



All Saints Day Sunday, November 5, 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



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

Jesus

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.

Luke Looks at Living **TO** Jesus and Living FOR

As Christians we know God expects us to live for him. "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31). .As the giver of all we have, God deserves to be honored in everything we do.

We also know God expects us to live our lives for others. He says, "Serve one another in love" (Galatians 5:13). But, what does this mean to us in terms of how we live our daily lives?

Today's Worship Focus The gospel of St. Luke chronicles the life Jesus lived for us—he literally lived our life for us to save us. In Luke, Jesus demonstrates what it really means to live to and for him through his words, his actions and his interactions with people he encounters. Pastor Mueller continues a sermon series on these accounts : "Luke Looks at Living TO Jesus and Living FOR Jesus". Today our theme is "Living for the Lord means Focusing our Attention on the Lord " (Luke 21:34-38).

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

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FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- **Restrooms** with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- 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 and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head

CWH 861



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Invocation

M: We gather 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.



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 Baptism 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. " (I 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.



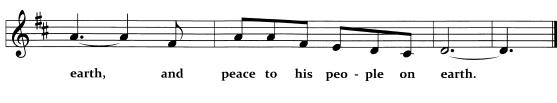
This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.

- 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.
- 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





The Word

Prayer of the Day

- M: Merciful and gracious Lord, you cause your Word to be proclaimed in every generation. Stir up our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that we may receive this proclamation with humility and finally be exalted at the coming of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰And they cried out in a loud voice:

Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

¹¹All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

¹³Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

¹⁴I answered, "Sir, you know."

And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore,

"they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple;



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



St. John's vision lets us see all the saints in heaven so that we might remember the future glory that waits for us.

and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶'Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,' nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; 'he will lead them to springs of living water.'

'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Psalm of the Day

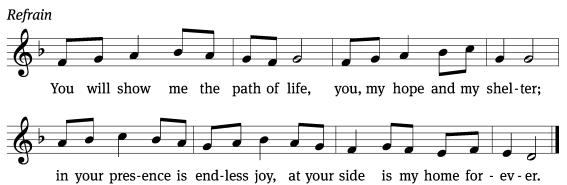
Psalm 16C

The Choir will sing the first refrain and verses; Congregation will repeat the refrain and remaining refrains.

Choir sings:

You will show me the path of life, you, my hope and my shelter; in your presence is endless joy, at your side is my home forever.

Congregation sings:



Choir: Faithful God, I look to you, you alone my life and fortune, never shall I look to other gods, you shall be my one hope.

Congregation: (Refrain)

Choir: From of old you are my heritage, you my wisdom and my safety, through the night you speak within my heart, silently you teach me.

Congregation: (Refrain)

Choir: So my heart shall sing for joy, in your arms I rest securely,



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." you will not abandon me to death, you shall not desert me.

Congregation: (Refrain)

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Second Reading

1 John 3:1–3

CWH 488

¹See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. ³All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Children's Sermon

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

Verse of the Day

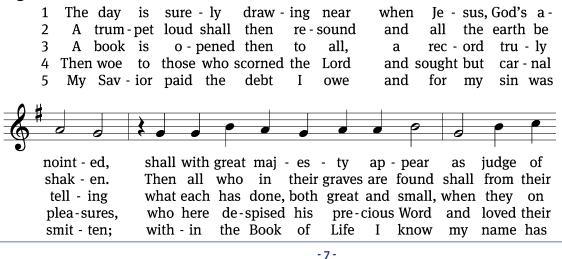
(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.



Hymn of the Day: The Day Is Surely Drawing Near







In love God the Father adopted us as his children, making us heirs of future glory.



