

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**Christ the King Sunday**  
*Sunday, November 26, 2023*

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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



## Daniel's Dream of the Four Beasts

*Daniel 7*

Students of history know that kingdoms come and go. The average lifespan of a nation or kingdom is 150 years. Sin and corruption are the cause of their demise. In our sermon from Daniel 7 today, God revealed to Daniel a magnificent picture of world history and the kingdoms that would rise up following the Kingdom of Babylon with the purpose to demonstrate that worldly kingdoms come and go, but God's Kingdom is eternal. At the center of this eternal kingdom is the Son of Man—Jesus, coming in the clouds of heaven who has dominion over everything and the people he bought with his precious blood. What an overwhelming revelation it must have been for Daniel to see all that God's people were about to face in the coming centuries. What a comforting vision for us to know that God's Kingdom is forever, and we share in this kingdom through the sacrifice and immeasurable love of Christ, our eternal King.

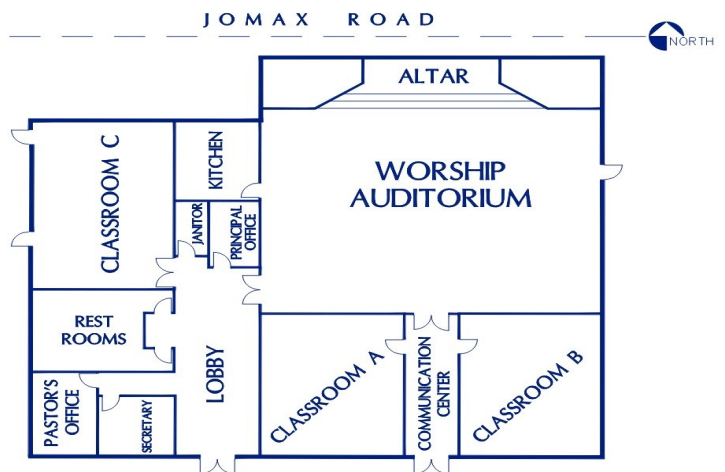
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**New to Cross of Glory?** We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at [church.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:church.secretary@crossofglory.org)

## CHURCH MAP



## FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult 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 of the Word

### Opening Hymn: O Worship the King

CWH 620



*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 O wor - ship the King, all - glo - rious a - bove,  
2 O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
4 Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?  
5 Frail chil - dren of dust, and fee - ble as frail,

O grate - ful - ly sing his pow'r and his love,  
whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py, space;  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light,  
in you do we trust nor find you to fail;

our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days,  
his char - iots of wrath the deep thun - der - clouds form,  
it streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain,  
your mer - cies, how ten - der, how firm to the end,

pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.  
and sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.  
our mak - er, de - fend - er, re - deem - er, and friend!

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### Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

**C:** Amen.



*The greeting used by St. Paul perfectly summarizes Christianity.*

### Confession and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

**C:** **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**



*"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." (1 John 1:9)*

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



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



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



St. Paul gives us the encouragement that when Christ comes again he shall raise the dead, and death shall be forever ended.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

## Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister; Sung response by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take  
 ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it  
 stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -  
 tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the  
 Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Eternal God, merciful Father, you have appointed your Son as judge of the living and the dead. Enable us to wait for the day of his return with our eyes fixed on the kingdom prepared for your own from the foundation of the world; 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

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

<sup>13</sup>Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we

who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

## Psalm

Psalm 95C



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."

1 Come, let us praise the LORD, with joy our God ac -  
 2 Our God of match - less worth, our King be - yond com -  
 3 In wor - ship bow the knee, our glo - rious God con -

claim, his great - ness tell a - broad and bless his  
 pare, the deep - est bounds of earth, the hills, are  
 fess; the great Cre - a - tor, he, the LORD our

sav - ing name. Lift high your songs be -  
 in his care. He all de - crees, who  
 Right - eous - ness. He reigns un - seen: his

fore his throne to whom a - lone all praise be - longs.  
 by his hand pre - pared the land and formed the seas.  
 flock he feeds and gent - ly leads in pas - tures green.

