

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Pentecost 24
Sunday, November 12, 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

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?

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 "**Could you walk away from a million dollars?**" (Luke 18:18-24).

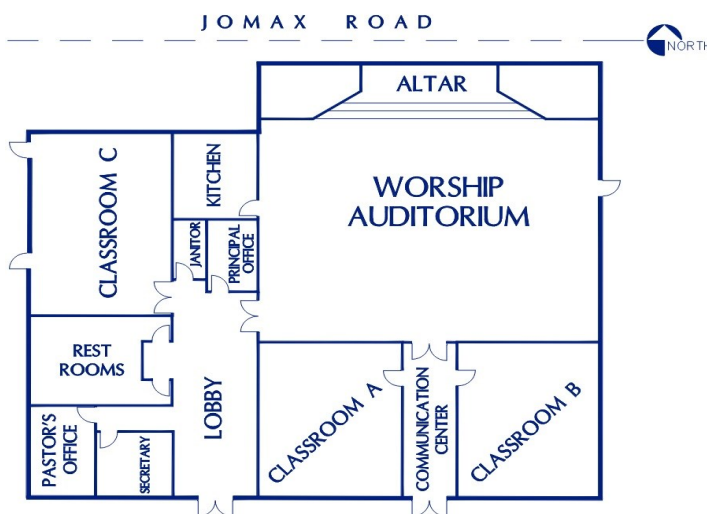
VISITOR INFORMATION

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 followed by Bible study.

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 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!

The Service

Opening Hymn: His Mercy Is More

CWH 579



Hymn of praise, prayer,
or reflection on the
season of the church
year.

We follow the advice of
the Apostle Paul to
“teach and admonish
one another with all
wisdom through
psalms, hymns, and
songs from the Spirit,
singing to God with
gratitude in your
hearts.”

(Colossians 3:16)



1 What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done?
2 What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam,
3 What rich - es of kind - ness he lav - ished on us;



Om - ni - scient, all - know - ing, he counts not their sum;
what Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home!
his blood was the pay - ment, his life was the cost.



thrown in - to a sea with - out bot - tom or shore,
He wel - comes the weak - est, the vil - est, the poor;
We stood 'neath a debt we could nev - er af - ford;



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



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 refrain for Vs. 3 is sung two times.

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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.



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



*"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. "*

(1 John 1:9)

*Christ said to his disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.*



*The title of this prayer
is "Kyrie" in Greek
meaning "O Lord". It is
a cry to the Lord for
help and strength.*

Confession

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins
and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**C: Holy God, gracious Father,
I am sinful by nature
and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have not loved you with my whole heart;
I have not loved others as I should.
I deserve your punishment both now and forever.
But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins
with his innocent suffering and death.
Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Je-
sus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole
world. 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.

Lord, Have Mercy Kyrie

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us
pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

Tune: HOLY MANNA



1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he
 2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our
 loves so well. On the earth let all his peo - ple
 sin a - way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed—
 speak his grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
 for your mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
 glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our joy - ful
 ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the glo - ry
 ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
 of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

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

The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.



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

First Reading

Isaiah 52:1–6

¹Awake, awake, Zion,
 clothe yourself with strength!
 Put on your garments of splendor,
 Jerusalem, the holy city.



The nation of Israel was sleepwalking through life, exhausted by their present problems. "Awake!" the prophet cries. Israel is to watch for the coming redemption.

The uncircumcised and defiled
will not enter you again.

²Shake off your dust;
rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem.

Free yourself from the chains on your neck,
Daughter Zion, now a captive.

³For this is what the LORD says:

“You were sold for nothing,
and without money you will be redeemed.”

⁴For this is what the Sovereign LORD says:

“At first my people went down to Egypt to live;
lately, Assyria has oppressed them.

⁵“And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD.

“For my people have been taken away for nothing,
and those who rule them mock,”
declares the LORD.

“And all day long
my name is constantly blasphemed.

⁶Therefore my people will know my name;
therefore in that day they will know
that it is I who foretold it.
Yes, it is I.”

