

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Easter Festival
Sunday, March 31, 2024

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1011 W Jomax Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Zachary Pudlo
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of

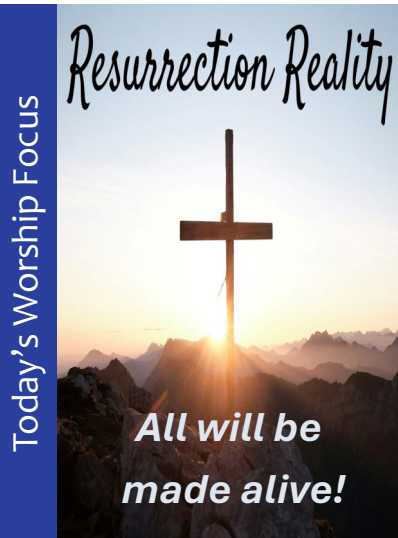


God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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.



St. Paul writes, "Christ has indeed been raised from the dead" (1 Corinthians 15:20). Big word: Indeed! Paul is stressing that we must not think of Jesus' resurrection like a happy ending to another epic fable. The resurrection is not legend. It really happened. Easter is not just a holiday. **Easter is history.** On time's infinite line, Jesus' resurrection is the punctiliar moment that defines reality for us all. If Christ remained dead, he is a fraud and failure. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality: Jesus is exactly what he claimed to be—the Son of God, our Lord and Savior. If Christ remained dead, then the grave is the final, ugly, rotten end of us all. But Christ has indeed been raised. So, the reality is Jesus' resurrection proves that "all will be made alive" (1 Corinthians 15:22). The reality of the resurrection does not just change our future, but the way we look at life now. **Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!**

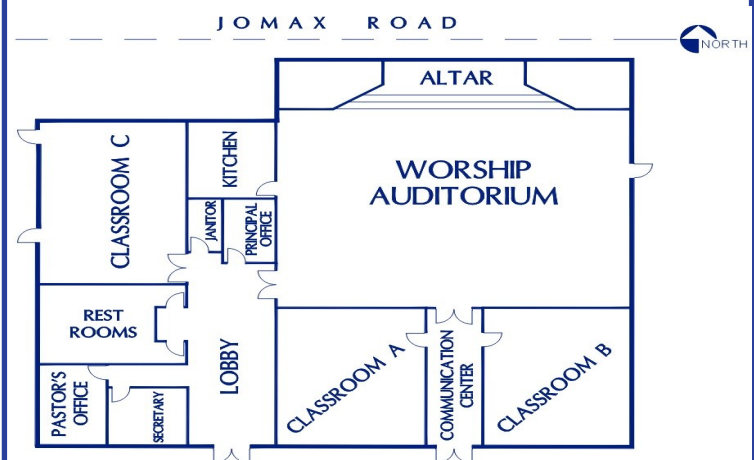
VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat.

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!

Easter Festival Service

Ensemble

It Was Finished Upon the Cross

Words and Music by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson and Nigel Hendroff

Easter Acclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

C: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

M: He has made him ruler over the works of his hands;

C: he has put everything under his feet.

M: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.

C: He shall reign forever and ever!

M: Alleluia! Christ has destroyed death!

C: And has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

C: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor!

M: Rejoice now, all you heavenly angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.

C: Rejoice, O Church of Christ; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing.

M: On this most holy day our Savior, Christ, the Lord, broke the power of death and by his resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for he truly keeps his word. The sun of righteousness has dawned on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.



*In the greeting this
Easter morning, we
proclaim the salvation
won by our risen Sav-
ior.*



