

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 9
Sunday, July 30, 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



NEW SERMON SERIES- Pastor Mueller continues a 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.

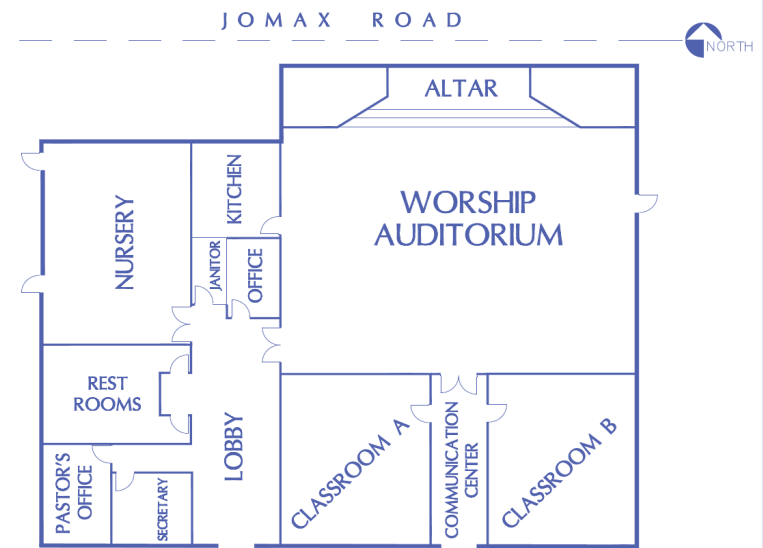
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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!

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.



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: 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.

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 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.

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: Ninth and Tenth Commandments (Spoken Responsively)

M: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

M: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

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.



A disagreement between Paul and Barnabas about taking Mark on the journey led them to part ways. We can commend Barnabas for salvaging an important worker and thank God for using this to further spreading his Word into the world.



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."

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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 15:36-40

³⁶Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, "Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing." ³⁷Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, ³⁸but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work. ³⁹They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus, ⁴⁰but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord.

Psalm

Psalm 130C

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

*Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord, hear my voice of pleading;
bend down your gracious ear, I pray, your humble servant heeding.
If you remember each misdeed, and of each thought and word take heed,
who can remain before you? Only by grace, by grace alone.*

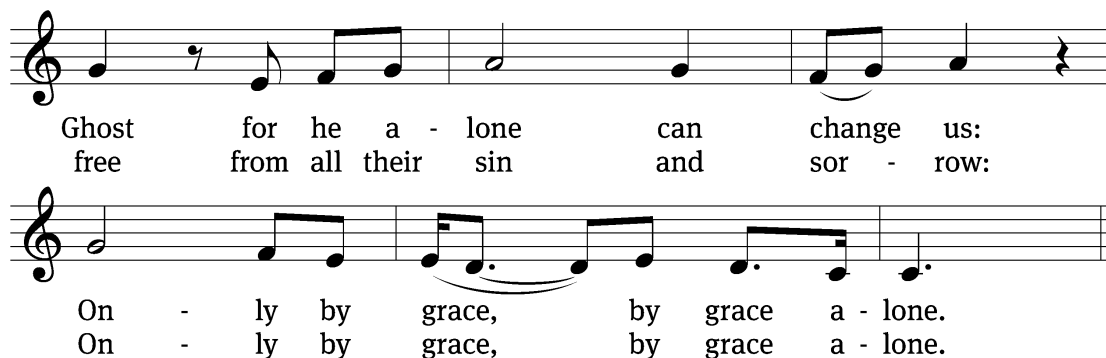
Sung by Congregation:

2 Your par - don is a gift of love, your grace a -
3 Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much

lone must save us; our works will not re - move our
more a - bound - eth; his help - ing love no lim - it

guilt, the strict - est life would fail us. Let none in
knows, our ut - most need it sound - eth. Our kind and

deeds or mer - its boast, but let us own the Ho - ly
faith - ful Shep - herd he, who will set all his peo - ple



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The Children's Sermon

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

Gospel

Matthew 13:54–58

⁵⁴Coming to his hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogue, and they were amazed. “Where did this man get this wisdom and these miraculous powers?” they asked. ⁵⁵“Isn’t this the carpenter’s son? Isn’t his mother’s name Mary, and aren’t his brothers James, Joseph, Simon and Judas?” ⁵⁶Aren’t all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all these things?” ⁵⁷And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town and in his own home.”

