

# Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



**New Year's Eve  
Memorial Service**  
*Sunday, December 31, 2023*

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***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



On this last day of the year, we remember Cross of Glory sisters and brothers we lost in the last year. We also set our focus on our home, our eternal home in heaven. This home that Jesus has prepared for us through his death on the cross is a home like no other.

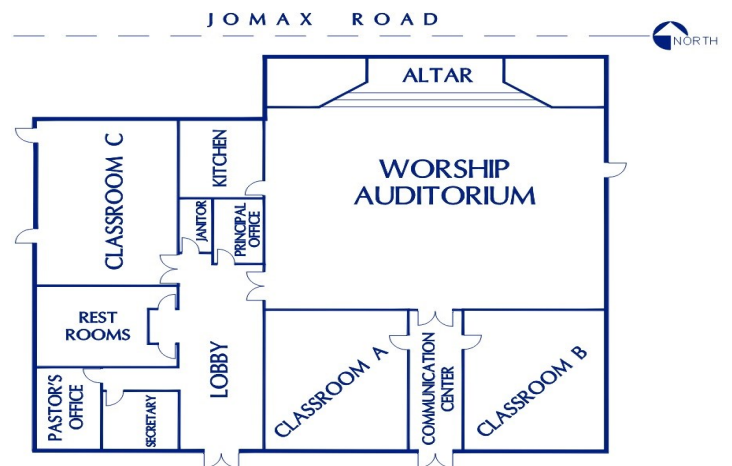
## VISITOR INFORMATION

**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!

## New Year's Eve Memorial Service



We begin Memorial Services recalling members called to heaven this past year now living in the glory of Christ's light.

### In Memorial

Remembering Cross of Glory members called to heaven this year

**M:** I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

**C:** **Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.** (*2 Timothy 4:7-8*)

### Violet James

February 14, 1920—August 8, 2023

**M:** Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

**C:** **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.** (*Colossians 3:1-2*)

### Bill Grams

November 11, 1940—August 24, 2023

**M:** The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

**C:** **it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.**  
(*Lamentations 3:25-26*)

### Guy William Robertson, Sr.

November 30, 1969 —October 13, 2023

**M:** For the LORD will ransom Jacob

**C:** **and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they.**  
(*Jeremiah 31:11*)

**M:** I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

**C:** **And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.** (*John 11:25-26*)

# Opening Hymn: Still, My Soul, Be Still

CWH 834



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 Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of  
2 Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by less - er  
3 Still, my soul, be still; do not for - sake the truth you



change may rage to - mor - row. God is at your side;  
lights and fleet - ing shad - ows. Hold on to his ways  
learned in the be - gin - ning. Wait up - on the Lord



no long - er dread the fires of un - ex - pect - ed sor - row.  
with shield of faith a - gainst temp - ta - tion's flam - ing ar - rows.  
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.

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## Remembrance of Baptism

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: In Holy Baptism, we are clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all our sin. St. Paul affirms, “In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.”

The apostle also writes, “All of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death. We were therefore buried with him through baptism into



We begin with a remembrance of baptism with Bible verses from Galatians 3:26-27 and Romans 6:3-5 reminding us that through baptism we are children of God and will be raised just as Christ was risen.



We are further comforted and given the assurance by additional Bible verses (1 Corinthians 15:53-57; Colossians 3:4) that a believer who dies in Christ will dwell with him forever in heaven.

death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his.”

Christ is risen!

**C: He is risen, indeed!**

## God’s Comfort

M: We have come together to seek God’s comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ who said, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.”

M: The wages of sin is death,

**C: but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

**C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

**C: then we also will appear with him in glory.**



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

## Prayer of the Day

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Eternal Father, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives, you bless us with your love. Grant that in this new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in anticipation of the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**



Isaiah reminds us that God keeps his promises. He kept them to Abraham and he will keep them to us, those who seek the Lord. The promise of eternal life is ours.