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## The Children's Sermon

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

## Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

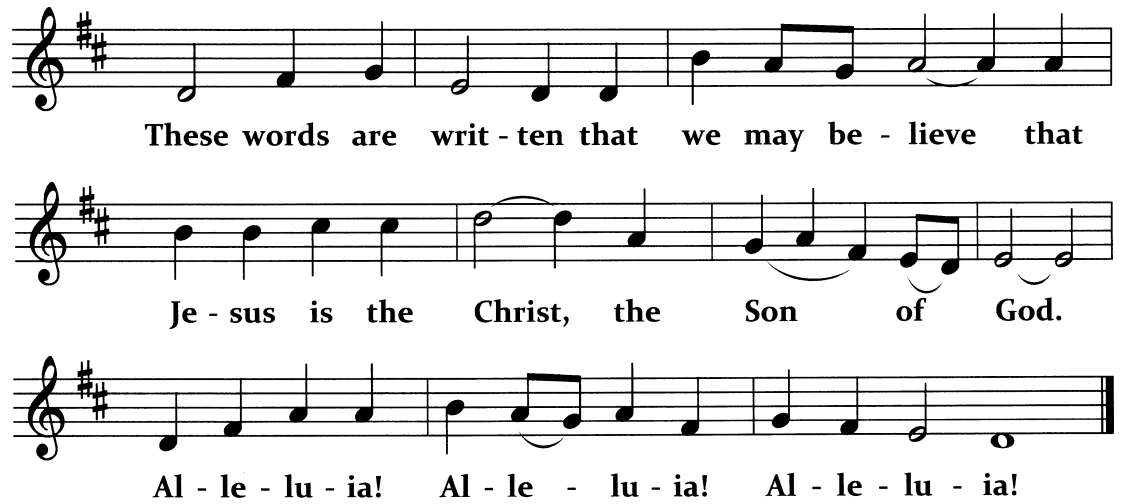
M: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



A verse from the holy scriptures is usually spoken in preparation for the reading of the Gospel which is read as the second reading or as part of the sermon.

The sung response is taken from John 20:31.



*Jesus describes the end of days, when he shall come in glory and separate sheep from goats.*

## Gospel

Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit on his glorious throne. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate the people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.

<sup>33</sup>He will put the sheep on his right and the goats on his left.

<sup>34</sup>“Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. <sup>35</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, <sup>36</sup>I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.’

<sup>37</sup>“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’

<sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’

<sup>41</sup>“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. <sup>42</sup>For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.’

<sup>44</sup>“They also will answer, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?’

<sup>45</sup>“He will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.’

<sup>46</sup>“Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life.”





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



1 Christ high - as - cend - ed, now in glo - ry seat - ed, throned  
 2 Christ, from the Fa - ther ev - 'ry pow'r pos - sess - ing, who  
 3 Christ, who in dy - ing won for us sal - va - tion, lives  
 4 Christ in his splen - dor, all do - min - ion gain - ing, Christ  
 5 As at his part - ing, joy shall ban - ish griev - ing, faith



and ex - alt - ed, vic - to - ry com - plet - ed, death's dread do -  
 on his cho - sen lift - ed hands in bless - ing, sends forth his  
 now the first - born of the new cre - a - tion; to win dis -  
 with his peo - ple ev - er - more re - main - ing, Christ to all  
 in his pres - ence strength - en our be - liev - ing; filled with his



min - ion fi - nal - ly de - feat - ed, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 ser - vants, still in faith con - fess - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 ci - ples out of ev - 'ry na - tion, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 a - ges, glo - ri - ous - ly reign - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.  
 Spir - it, love and pow'r re - ceiv - ing, we are his wit - ness - es.

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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

## Daniel's Dream of the Four Beasts

## Daniel 7

## 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.**



*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 the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.



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

## Song of the Season

## Sovereign Ruler of the Skies



1. Sov - 'reign Rul - er of the skies,  
2. His de - cree who formed the earth,  
3. Plagues and deaths a - round me fly;  
4. Times the tempt - er's pow'r to prove,  
5. He that formed me in the womb,



ev - er gra - cious, ev - er wise;  
fixed my first and sec - ond birth;  
'til he bids I can - not die.  
times to taste a Sav - ior's love:  
he shall guide me to the tomb.



all my times are in your hand,  
now my life to him I owe.  
not a sing - le shaft can hit  
all must come, and last and end,  
All my times shall ev - er be



all e - vents at your com - mand.  
Where he leads me I will go.  
'til the God of love things fit.  
as shall please my heav'n - ly friend.  
or - dered by his wise de - cree.

