

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 11
Sunday, August 13, 2023

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10111 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 'I am so distressed.'

FAITH SAYS 'God will hold me in the palm of his hand.'

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.

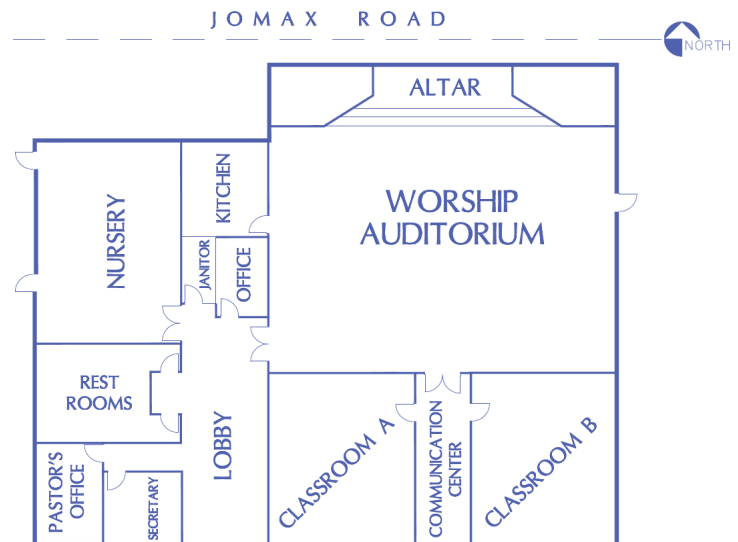
VISITOR INFORMATION

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!

Service of Celebration and Reverence

Opening Hymn: Still, My Soul, Be Still

CWH 834

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



*Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of change may rage tomorrow.
God is at your side; no longer dread the fires of unexpected sorrow.*

Refrain:

*God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be shaken.
Lord of peace, renew a steadfast spirit within me
to rest in you alone, to rest in you alone.*

*Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by lesser lights and fleeting shadows.
Hold on to his ways with shield of faith against temptation's flaming arrows.
(Refrain)*

Congregation sings:

3 Still, my soul, be still; do not for - sake the truth you
learned in the be - gin - ning. Wait up-on the Lord
and hope will rise as stars ap-pear when day is dim-ming.
Refrain
God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be
shak - en. Lord of peace, re - new a stead-fast spir-it with-in
me to rest in you a-lone, to rest in you a-lone.

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)

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We are able to approach 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 unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

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.

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: The Lord's Prayer (Address & 1st Petition)

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our Father in heaven.

What does this mean?

C: With these words God tenderly invites us to believe that he is our true Father and that we are his true children, so that we may pray to him as boldly and confidently as dear children ask their dear father.

M: Hallowed be your name.

What does this mean?

C: God's name is certainly holy by itself, but we pray in this petition that we too may keep it holy.

M: How is God's name kept holy?

C: God's name is kept holy when his Word is taught in its truth and purity and we as children of God lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father



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.



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



Guided by the hand of God, Paul and Barnabas turned the plot against them in Iconium into a opportunity by fleeing and preaching the gospel in a new area.



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."

in heaven! But whoever teaches and lives contrary to God's Word dishonors God's name among us. Keep us from doing this, dear Father in heaven!

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty and most merciful God, preserve us from all harm and danger that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish what you want done; 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 14:1-7

¹At Iconium Paul and Barnabas went as usual into the Jewish synagogue. There they spoke so effectively that a great number of Jews and Greeks believed. ²But the Jews who refused to believe stirred up the other Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³So Paul and Barnabas spent considerable time there, speaking boldly for the Lord, who confirmed the message of his grace by enabling them to perform signs and wonders. ⁴The people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews, others with the apostles. ⁵There was a plot afoot among both Gentiles and Jews, together with their leaders, to mistreat them and stone them. ⁶But they found out about it and fled to the Lycaonian cities of Lystra and Derbe and to the surrounding country, ⁷where they continued to preach the gospel.

The Children's Sermon

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

Psalm 73

(Spoken Responsively)

M: As for me, my feet had almost slipped;

C: I had nearly lost my foothold.

M: For I envied the arrogant

C: when I saw the prosperity of the wicked.

M: It troubled me deeply till I entered the sanctuary of God;

C: then I understood their final destiny.

M: You guide me with your counsel,

C: and afterward you will take me into glory.

M: Whom have I in heav'n but you?

C: And earth has nothing I desire besides you.

M: My flesh and my heart may fail,

C: but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. Alleluia. (*Hebrews 11:1*)

(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!