LES Choir

He Calls Me Friend

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

¹Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ²for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰He



*St. Paul teaches how
we should wait for
Jesus to return. Be
watchful. Don't fall
asleep. Live as children
of the light.*

died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.
¹³Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.



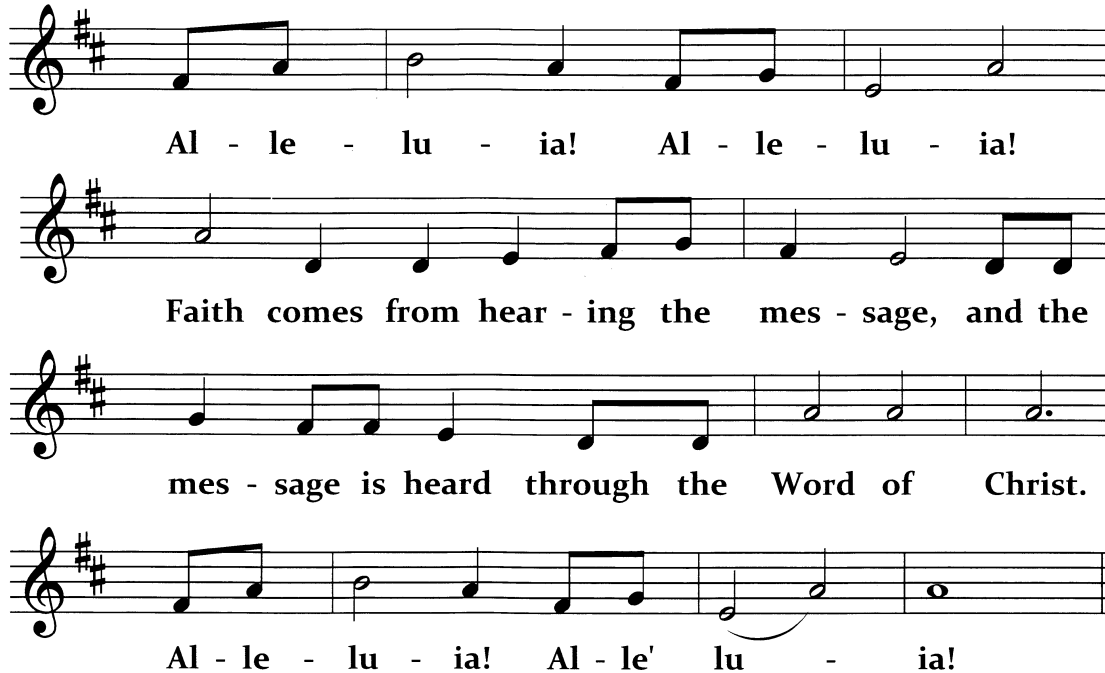
A verse from the Holy Scriptures is usually spoken to capture the theme of the service.

The sung response is taken from Romans 10:17

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Therefore keep watch, because you do not know on what day your Lord will come. Alleluia.