⁵⁸And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.



Although the people listening to Jesus as he spoke in his hometown synagogue were amazed at his wisdom, yet they stubbornly refused to accept Jesus’ claim, demonstrating their unbelief.

Sermon Hymn

CWH 916



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



Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)



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.

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.

Song of the Season: Christ the Vine

CWH 709

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



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.

*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.*

Sung by Congregation:

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

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.



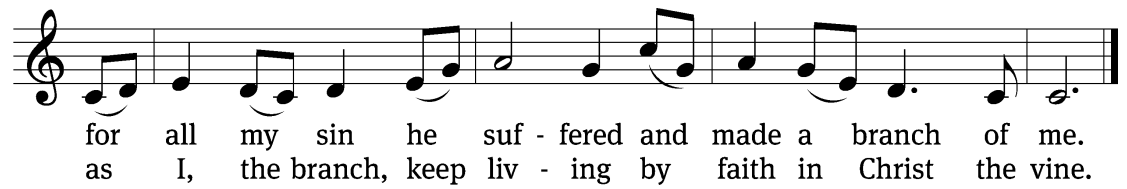
The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

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)



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



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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

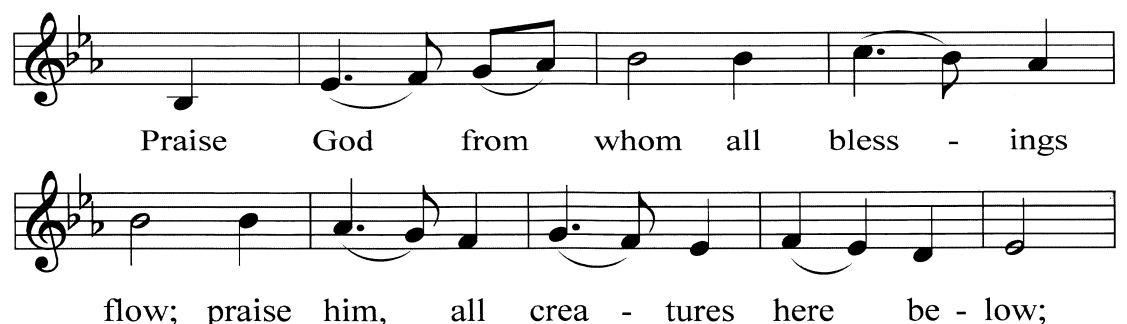
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.**

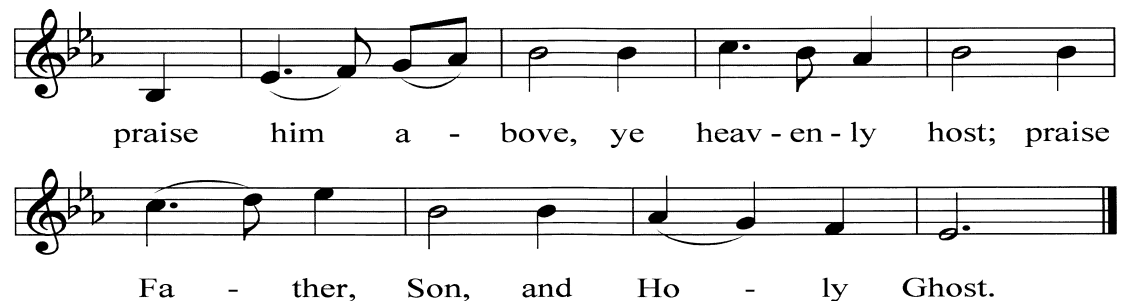
Blessing and Response

(Response Sung by Congregation)

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

Sung by Congregation:





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

Closing Hymn: His Mercy Is More

CWH 579

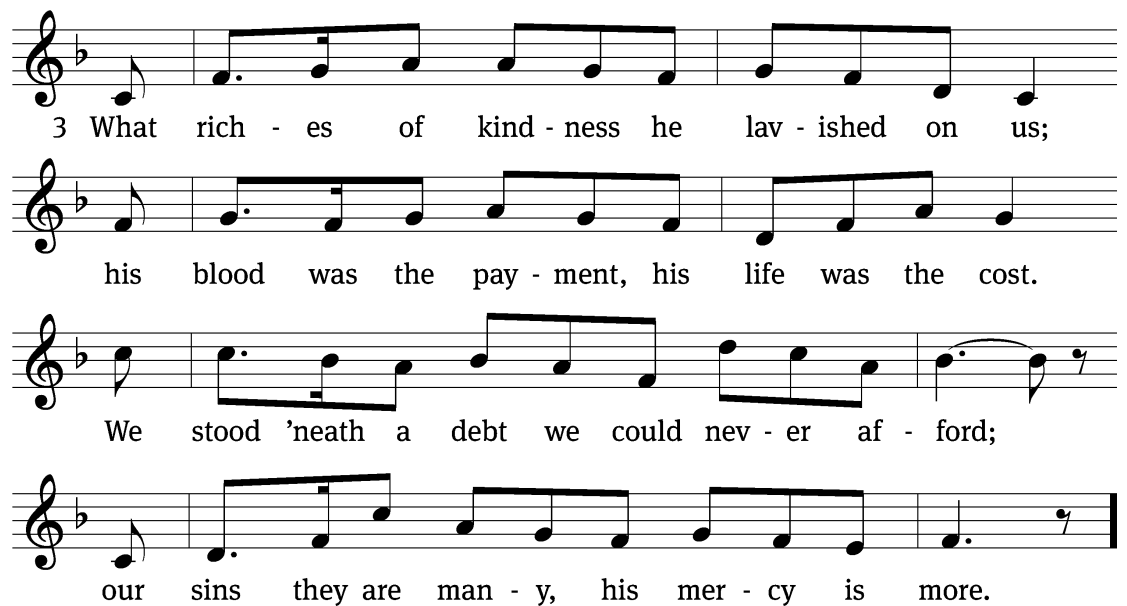
Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2, Congregation joins for Vs. 3

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum;
thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! His mercy is more!
Stronger than darkness, new ev'ry morn;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more!*

*What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
what Father so tender is calling us home!
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
our sins they are many, his mercy is more. (Refrain)*

Sung by Congregation:



Refrain

Praise the Lord! His mer-cy is more!

Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn; our

sins they are man - y, his mer - cy is more!

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written on a single staff. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the phrase with a double bar line. The word 'Refrain' is written above the first staff.

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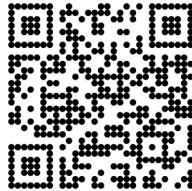
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Friendship Register

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

COG Transition to One Church

Please use the QR Code below to read the letter from John Kull in regards to our transition from Realm to One Church .



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.

WELS Campus Ministry

Calling all college students! Please make sure to register through WELS Campus Ministry before classes start. Doing so, allows the synod to serve you while you are gone and gives you access to free Meditations and Forward in Christ. Blessings on your year!

WELS Youth Night

Gather with fellow teens in the Valley. Learn and Grow Together as Christians. Have fun and be encouraged in your faith.

Cross of Glory is hosting the WELS Youth Night on Saturday August 26. Please use the QR code below to register for the event so we can plan accordingly.

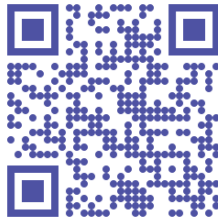


Ways To Serve

Worship Volunteers	July 30th	August 6th	August 13th
Counters	Nick Nickolai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Judy Sasse Susie Cornell
Communion		Andrea	
Ushers	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plitzuweit
A/V	Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras

Weekly QR Code

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



Church School Events

6:30pm

08-03

New River Growth Group

7:00am

08-05

Work Day

9:00am,
9:30am,
10:45am

08-06

Worship Service Jomax, Worship
Service New River, Contemporary
Service and Kids Klub

9:30am

08-10

Golden Agers

3:00pm

08-10

Back to School Orientation

6:30pm

08-11

Ice Cream Social

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.

Bill Grams as he recovers from recent hospitalization.

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.