## First Reading

*Isaiah 51:1–6*

<sup>1</sup>“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

<sup>2</sup>look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD will surely comfort Zion

and will look with compassion on all her ruins;  
 he will make her deserts like Eden,  
 her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.  
 Joy and gladness will be found in her,  
 thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

<sup>4</sup>“Listen to me, my people;  
 hear me, my nation:  
 Instruction will go out from me;  
 my justice will become a light to the nations.

<sup>5</sup>My righteousness draws near speedily,  
 my salvation is on the way,  
 and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me  
 and wait in hope for my arm.

<sup>6</sup>Lift up your eyes to the heavens,  
 look at the earth beneath;  
 the heavens will vanish like smoke,  
 the earth will wear out like a garment  
 and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever,  
 my righteousness will never fail.

## Psalm 23: The Lord's My Shepherd

CWH 554



1 The Lord's my shep - herd, I'll not want; he makes me  
 2 He guides my ways in right - eous - ness, and he a -  
 3 And though I walk the dark - est path, I will not



lie in pas - tures green. He leads me by the still, still  
 noints my head with oil, and my cup, it o - ver -  
 fear the e - vil one, for you are with me, and your



wa - ters, his good - ness re - stores my soul.  
 flows with joy, I feast on his pure de - lights.  
 rod and staff are the com - fort I need to know.



*In this comforting psalm, God's glory is revealed to us when he reveals the type of God he is: slow to anger, abounding in love, rich in mercy, full of forgiveness, wanting all people to be saved from death and destruction. This is the Shepherd that restored and guided the author of the psalm, King David. This is the Shepherd that restores and guides us.*

*Refrain*

And I will trust in you a - lone, and I will  
 trust in you a - lone, for your end - less mer - cy  
 fol - lows me, your good - ness will lead me home.

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## The Children's Sermon

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



*Jesus teaches that it is the height of folly to live for this temporal life, forgetting the eternal life that is to come.*

## Gospel

*Luke 12:13–21*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”

<sup>14</sup>Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” <sup>15</sup>Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

<sup>16</sup>And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup>He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

<sup>18</sup>“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup>And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

<sup>20</sup>“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

<sup>21</sup>“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”



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



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the  
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let not faith - less  
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions  
 4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.  
 fears o'er - take us; let not faith and hope for - sake us,  
 come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.  
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us



Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.  
 for through man - y a woe to our home we go.  
 Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.  
 till we safe - ly stand in our fa - ther - land.

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**Sermon**

**There's No Place Like Home**

2 Corinthians 5:1–2,  
6–8

<sup>1</sup>For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. <sup>2</sup>Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling,

<sup>6</sup>Therefore we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord. <sup>7</sup>For we live by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup>We are confident, I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord.

*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).*

**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 God,  
 begotten, not made,  
 of one being with the Father.**



*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.*



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.  
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.



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)

### 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

(Spoken Responsively)

**M:** Lord God, heavenly Father, you are always with us, especially when our hearts are heavy with grief. Send us your Spirit so that even as we grieve we are filled with hope. You have convinced us that your Son Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that our loved ones who have fallen asleep in Christ are resting in peace with you. Let nothing shake our confidence in your promise that we will be united with you and them in glory forever. Lord, in your mercy,

**C:** hear our prayer.

**M:** What great mercy you have shown us, Father in heaven! Through your Son's resurrection, our hope is alive and our inheritance is certain. The bliss and security

we will enjoy in your presence are blessings that will never perish, spoil, or fade. Shield us with your power and give us faith to trust in you in every trial until we inherit the glorious riches you are keeping for us in heaven. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: Gracious God, we see your abiding love in the kindness shown to us by family and friends. As we receive comfort and encouragement from others, we are experiencing your care. Help us bear all our burdens patiently. Be the strength of your people, now and in difficult days to come. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

M: O Lord, support us all day long, till the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging and a holy rest and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

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

# Holy Communion

## Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)



Prior to receiving holy communion, we confess our sins. "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.



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.

