith in our hearts through the gospel, keeps us in the faith and motivates us to do good works. The explanation is taken from Luther's Small Catechism.



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 3rd Article of the Apostles' Creed (Sanctification) (Spoken Responsively)

M: 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.

What does this mean?

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.

M: 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.

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

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.

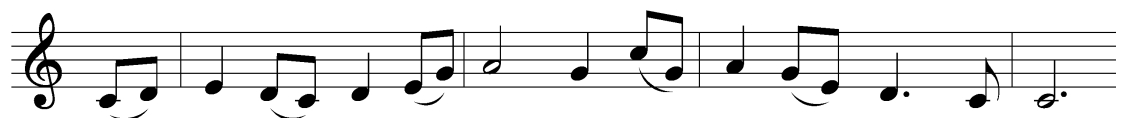
Song of the Season: Christ the Vine

CWH 709

The Ensemble sings Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2 & 3

*I long to serve my Savior, to seek what's good and right,
to trust and never waver, to walk in truth and light.
But conduct pure and holy requires a pow'r not mine;
a branch is fruitful only when anchored in a vine.*

Congregation sings:



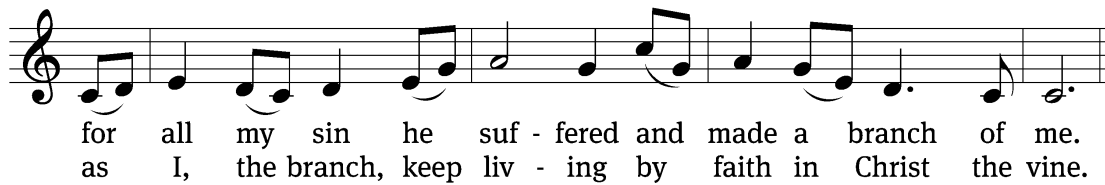
2 There came, with grace un - spar - ing, a vine from heav'n a - bove,
3 And so I'll serve my Sav - ior with pow'r that he pro-vides,



its branch - es meant for bear - ing the fruits of self - less love.
for he, my blest Re - deem - er, with - in my soul a - bides.



This vine is Christ who of - fered his life up - on a tree;
The fruit of self - less giv - ing will grow by God's de - sign



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Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

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

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

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)

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.**

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 Ensemble leads the congregation in singing the same blessing as we conclude the worship service..

Blessing

Sung by the Ensemble;
joined by congregation as written

Sung by Ensemble:

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

Make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.

Sung by Congregation:

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

Make his face shine up - on

you and be gra - cious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace.

Sung by Ensemble:

Amen, amen, amen. Amen, amen, amen.

*May his favor be upon you, and a thousand generations
and your family and your children, and their children, and their children.*

Sung by Congregation:

May his pre - sence go be - fore you, and be - hind

you, and be - side you. All a - round

you, and with - in you, he is with

you, he is with you. In the morn -

ing, in the ev - 'ning, in your com -

ing, and your go - ing. In your weep -

ing, and re - joic - ing, He is for

you, he is for you.