Gospel

Matthew 16:24–28

²⁴Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father’s glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”



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.



Jesus had come to fulfill the redemptive mission for which he was anointed; Cross and death were necessary first. Thanks be to God that our Savior saw the necessity of the cross before the crown! Now for Christian followers, cross comes before the crown as well. We die to self, but gain Christ, the Life.



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

Sermon Hymn: I Leave All Things to God's Direction

CWH 799

1 I leave all things to God's di - rec - tion; he loves me
2 God knows what must be done to save me; his love for
3 God gives me help in all temp - ta - tion, his lov - ing
4 My God has all things in his keep - ing; he is my

both in joy and woe. His will is good, sure his af -
me will nev - er cease. Up - on his hands he did en -
goal my soul to save. Calm in the face of life's frus -
ev - er - faith - ful friend. He gives me laugh - ter af - ter

fec - tion; his ten - der love is true, I know. My for - tress
grave me with pur - est gold of lov - ing grace. His will su -
tra - tion, all earth - ly trou - ble I will brave. His will be
weep - ing, and all his ways in bless - ings end. His love en -

and my rock is he: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
preme must ev - er be: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
done e - ter - nal - ly: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.
dures e - ter - nal - ly: what pleas - es God, that pleas - es me.

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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

Fear says, 'I am so distressed.'

Job 1:9–22

Faith says, 'God will hold me in the palm of his hand.'

⁹"Does Job fear God for nothing?" Satan replied. ¹⁰"Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. ¹¹But now stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

¹²The LORD said to Satan, "Very well, then, everything he has is in your power, but on the man himself do not lay a finger."

Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD.

¹³One day when Job's sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother's house, ¹⁴a messenger came to Job and said, "The oxen were plowing and the donkeys were grazing nearby, ¹⁵and the Sabeans attacked and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!"

¹⁶While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The fire of God fell from the heavens and burned up the sheep and the servants, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁷While he was still speaking, another messenger came and said, “The Chaldeans formed three raiding parties and swept down on your camels and made off with them. They put the servants to the sword, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

¹⁸While he was still speaking, yet another messenger came and said, “Your sons and daughters were feasting and drinking wine at the oldest brother’s house, ¹⁹when suddenly a mighty wind swept in from the desert and struck the four corners of the house. It collapsed on them and they are dead, and I am the only one who has escaped to tell you!”

²⁰At this, Job got up and tore his robe and shaved his head. Then he fell to the ground in worship ²¹and said:

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,
and naked I will depart.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away;
may the name of the LORD be praised.”

²²In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing.

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.

Song of the Season: Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing

CWH 827

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

*Rejoice, my heart, be glad and sing, a cheerful trust maintain;
for God, the source of ev'rything, your treasure shall remain.
Why spend the day in blank despair, in restless thought the night?
On your Creator cast your care; he makes your burdens light.*

Congregation sings:



2 Did not his love and truth and pow'r guard ev - 'ry
3 His wis - dom nev - er plans in vain nor fal - ters

child - hood day? And did he not in threat'ning hour turn
nor mis - takes; all that his coun - sels may or - dain a

dread - ed ills a - way? He al - ways will with pa - tience
bless - ed end - ing makes. Up - on your lips, then, lay your

chide, his rod falls gent - ly down; and all your sins he
hand, and trust his guid - ing love; then like a rock your

casts a - side in o - cean depths to drown.
peace shall stand here and in heav'n a - bove.

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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.

Teacher Installation

Elise Bernthal

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)



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

**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.



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.