Sermon Hymn: All I Have is Christ

CWH 580

Soloist sings Vs. 1; Congregation will join for Vs. 2 & 3

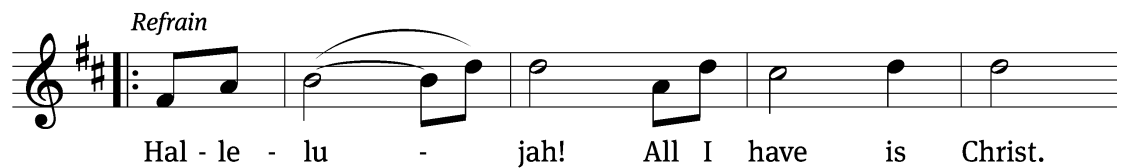
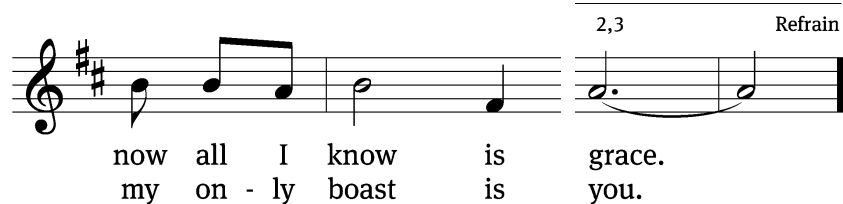
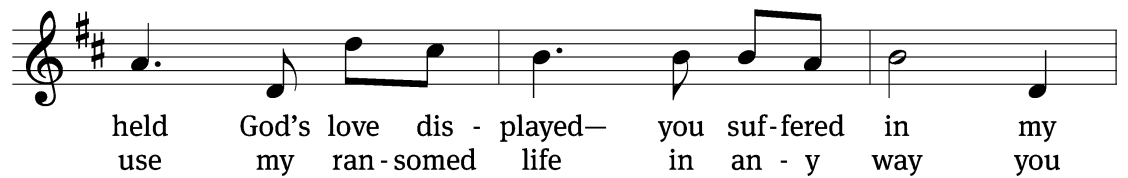
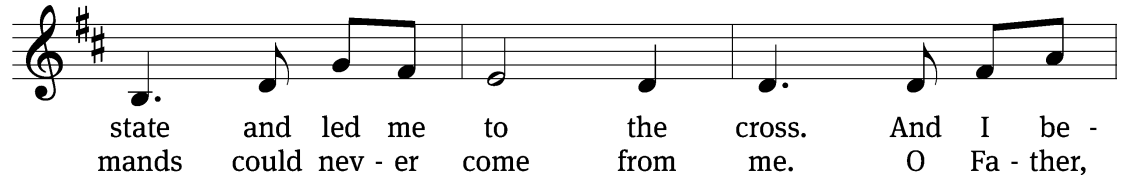
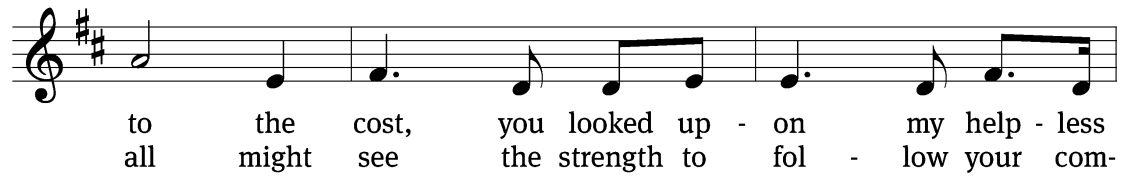
*I once was lost in darkest night,
yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own
a rebel to your will,
and if you had not loved me first
I would refuse you still.*

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*



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

Congregation sings:



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Could you walk away from a million dollars?

¹⁸A certain ruler asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?”

¹⁹“Why do you call me good?” Jesus answered. “No one is good—except God alone.

²⁰You know the commandments: ‘You shall not commit adultery, you shall not murder, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your father and mother.’”

²¹“All these I have kept since I was a boy,” he said.

²²When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

²³When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy. ²⁴Jesus looked at him and said, “How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!

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.**

LES Choir

Everlasting God

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.



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.

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)

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

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.



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, with milk and hon - ey blest—
 2 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try, the home of God's e - lect!
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them, the day-light is se - rene;



the sight of it re - fresh - es the wea - ry and op - pressed.
 O sweet and bless - ed coun - try that ea - ger hearts ex - pect,
 the pas - tures of the bless - ed are ev - er rich and green.



I know not, oh, I know not what joys a - wait us there,
 where they who with their lead - er have con - quered in the fight
 There is the throne of Da - vid, and there, from care re - leased,



what ra - dian - cy of glo - ry, what bliss be - yond com - pare:
 for - ev - er and for - ev - er are clad in robes of white:
 the shout of them that tri - umph, the song of them that feast.



to sing the hymn un - end - ing with all the mar - tyr throng,
 in mer - cy, Je - sus, bring us to that dear land of rest
 To God en - throned in glo - ry the Church's voic - es blend,



a - midst the halls of Zi - on re - sound - ing full with song.
 where sings the host of heav - en your glo - rious name to bless.
 the Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, the Light that knows no end.