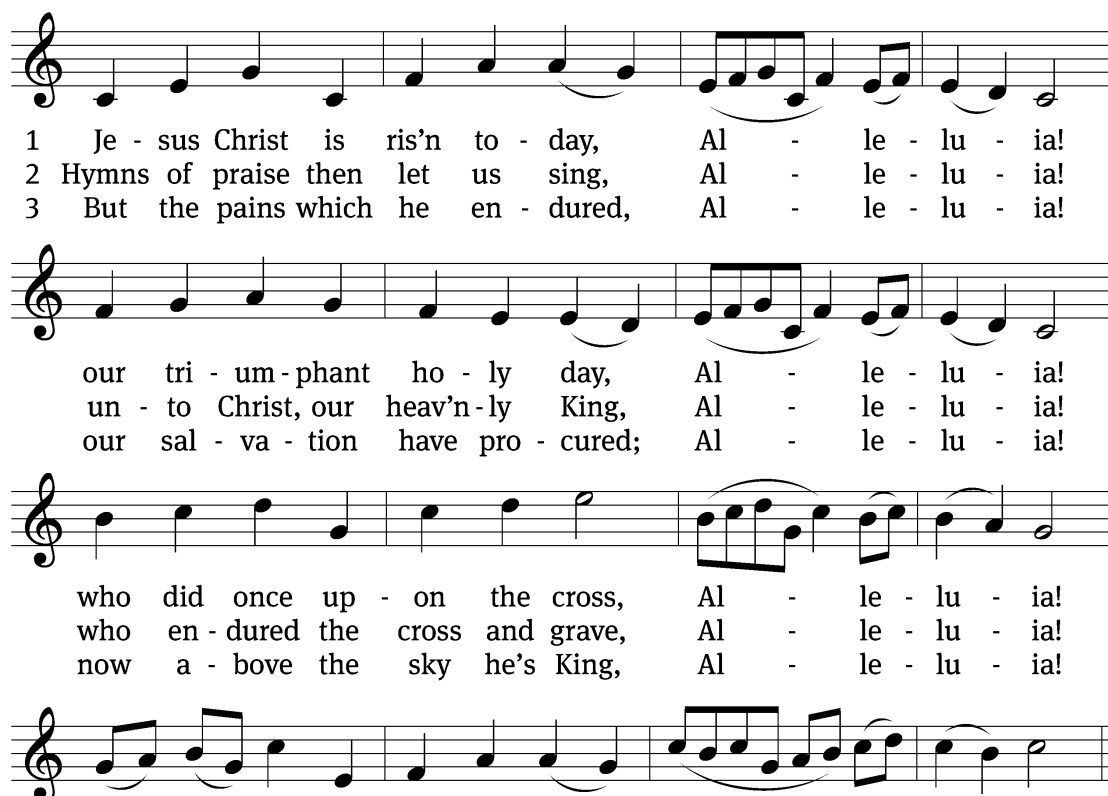
Six weeks ago, on Transfiguration Sunday we processed the Alleluia banner out of the sanctuary, signifying the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of somber reflection where we refrained from singing Alleluia during services.

As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and his triumph over the grave—securing our salvation—we return the Alleluia banner to the sanctuary symbolizing the joy of our salvation!

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today

CWH 438

Alleluia banner is processed into the sanctuary



1 Je - sus Christ is ris'n to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 But the pains which he en - dured, Al - le - lu - ia!

our tri - um - phant ho - ly day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 un - to Christ, our heav'n - ly King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 our sal - va - tion have pro - cured; Al - le - lu - ia!

who did once up - on the cross, Al - le - lu - ia!
 who en - dured the cross and grave, Al - le - lu - ia!
 now a - bove the sky he's King, Al - le - lu - ia!

suf - fer to re - deem our loss. Al - le - lu - ia!
 sin - ners to re - deem and save. Al - le - lu - ia!
 where the an - gels ev - er sing. Al - le - lu - ia!

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"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.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb.
 As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

C: When I was in great need, he saved me.

M: The Lord is my strength and my song;

C: He has become my salvation.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken by Minister; Sung response by Congregation)

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

CWH 471



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

1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds in
2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings, there -

praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has

tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he

an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all

here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.



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



By faith Job knew that because the redeemer lives, even though Job would die and his body would decay, he would see his God with his own eyes in the resurrection.

First Reading

Job 19:23–27

²³“Oh, that my words were recorded,
that they were written on a scroll,
²⁴that they were inscribed with an iron tool on lead,
or engraved in rock forever!
²⁵I know that my redeemer lives,
and that in the end he will stand on the earth.
²⁶And after my skin has been destroyed,
yet in my flesh I will see God;
²⁷I myself will see him
with my own eyes—I, and not another.
How my heart yearns within me!

Choir

I Know My Redeemer Lives

Words and Music by Laura Story, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Papa,
Kristyn Getty & Matt Merker; Arranged by Lloyd Larson



Christ gives us hope in this life. But Christ's resurrection gives us hope also for the eternal life that is to come.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:19–26

¹⁹If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.
²⁰But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²²For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³But each in turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.
²⁴Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Hymn of Response: Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery

CWH 535



1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
4 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



In our long-ing, in our dark-ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet-ter Ad-am, come to save the hell-bound man.
What a fore-taste of de-liv-'rance; how un-wa-ver-ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
Christ the great and sure ful-fill-ment of the law; in him we stand.
Christ in pow-er res-ur-rect-ed as will we be when he comes.

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The Children's Sermon

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

Hymn of the Day: Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

CWH 454



1 Al-le-lu-ia! Je-sus is ris-en! Trum-pets re-
2 Walk-ing the way, Christ in the cen-ter tell-ing the
4 Weep-ing, be gone; sor-row, be si-lent: death put a-



sound-ing in glo-ri-ous light! Splen-dor, the Lamb, heav-en for-
sto-ry to o-pen our eyes; break-ing our bread, giv-ing us
sun-der, and Eas-ter is bright. Cher-u-bim sing: "O grave, be



ev-er! Oh, what a mir-a-cle God has in sight!
glo-ry: Je-sus our bless-ing, our con-stant sur-prise.
o-pen!" Clothe us in won-der, a-dorn us in light.

Refrain



Je-sus is ris-en and we shall a-rise:



Give God the glo-ry! Al-le-lu-ia!

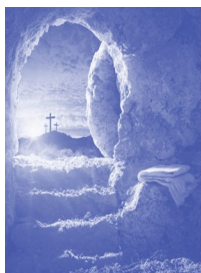


This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

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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).