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



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

ap - point - ed. All mirth and laugh - ter then shall cease all when with the liv - ing sleep a - wak - en and in that hour, by earth were dwell - ing, ev - 'ry heart be clear - ly and seen, and earth - lv trea - sures! With shame and trem-bling they will stand and now been writ - ten. will not doubt, for Ι Ι am free. and



flames on flames will still in - crease, as Scrip - ture tru - ly teach - es. God's al-might - y, bound-less pow'r, be changed at his com-mand-ing. be known as they have been all in thoughts and words and ac - tions. Sa - tan the judg - e's stern com-mand de - liv - ered. at to be con-dem-na - tion! Sa - tan can - not threat - en me: there is no

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Sermon

Living for the Lord means Focusing our Attention on the Lord

Luke 21:34-38

³⁴"Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man."

³⁷Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, ³⁸and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God Light from Light true God from true Go

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human.

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 Nicene Creed was written in 325 A.D. to address false ideas about the divinity of Jesus Christ. That explains why the second article of the Nicene Creed is longer than its counterpart in the Apostles' Creed.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of the Season: Sovereign Ruler of the Skies

Soloist sings Vs. 1-2 and Congregation joins for Vs. 3,4,5

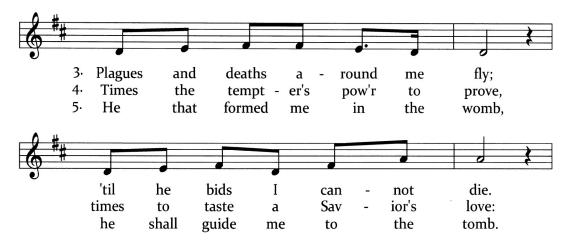
Sovereign Ruler of the skies, ever gracious, ever wise; all my times are in your hand, all events at your command.

Refrain:

Ever faithful, ever true, keep my heart to only you. Since I cannot part from thee, Sovereign Ruler ever be.

His decree, who formed the earth, fixed my first and second birth; now my life to him I owe. Where He leads me I will go. (Refrain)







This is a hymn selected for the current church season that is generally new to our congregation, usually introduced first by a soloist, and repeated for several weeks to assist the congregation in learning the hymn.



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

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: " I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people ". (I Timothy 2:1)

The pastor and people prepare to celebrate the Holy Meal by greeting each other and with an exhortation as how to celebrate the meal. **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)

(Spoken Responsively)

The Sacrament

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy Sanctus



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Sanctus is a Latin word meaning "Holy". The Sanctus contains words from Isaiah's vision of God (Isaiah 6:3) and the crowd's response on Palm Sunday when Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:9). We join them in spirit by singing their words as we anticipate Christ's coming in the sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: Blessed are you, Lord God, eternal King and gracious Father. In love you made us the crown of your creation. In mercy you planned our salvation. In grace you sent your Son to redeem us from sin.

We remember and give you thanks that your eternal Son, Jesus Christ, became flesh and made his dwelling among us, that he willingly placed himself under law to redeem those under law, that he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death on a cross, that he has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

Bless us as we receive your Son's body and blood in this Sacrament. Forgive our sins, increase our faith, strengthen our fellowship, and deepen our longing for the day when Christ will welcome us to his eternal feast. Praise and thanks and honor and glory be to you, O God our Father, and to your Son and to the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)



We speak to God as

our Father as Jesus taught us. (Matthew 6)

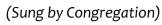
The pastor speaks the words which Jesus spoke when he instituted the Supper with his disciples in the Upper Room. With these words the bread and wine are consecrated, that is, set apart for God's use in this special meal.



Agnus Dei is a Latin phrase meaning "Lamb of God". John the Baptist spoke these words as he pointed to Jesus coming toward him (John 1:29). As Christ comes to us in the Holy Supper, we recognize him as the Lamb of God sacrificed for us to free us from the bondage of sin and death. 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.

Word of Institution

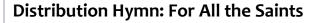
- M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."
- M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C: Amen.