Closing Hymn: Jesus Calls Us o'er the Tumult

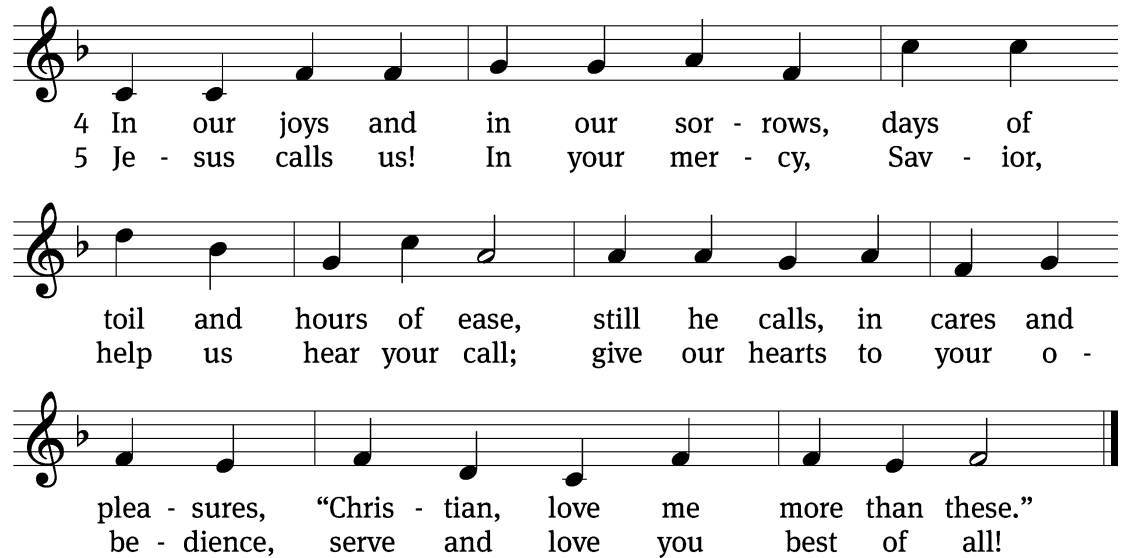
CWH 711

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 3 and congregation joins for Vs. 4 & 5

*Jesus calls us o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his voice invites us, saying, "Christian, follow me!"*

*Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store,
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."*

Congregation sings:



4 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
5 Je - sus calls us! In your mer - cy, Sav - ior,
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
help us hear your call; give our hearts to your o -
plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love you best of all!

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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.

WELS Youth Night

All high school students are invited! Experience an inspiring evening of games, music, God's Word, small group discussion, and fun with fellow high schoolers (9th-12th grade) from all over the valley.

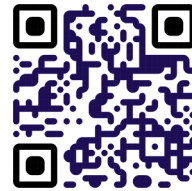
Saturday, August 26

6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Cross of Glory Lutheran Church (10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ).

The wonderful people of Cross of Glory are providing dinner!

Register today by using the QR code.



Ways To Serve

| Worship Volunteers | August 13th | August 20th | August 27th |
|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Counters | Judy Sasse Susie Cornell | Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa | Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan |
| Communion | | Dawn | |
| Ushers | Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger | Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson | Aaron Gullerud Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Michael Ryan |
| Sunday Refreshments | Diana Piepenbrink Rachel Plitzuweit | Nicole Brown Leslie Contreras Tracy Ditter | Rene Koutia |
| A/V | Kelly Simpson Pedro Contreras | Shannon Gullerud Aaron Gullerud | Stacy Cornell Rene Koutia |

Elise Bernthal

Ms. Elise Bernthal is the newest member of the CoG faculty. Ms. Bernthal comes to us from Mesa after two years of Special Education teaching. She is a graduate of ASU and Arizona Lutheran Academy. Ms. Bernthal is taking the lead in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom.

We are having a Pantry Shower to welcome Ms. Bernthal. If you are so inclined, please bring pantry items and/or gift cards for Fry's, Safeway, or Amazon.

Welcome to CoG, Ms. Bernthal!

Loiselle Family

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of one of our school parents. Marie Loiselle, mother of Caleb and Colton, suffered a major stroke on July 6th. She endured emergency surgeries and procedures and suffered a massive brain hemorrhage in the next two weeks. Marie fought hard with Jason at her side the whole time. The Lord welcomed Marie to his side on July 26th. Jason, Caleb, Colton, and all of us mourn her death. At the same time, we rejoice that Marie was a baptized child of God. The faith that the Holy Spirit put in Marie's heart was the key to the gates of the heavenly mansion Jesus won and prepared for her.

Stay tuned to ways you can join with the CoG family to support the Loiselles.

New Bible Classes

NEW BIBLE CLASSES will be starting soon (times TBD). Pastor Mueller will lead a study of Matthew on Wednesday mornings. He will also have a Foundations of Faith class on Thursday mornings. This is the class Pastor wants everyone to take (unless you have a photogenic memory).

Weekly QR Code

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



This Week At COG

August 13

9:00 am

Jomax Worship (Live Streamed)

Installation of Elise Bernthal

9:30 am

New River Worship Service

10:45 am

Contemporary Service

10:45 am

Kids Klub

August 15

7:00 pm

Elders Meeting

August 16

7:00 pm

First day of school

Fall Worship Meeting

Coming Up at COG

August 26

6:00 pm

Youth Night

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.*

***Loiselle Family** as they mourn the death of Marie.*

***Pastor Jon Bergemann** as he deliberates the call extended to him by Cross of Glory*

***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.