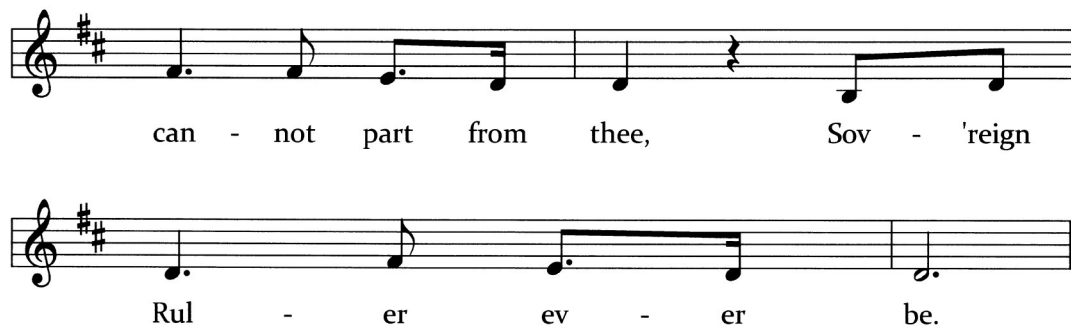


Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er true, keep my



heart to on - ly you. Since I





## Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

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

## Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

## The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken in Unison)

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
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.



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.

## Blessing

(Spoken by Minister)

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.

## Closing Hymn: There Is a Higher Throne

CWH 885

1 There is a high - er throne than all this world has known,  
2 And there we'll find our home, our life be - fore the throne;

where faith - ful ones from ev - 'ry tongue will one day come.  
we'll hon - or him in per - fect song where we be - long.

Be - fore the Son we'll stand, made fault-less through the Lamb;  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hun - ger die;

be - liev - ing hearts find prom - ised grace; sal - va - tion comes.  
the Lamb be-comes our Shep - herd-King; we'll reign with him.

*Refrain*

Hear heav-en's voic - es sing; their thun-d'rous an-them rings through

em - 'rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais - es rise.

All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are

to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>November 26</b>	<b>December 3</b>	<b>December 10</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Harry Novak/Nancy Murphy	Judy Sasse/ Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa
<b>Communion</b>		Dawn	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Patterson	Koutia/Piepenbrink	Gullerud/Kugler
<b>Ushers</b>	John Kull/Kim Moline/ Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger/Jake Ehinger/Trey Ehinger/ Kade Ehinger/Bill Brooks	Jon Naber/ Rich Kugler/Kelly Simpson
<b>Refreshments</b>	Clara Naber	Mary Berggren/ Shannon Gullerud	Kathy Collyard/ Andrea Semmann
<b>A/V</b>	Hailey Ditter/ Joel Ditter	Stacy Aguilar/Gus Koutia	Kelly Simpson/Pedro Contreras

### Arizona Prison Ministry

Arizona Prison Ministry is devoted to mentoring returning citizens and others requiring spiritual guidance with the Gospel so that they have the Lord's help in obtaining a healthy spiritual lifestyle. For more information please call Pastor James Ruppel (509) 800-5018

### Advent by Candlelight

Cross of Glory will be holding Advent by Candlelight for all women of the congregation, and their female family members, friends, and neighbors, on Sunday, December 3rd, at 3PM.

Please join us for this wonderful afternoon of the Word, music, and fellowship to help you prepare your hearts for the Advent season before the holidays get into full swing!



### Monthly Newsletter QR Code

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**Please check out the calendar for all other events:** Our full calendar is posted at [www.crossofglory.org](http://www.crossofglory.org)



December 16, 10:00am	Pre-K Christmas Service
December 16, 11:00am	Live Nativity
December 17, 9:00am	K-4 Christmas Service
December 24	Jomax Worship 9:00am, New River 9:30am
December 24, 6:00pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
December 25, 10:00am	Christmas Day Service

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

**Norm Voigt**, as he continues recovery.

**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.