Distribution of Sacrament

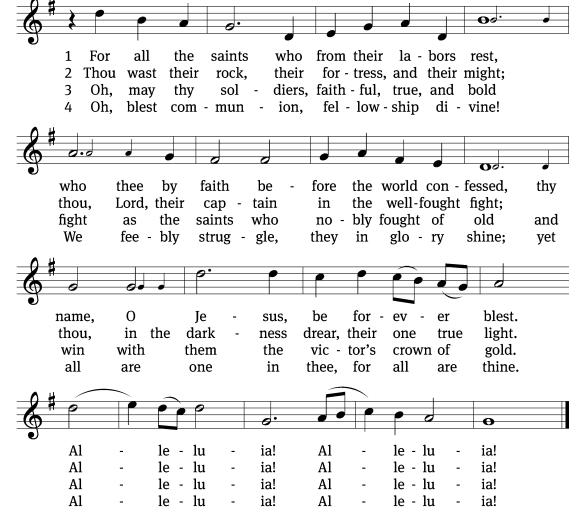
We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register by checking the box in the attendance record book at the end of your row. Thank you for honoring our practice.



CWH 880



This is a hymn sung by the congregation during the distribution of the Lord's Supper.



And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon, to faithful warriors cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanksgiving and Proclamation

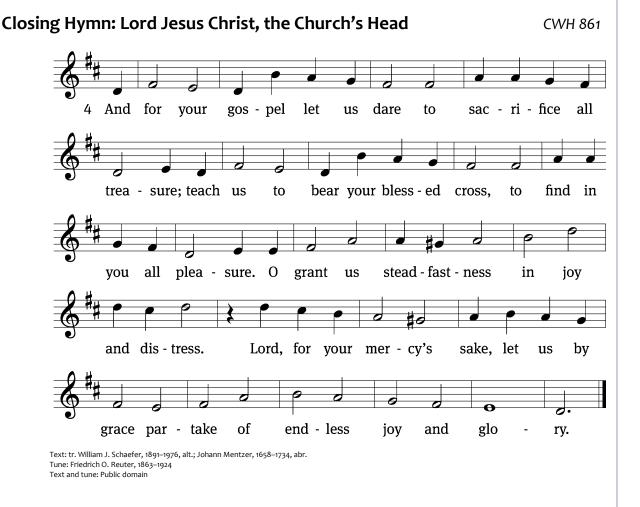
- M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
- C: his mercy endures forever.
- M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,
- C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
- M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: 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.



We offer our thanks and express our faith in what God has done for us and has promised to do for us in the future.



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.

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

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Ways to Serve				
Worship Volunteers	November 5	November 12	November 19	
Counters	Judy Sasse/Susie Cor-	Joel Ditter/Nancy	Nick Nicholai/Michael	
	nell	Schirripa	Ryan	
Communion	Sharon		Andrea	
Church Cleaners	Martins/Pappenfuss/ Cape	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams	
Ushers	Chris Patterson/Isaac	Pedro Contreras/	Len Collyard/Nick	
	Patterson/Titus Pat-	Tanner Plitzuweit/	Nicholai/Steve Sem-	
	terson/Grant Stern	Michael Radue	mann/Sharon Wilson	
Refreshments	Stacey Aguilar/Angela Hall	Kathy Collyard/ Andrea Semmann	Clara Naber	
A/V	Titus Patterson/Isaac	Shannon Gullerud/	Kelly Simpson/Pedro	
	Patterson	Aaron Gullerud	Contreras	
Weekly Newsletter OR Code				

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Sunday Worship, Bible Class and Kids Klub Updates

Since the voters voted to suspend the contemporary worship service, TODAY will be the final Contemporary service (at least for a while). Our deepest thanks go to all who put in so many hours and so much love in their music for God's Kingdom. Even though the contemporary service didn't have the results we had hoped we recognize and appreciate their efforts. Those attending today's service will be asked to stay after to discuss what if anything we will do after this... One thing we will do is MOVE THE BIBLE CLASS and KIDS KLUB TIME to 10:30am starting next week (November 12).

