

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Pentecost 8**  
***Sunday, July 23, 2023***

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1011 W Jomax Road  
Peoria, AZ 85383

***Sunday 9am Worship***

Pastor Paul Mueller  
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

# FEAR

SAYS

Goliath is so big,  
how can I win?

# FAITH

SAYS

Goliath is so big,  
how can I miss?

**NEW SERMON SERIES-** Pastor Mueller is beginning a new series titled "Fear says... Faith says..." What drives your life more, Fear or Faith? We'll see how God directed believers to follow faith, so we can too.

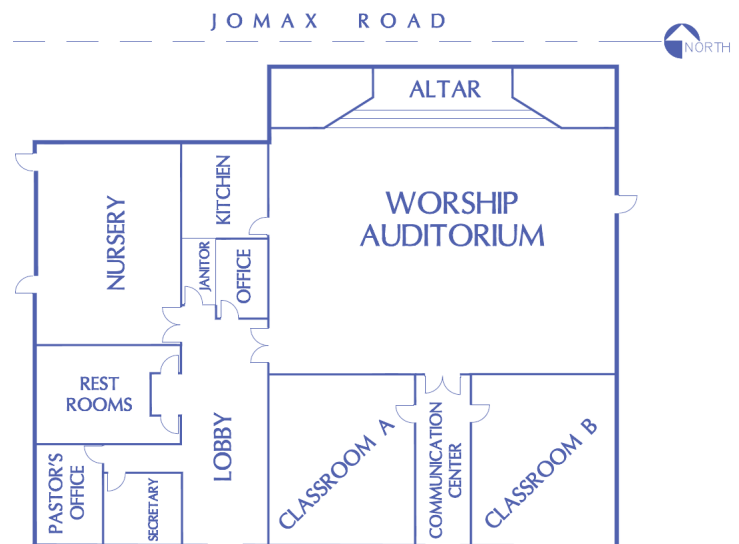
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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](mailto: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 Setting 3

### Opening Hymn: We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

CWH 609



1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.  
through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.  
and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,  
With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us;

we bless your ho - ly name, — glad prais - es we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, — our bat - tles we win.  
to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

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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)



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

### Invocation

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

**C:** Amen.

### Confession and Absolution

**M:** Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**C:** Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

**M:** Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C:** Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts. We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.



“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)

Christ said to his disciples, "If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven". The pastor speaks for God and announces God's forgiveness to those who made confession.



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

## Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on  
 earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the  
 Most High, Je - sus Christ. with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on  
 earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

# The Word

## Prayer of the Day

M: O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with you in perfect joy hereafter; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## First Reading

Acts 23:1–11

<sup>1</sup>Paul looked straight at the Sanhedrin and said, “My brothers, I have fulfilled my duty to God in all good conscience to this day.” <sup>2</sup>At this the high priest Ananias ordered those standing near Paul to strike him on the mouth. <sup>3</sup>Then Paul said to him, “God will strike you, you whitewashed wall! You sit there to judge me according to the law, yet you yourself violate the law by commanding that I be struck!”

<sup>4</sup>Those who were standing near Paul said, “How dare you insult God’s high priest!”

<sup>5</sup>Paul replied, “Brothers, I did not realize that he was the high priest; for it is written: ‘Do not speak evil about the ruler of your people.’”

<sup>6</sup>Then Paul, knowing that some of them were Sadducees and the others Pharisees, called out in the Sanhedrin, “My brothers, I am a Pharisee, descended from Pharisees. I stand on trial because of the hope of the resurrection of the dead.” <sup>7</sup>When he said this, a dispute broke out between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. <sup>8</sup>(The Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, and that there are neither angels nor spirits, but the Pharisees believe all these things.)

<sup>9</sup>There was a great uproar, and some of the teachers of the law who were Pharisees stood up and argued vigorously. “We find nothing wrong with this man,” they said. “What if a spirit or an angel has spoken to him?” <sup>10</sup>The dispute became so violent that the commander was afraid Paul would be torn to pieces by them. He ordered the troops to go down and take him away from them by force and bring him into the barracks.

<sup>11</sup>The following night the Lord stood near Paul and said, “Take courage! As you have testified about me in Jerusalem, so you must also testify in Rome.”

## Psalm of the Day

Psalm 7B

Soloist sings V1; Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

*O LORD my God, my only refuge, save me from those who seek my life  
or they will tear me like a lion; LORD, quickly end this bitter strife.  
But if my hands have done them evil or if their cause is truly just,  
then let them come and overtake me and lay my glory in the dust.*



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



Paul faced persecutions many times. Yet, his Savior never forgot him, and his Savior never forgot to remind him of the courage he had through faith in Christ.