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	November 12	November 19	November 19
Counters	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan	Harry Novak/Nancy Murphy
Communion		Andrea	
Church Cleaners	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams	Patterson
Ushers	Pedro Contreras/ Tanner Plitzuweit/ Michael Radue	Len Collyard/Nick Nicholai/Steve Semmann/Sharon Wilson	John Kull/Kim Moline/Dean Ellis
Refreshments	Kathy Collyard/ Andrea Semmann	Thanksgiving Potluck	Clara Naber
A/V	Shannon Gullerud/ Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson/Pedro Contreras	Hailey Ditter/Joel Ditter

Weekly Newsletter QR Code

Please check your email or use this QR code for the weekly newsletter



Meditations

The used *Meditations* and Time of Grace devotional booklets collected at Cross of Glory over the past months were recently mailed to the WELS Prison Ministry central office in New Ulm, Minnesota. The following letter was received from the organization in response to the mailing:

Dear Friends,

We wish to thank you for sending us *Meditations*. There are a number of inmates who wait for us to send them more.

It is our prayer that you will continue to collect these publications for us. We can use *Meditations* in both standard and large print.

As you collect *Meditations*, please send us only issues in good condition. We also ask that the copies be less than one year old. Facilities are not able to use older copies.

We ask you to continue to pray for our ministry. If you are able to assist us financially, it would be deeply appreciated. It is very important that the message of Jesus reaches those impacted by incarceration.

In Christ,
WELS Prison Ministry Staff

Fellowship Activities at Cross of Glory

Would you be interested in participating in any of the following activities? Please email Pastor Mueller at vacancypastor@crossofglory.org with your preferences.

- Christian movies (like “Luther” or “Fireproof”)
- Campout (possibly at Liz and Paul's or a lake)
- Card night (like Hand and Foot)
- Sports events
- Trip to Bearizona
- Boat trips
- SONday in the Park (outdoor service with picnic)
- Game night (Bunco, Mexican Dominoes, Scrabble, Backgammon, Chess, or Corn Hole)
- Bowling
- Museums (like Music Instrument Museum)

Are there other suggestions or ideas that you have? Please send them to Pastor Mueller.

Notes:

1. We will start with movie night on Friday, November 17, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with pizza. There will be a freewill donation. The movie will be “Facing the Giants.”
2. We will invite New River members and friends and school families. Please invite your non-churched friends.

There is also a printed copy that you may fill out as well.

Thanksgiving Potluck



Our Thanksgiving Potluck is November 19 at 11:00am. Drinks will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. You may use the QR code below to sign up.



Christmas Church Decorating

We will have our annual Christmas church decorating and potluck on November 26 at 11:45 a.m.

Please bring your favorite soup. If you have another favorite dish you would like to bring to share, please do. Let's decorate, eat, and be happy!

Plates, silverware, cups, and napkins will be provided.

Please use the attached QR code to sign up.



Advent by Candlelight



Advent by Candlelight is an event to help women focus on Christ during the busy holiday season! Cross of Glory will be hosting Advent by Candlelight the afternoon of Sunday, December 3, at 3:00 p.m. Please let Karin Hansen (karinwedeking@hotmail.com or 712-660-0386) know, or use the QR for the sign-up genius, if you would like to host a table that will seat eight women or if you would like to be a reader during the program. Thanks for your consideration!

Karin



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

November 12	Worship Service Jomax ,9:00am 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, 6:30 pm
November 8	Life of Christ Bible Study, 10:00am
November 16	Foundations of Faith, 10:00am Foundations of Faith, 6:00pm New River Growth Group, 6:30pm
November 18	Bibles and Brews, 9:00am

Looking Ahead...

November 19	Worship Service Jomax w/ Communion, 9:00am Worship Service New River, 9:30am Kids Klub, 10:30am Thanksgiving Potluck, 11:00am Confirmation Class, 4:30pm
November 20-24	No School
November 21	Women's Bible Study, 9:30am
November 22	Thanksgiving Eve Service, 7:00pm

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.