Fellowship Meeting: All are welcome to meet in the 5th/6th grade classroom to help plan fun fellowship ideas for adults. Some activities could include a sporting event, card night, movies (Christian videos), trips to places like Bearizona and more.

New Bible Class: Dean Ellis will lead a discussion on 'The Christian and medical issues'. Topics will include Transgenderism, genetic engineering, test-tube babies, stem-cell, etc. That will probably be followed by a study of 1,2,3, Peter.

Call Accepted by Pastor Pudlo

To the blood bought Saints of Cross of Glory,

It is always humbling to receive a call to serve in full time ministry. I want to thank you for the opportunity to consider how I can best serve my Savior whether it be in Minnesota or in Arizona. It has given me an opportunity to reflect on the truly important matters of eternity. I am excited to accept the call to serve at Cross of Glory in Peoria. I am confident that I will be leaving Minnesota with tears of sadness knowing that I will not see many of the people with which I have spent thousands of hours serving the Lord until I see them in our Savior's arms. But I am also confident that I will be arriving in Arizona with tears of joy, thanking the Lord that he would use a sinner like me to now serve you and with you so that many more may know that they have a Savior waiting to take them into his arms. Please pray for your brothers and sisters in Christ at Crown of Life, that God would continue to bless them and shepherd them. I would also be so bold as to ask for your prays for myself and my family. We will be going through a lot of change... moving across the country, finding daycare for our two little girls and preparing for our third child coming in April. There is plenty of unknown for us in the future. But we are confident that our God went into the unknown for us and in our place. Because of that we know he will shepherd us in the future as he has in the past. And we eagerly look forward to meeting you all and serving our Savior with you.

In His service,

Pastor Zachary Pudlo

Funeral Information for Guy Robertson

Guy Robertson (Sharon Wilson's son) funeral service will take place at Cross of Glory on Saturday, November 11th, at 11AM at church.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." -Revelation 14:13

WELS Youth Night

On Saturday, November 11, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., we will have our next WELS Youth Night. It will take place at Arizona Lutheran Academy (6036 S 27th Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85041) There will be a keynote address given by Jason Jonkers of Resilient Recovery Ministry at Crosswalk. With icebreaker activities, fun games, and spiritual growth opportunities, WELS Youth Night Phoenix is a great opportunity for high schoolers throughout the Valley. You can learn more and register using the QR Code .



Foundations of Faith

Pastor Mueller will be starting a new Foundations of Faith class on November 16th at 6:00pm

Calendar at a Glance | Our full calendar is posted at www.crossofglory.org

November 5	Worship Service Jomax w/ Communion, 9:00am
	Worship Service New River, 9:30am
	Contemporary Service Jomax, 10:45am
	Kids Klub, 10:45am
	Bible Class, 10:45am
	Confirmation Class, 4:30pm
November 6	Early Enrollment Begins
November 7	Women's Bible Study, 9:30am
	Elders Meeting, 7:00 pm
November 8	Life of Christ Bible Study, 10:00am
November 9	Golden Agers Breakfast & Foundations of Faith 9:30am
November 11	Youth Night @ ALA, 6:oopm

Looking Ahead...

November 12	Worship Service Jomax w/ Communion, 9:00a	
	Worship Service New River, 9:30am	
	Kids Klub, 10:30am	
	Bible Class, 10:30am	
	Confirmation Class, 4:30pm	
November 14	Women's Bible Study, 9:30am	
	Church Council, 6:30pm	
November 16	Foundations of Faith, 10:00am and 6:00pm	
	New River Growth Group, 6:30pm	
November 18	Bibles and Brew, 9:00am	

Prayer Highlights for members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers...

The family of Guy Robertson as they mourn his death.

Judy Sasse, for a recent hospitalization.

Norm Voigt, as he continues treatments

Velta Larson, as she recovers from eye surgery

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.