This hymn reminds those who are about to commune that Jesus said, "For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (Matthew 9:13) and that "in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. (Ephesians 1:7)

**M:** In the name of our God, to whom all hearts are open and from whom no secrets are hidden. Amen.

**C:** O Lord, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy, and in your faithfulness, come to my relief. Do not bring your servant into judgment, for no one living is righteous before you. Almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and repentant sinner, confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, my words, and my actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I am distressed by the sins that trouble me and am deeply sorry for them.

**M:** Jesus says to his people: "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven." His death paid for the guilt of your sins and the sins of the whole world. Do you believe this?

**C:** Yes, I believe.

**M:** Because of the promise of our Savior Jesus, I forgive you all your sins. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life.

## Words of Institution

(Spoken by Minister)

**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.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C:** Amen.

## Communion Canticle: Jesus Sinners Does Receive

CWH 654



1 Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive; oh, may all this  
4 I, a sin - ner, come to you with a pen - i -



say - ing pon - der who in sin's de - lu - sions live  
tent con - fes - sion. Sav - ior, show me mer - cy, too;

and from God and heav - en wan - der. Here is hope for  
grant for all my sins re - mis - sion. Let these words my

all who grieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.  
soul re - lieve: Je - sus sin - ners does re - ceive.

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## 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.

## Distribution Hymn: Abide with Me

CWH 783



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

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,  
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
but kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,  
and though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;  
thou hast not left me oft as I left thee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.  
on to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?  
 Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?  
 Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;  
 ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
 I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.  
 Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

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The Nunc Dimittis ("now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon" (Luke 2: 29-32). Through God's Word and Sacrament, we too have seen Christ, the Messiah. Like aged Simeon who held the Christ-child in his arms as God had promised, we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

### Song of Simeon Nunc Dimittis

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your  
 ser - vant now de - part ac - cord - ing to your  
 word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which  
 you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a light to light - en the  
 Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of your peo - ple  
 Is - ra - el. In peace, in peace.

## 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: Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year

CWH 368

1 Now greet the swift - ly chang - ing year with  
5 With him as Lord to lead our way in  
6 "All glo - ry be to God on high, and  
joy and pen - i - tence sin - cere. Re - joice! Re-joice! With  
want and in pros - per - i - ty, what need we fear in  
peace on earth!" the an - gels cry. Re - joice! Re-joice! With  
thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.  
earth or space in this new year of grace?  
thanks em - brace an - oth - er year of grace.

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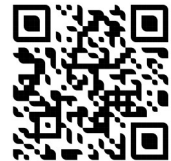
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<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>December 31</b>	<b>January 7</b>	<b>January 14</b>
<b>Counters</b>	Judy Sasse/Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan
<b>Communion</b>	Andrea/Dawn	Sharon	
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams	Patterson
<b>Ushers</b>	Nick Nickolai/ Sharon Wilson	John Kull/Kim Moline/ Dean Ellis	Jon Naber/Rich Kugler/Kelly Simpson
<b>Refreshments</b>	Mary Berggren/ Shannon Gullerud	Paula Considine	Stacy Cornell/Diana Piepenbrink
<b>A/V</b>	Stacy Cornell/Pedro Contreras	Shannon Gullerud/ Aaron Gullerud	Hailey Ditter/Joel Ditter

### Pastor Pudlo's Installation Service

Pastor Zachary Pudlo will be installed as pastor of Cross of Glory on January 7 in a service at 4:00 p.m. A meal and program will follow the service. The WinGs (Women in God's Service) group is organizing the meal. The meat, rolls, beverages, cakes, and other supplies are being provided by various donations and with a Thrivent card. Please sign up using the provided QR code for salads to complete the menu and for helping with clean-up.

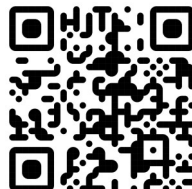


### Pantry Shower

This past Sunday, December 17, a Pantry Shower was planned for Pastor Pudlo and his family. Please bring food and household items, gift cards, etc., to the church, where a box will be provided.

### Monthly News

Please check your email or scan this QR code for the monthly newsletter.



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

***Diane Lawrence** who recently broke all three of the bones in her left ankle.*

***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.