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.”

### Congregation joins:



2 Rise up, O LORD, in right-eous an - ger for you have  
 3 If an - y - one is un - re - pent-ant, God's sword is

set a judg-ment time. Let all the peo - ples gath-er  
 sharp, his bow is bent; the pit they dug will be their

round you; en - throned on high, you will pre - side.  
 down-fall, their sin will land up - on their heads.

O let the e - vil of the wick - ed by your great  
 But I will thank the LORD of heav - en, all that he

might re - main con - fined, but let the right - eous be es -  
 does is al - ways right; yes, I will sing his name for -

tab - lished, for you dis - cern both heart and mind.  
 ev - er, the right-eous God, the LORD Most High.

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### Children's Sermon

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



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

### Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. In God, whose word I praise— in God I trust and am not afraid. Alleluia. (Psalm 56:4)



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!





The two demon-possessed men recognized Jesus as the Son of God and more powerful than they. They feared Jesus would commit them to utter darkness. Those that follow the ways of Satan ought to feel this same fear.

<sup>28</sup>When he arrived at the other side in the region of the Gadarenes, two demon-possessed men coming from the tombs met him. They were so violent that no one could pass that way. <sup>29</sup>“What do you want with us, Son of God?” they shouted. “Have you come here to torture us before the appointed time?”

<sup>30</sup>Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. <sup>31</sup>The demons begged Jesus, “If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs.”

<sup>32</sup>He said to them, “Go!” So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. <sup>33</sup>Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. <sup>34</sup>Then the whole town went out to meet Jesus. And when they saw him, they pleaded with him to leave their region.

## Hymn of the Day: If God Himself Be for Me

CWH 819



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

1 If God him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
 4 He can - celed my of - fens - es, de - liv - ered me from death;  
 6 No dan - ger, thirst, or hun - ger, no pain or pov - er - ty,  
 7 My heart for joy is spring - ing and can no more be sad;

for when I pray, be - fore me my foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
 he is the Lord who cleans - es my soul from sin through faith.  
 no earth - ly ty - rant's an - ger shall ev - er van - quish me.  
 my soul is filled with sing - ing, sees on - ly sun - shine glad.

If Christ, my head and mas - ter, be - friend me from a - bove,  
 In him I can be cheer - ful, cou - ra - geous on my way;  
 Though earth should break a - sun - der, you are my Sav - ior true;  
 The sun that cheers my spir - it is Je - sus Christ, my King;

what foe or what dis - as - ter can drive me from his love?  
 in him I am not fear - ful of God's great Judg - ment Day.  
 no fire or sword or thun - der shall sev - er me from you.  
 the heav'n I shall in - her - it makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt, 1607–1676, abr.; (sts. 1, 4, 7): tr. Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-book, 1907; (sts. 3, 6): tr. Richard Massie, 1800–1887  
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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).*



*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.*

## Sermon

**Fear Says 'Goliath is so big, how can I win?'  
Faith says, 'Goliath is so big, how can I miss?'**

*1 Samuel 17:4-7, 43-49*

<sup>4</sup>A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. <sup>5</sup>He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; <sup>6</sup>on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. <sup>7</sup>His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

<sup>43</sup>He said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come at me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. <sup>44</sup>"Come here," he said, "and I'll give your flesh to the birds and the wild animals!"

<sup>45</sup>David said to the Philistine, "You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. <sup>46</sup>This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I'll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. <sup>47</sup>All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."

<sup>48</sup>As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. <sup>49</sup>Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

## Apostles' Creed

**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.**





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.

1 I long to serve my Sav - ior, to seek what's good and right,  
 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,

to trust and nev - er wa - ver, to walk in truth and light.  
 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.

But con - duct pure and ho - ly re - quires a pow'r not mine;  
 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

a branch is fruit - ful on - ly when an - chored in a vine.  
 for all my sin he suf - fered and made a branch of me.  
 as I, the branch, keep liv - ing by faith in Christ the vine.

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## Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.

## 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.



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)



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.

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

M: 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: I Am Trusting You, Lord Jesus

CWH 816

1 I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus, trust-ing on - ly you;  
4 I am trust-ing you to guide me; you a - lone shall lead,  
5 I am trust-ing you for pow - er; you can nev - er fail.  
6 I am trust-ing you, Lord Je - sus; nev - er let me fall.

trust - ing you for full sal - va - tion, free and true.  
ev - 'ry day and hour sup - ply - ing all my need.  
Words which you your - self shall give me must pre - vail.  
I am trust - ing you for - ev - er and for all.