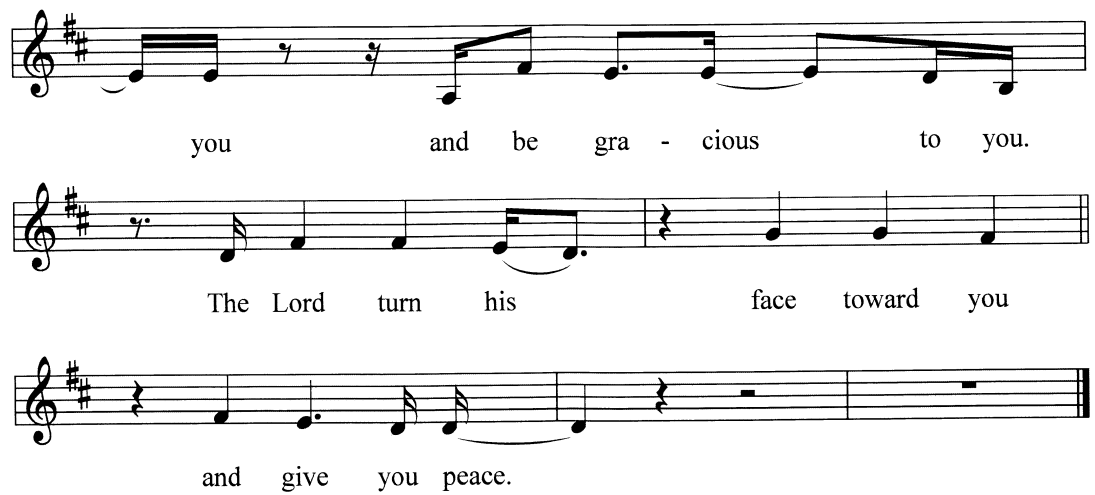
A - - men, a - men, a -

men. A - - men, a -

men, a - men.

The Lord bless you, and keep you.

Make his face shine up - on



you and be gra - cious to you.

The Lord turn his face toward you

and give you peace.

Closing Hymn: My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

CWH 818

The Ensemble sings Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

*My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
a fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me,
I'll fix my heart on righteousness, I'll look to him who hears me.*

Refrain:

*O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
everlasting, never failing, my Redeemer, my God.*

Congregation joins:



2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -

ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and

cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a

rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



Refrain



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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	July 9th	July 16th	July 23rd
Counters	Nancy Murphy Joel Ditter	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Communion		Sharon	
Ushers	Cody Hall Joel Ditter	Chris Patterson Issac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Michael Radue Guy Roberston
Sunday Refreshments	Stacey Aguilar Angela Hall	Ally Kelly Sharon Wilson	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud
A/V	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras	Kelly Simpson Rene Koutia

Weekly QR Code

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



Vacancy Pastor Paul and Julie Mueller

Our new vacancy pastor, Paul Mueller, will be installed on Sunday, July 16. His biography is as follows:

Pastor Paul Mueller graduated from the seminary in 1983. His first call was to Safford, Arizona. He also served in Indianapolis, Indiana; Modesto, California; and for 18 years in the Bay Area suburb of Livermore, California. His last parish was Kingman, Arizona.

Pastor is married to Julie. They met in high school at Michigan Lutheran Seminary and started dating the end of their sophomore year. In college, Julie studied to become a teacher at Martin Luther College, while Pastor was at Northwestern College. After Julie graduated, she started a Lutheran school in Little Chute, Wisconsin. They married a year later as Pastor Mueller continued his studies at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. While he completed his Masters in Divinity, Pastor and Julie were blessed with two daughters, Katie and Lisa. During their many years of service in California and Arizona, the Muellers were blessed with a third daughter, Jenni.

Pastor has been elected to many offices in the district over the years. He has been counselor to the Ladies Women's Missionary Society, served as a Circuit Pastor, and served on the Mission Board for 17 years. Currently he is the District Coordinator for the Evangelism Committee and for the Ministry of Christian Giving. His favorite service outside the congregation has been as the Camp Director for Tree of Life Bible Camp (a total of 22 years) where he supervises about 100 4th-12th graders and 22 staff.

Pastor enjoys coin and stamp collecting. He also loves working out, being an avid bike rider. He has refereed high school basketball for over 30 years and girls Lacrosse for 12 years. Pastor and Julie are avid disc golfers.

Julie has been a teacher in Lutheran or public schools for over 30 years. She likes the younger children. Currently, she teaches 1st graders at Cerbat school in Kingman. She likes to read, do Sudoku, and take walks. Pastor and Julie have 6 grandkids. The oldest two boys live in Wausau, WI, the next three grandkids live in Goodyear, AZ, and the youngest in Red Wing, MN. All three daughters are teachers too, as are two of their sons-in-law (both principals). The other son-in-law, Lincoln Albrecht, is a pastor in Goodyear.

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.

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.

Pastor Kurt Wetzel and his family that the Holy Spirit would guide him to a God-pleasing decision as to where he can best serve in the Lord's kingdom.

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.