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**WELS**  
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

## Connection

Following post-service announcements, we will view the current WELS Connection — a short video to keep our congregation connected to our synod. (Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS)) by bringing the sights and sounds of our Lord's work directly to us. WELS Connection feature stories give viewers a first-hand look at nearly every aspect of our church's mission and ministry—from home and world missions to youth ministry and ministerial education.

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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.

## Quarterly Voters Meeting Today

Time is flying and our July quarterly voters' meeting is today. Following our contemporary service, at about 11:45, we will have a church potluck meal. The meeting will follow at about 12:15.

COVID-19 changed how we did things at our voters' meetings. We have now returned to a more traditional way of conducting the meetings. According to our church constitution "only voting members present at the meeting shall have the right to vote," so therefore we will have the voters' meeting available to watch online but people at home will not be able to participate in the meeting, nor will they be able to vote, since we are requiring voters to be present in person.

## Call Meeting

Our next Pastoral call meeting is scheduled for July 27th at 7:00pm.

## Elise Bernthal

I was born and raised in sunny Tucson, Arizona. I am one of six children. My dad is a pastor, so I grew up serving in the church from a young age. My family and I moved to Phoenix when I was 16 and I completed my last two years of high school at Arizona Lutheran Academy. I then went to Arizona State University to study early childhood/special education. I have been working in the Mesa school district for the past few years as a special education teacher. My favorite part about teaching is making relationships with my students. I also love talking about Jesus, so I am thrilled that I get to do that in the classroom now! In my spare time (wait, do teachers have spare time?) I love to spend time with friends and family, try out new restaurants, go hiking, and explore our amazing state.

We are still collecting for the pantry shower. Please bring food, household items, gift certificates, etc. to the church where a box will be provided..

**Elise will be installed into the public ministry here at Cross of Glory on Sunday, August 13 at the 9:00a service.**

## Are you an avid reader?

Our elementary school is looking for volunteers to read books prior to their going into our classroom libraries. Most books are for our pre-teens. We need critical, Christian eyes to read over the novels to vet them for our young readers. There is a sign-out sheet in the main school entrance along with a review sheet to complete for each book. Thank you for helping us find wholesome new novels for our students! Any questions, please talk to Mr. Aguilar.

## 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 or visiting [KingdomWorkers.com/Careers](https://KingdomWorkers.com/Careers).



## MLC Tuition Assistance Results

Over the past two months, members of Cross of Glory have been contributing to the Martin Luther College tuition assistance fund via a special envelope at church. Our members Kassi Aguilar and Hope Patterson will be attending MLC this fall to pursue the full-time teaching ministry in our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We are pleased to announce that our members have contributed \$8,275 to assist in their tuition fees. Of that amount, \$2,650 will be matched by MLC's congregational matching program. The tuition cost for attending MLC is over \$17,000. Thanks to all for your financial help and encouragement.





# SAVE THE *Date!*

**August 11**  
**Ice Cream Social**

Join our Cougar family  
for a fun evening of  
music, laughter and  
delicious dessert as we  
kick off another great  
school year!



More info to come!

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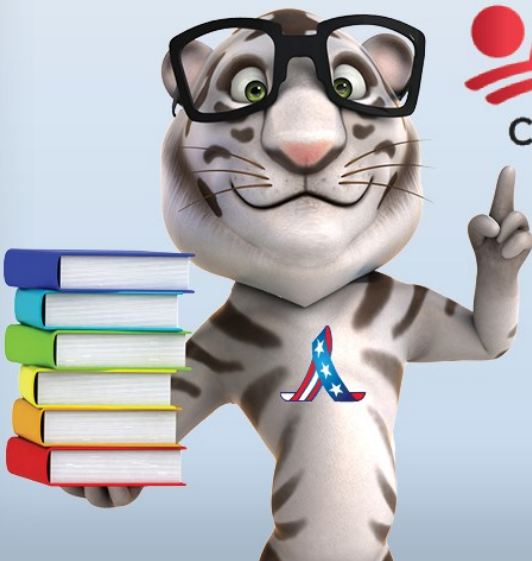
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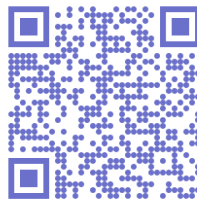


## Ways To Serve

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>July 23rd</b>	<b>July 30th</b>	<b>August 6th</b>
<b>Counters</b>	John Kull Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nickolai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
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<b>Sunday Refreshments</b>	Mary Berggren Shannon Gullerud	Paula Considine	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink
<b>A/V</b>	Kelly Simpson Rene Koutia	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson

## Weekly QR Code

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



## 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.

**All of our students and teachers** as they prepare to go back to school.

### 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.