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.

Sermon: Resurrection Faith

Mark 16:1–8

¹When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. ²Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb ³and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

⁴But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. ⁵As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

⁶"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. ⁷But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.' "

⁸Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid.

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.**



1 See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious-ly bright, with the dawn-ing of
 2 See Mar-y weep-ing, "Where is he laid?" as in sor-row she
 3 One with the Fa-ther, An-cient of Days, thro' the Spir-it who



hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; fold - ed the grave-clothes,
 turns from the emp - ty tomb. Hears a voice speak-ing,
 clothes faith with cer - tain - ty. Hon - or and bless-ing,



tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an-nounce, "Christ is
 call - ing her name; it's the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow'r and au-



ris - en!" See God's sal - va - tion plan, wrought in
 life a-gain! The voice that spans the years, speak-ing
 thor - i - ty! And we are raised with him; death is



love, borne in pain, paid in sac - ri-fice, ful - filled in
 life, stir-ring hope, bring-ing peace to us, will sound till
 dead, love has won, Christ has con - quered. And we shall



Christ, the Man, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 he ap - pears, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!
 reign with him, for he lives: Christ is ris-en from the dead!

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Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

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



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)

Prayer of the Church for Easter

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Almighty and merciful God, on this glorious day we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Increase our faith that the message of the empty tomb may fill our lives and make us glad each day.

C: **When we are weak, be our strength; when we are sad, be our song; and when we sin, be our salvation.**

M: Remove the hurt of death from all who mourn. In moments of grief call believers through the voice of our Good Shepherd and embolden us to follow his promises. In their hopelessness of despair turn the faithless to trust in the only Way, Truth, and Life.

C: **Wipe away tears born of death and give new birth to a living hope in the hearts of the lost and troubled. Use our witness as compassion and comfort for others in need of mercy.**

M: King of kings and Lord of lords, destroy all dominion, authority, and power that stands against you, whether seen or unseen. Whatever evil exerts itself against your saving will--false teaching or lukewarm faith, Satan's lies or worldly pleasures, empty worship or futile religion—rule it for the sake of the gospel's free course.

C: **Triumph over our enemies and empower the Church to fight the good fight to the end. Never leave us or forsake us.**

M: Walk among our churches, O Living One, as the faithful witness and firstborn from the dead. As your angel sent women with news of the risen Christ, call women in our church to announce, "He is risen!" As you sent your disciples with the breath of the Spirit, call those in our church full of the Spirit and wisdom to administer the keys of the kingdom.

C: **Wherever we live and whatever we do, help us to be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have in Christ.**

M: Heavenly Father keep the baptized united with your Son in his resurrection. Put to death the fleshly urges of those caught in addictions, clothe in your righteousness anyone ashamed of good intentions which have fallen short, and assure those searching for purpose that their eternal identity as your dear children is sealed.

C: **Thank you for the power of baptism working in our lives, and for the certainty of its promises through the resurrection. Enrich us with everything we need for life and godliness.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

~Silent prayer~

M: O Lord of life, you have done mighty things for us! We pray through him who is the Beginning and the End, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **His name is above every name, to the glory of God the Father! Amen.**

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.



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

Easter Blessing

(Spoken Responsively)

M: "Hallelujah! Praise our God, all you his servants,

C: **you who fear him, both small and great!"**

M: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.

C: **Let us rejoice and be glad, and give him glory."**

M: Now may the glorious Father, who by his power raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, give you the spirit of wisdom to know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

And may he preserve you in body, soul, and spirit until our own resurrection on the day of Christ Jesus.

C: **Amen.**



*The Easter blessing is a
final responsive accla-
mation of God's glory
followed by the words
of Ephesians 1:17-19.*

Ensemble

King of Kings

*Words and Music by Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram,
and Scott Ligertwood
Congregation joins for final refrain*

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Weekly Newsletter

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	March 31st	April 7th	April 14th
Counters	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak
Communion		Sharon	
Cleaners	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams	Koutia/Piepenbrink
Greeters	Brad Hotz Carolyn Hotz	Gary Jeffers Brenda Jeffers	Jennifer Paul William Paul
Ushers	7:00am Cody Hall Joel Ditter 9:30am Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Kade Ehinger Bill Brooks
Sunday Refreshments	Easter Breakfast	Stacy Cornell Diana Piepenbrink	Jennifer Paul Rachel Plitzuweit
A/V	Hailey Ditter Joel Ditter	Stacy Aguilar Gus Koutia	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras

Hope Patterson & Kassi Aguilar

Hope Patterson and Kassi Aguilar, both members of Cross of Glory, are attending Martin Luther College (MLC) in New Ulm, Minnesota, to be trained for the teaching ministry in the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. We again have an opportunity to help them through our financial support for the next school year. The college will match Cross of Glory's gift, up to \$1,325 for each of them. It will go directly to their tuition accounts

If you wish to contribute, please use the **special envelope** located at each of the church's entrances. You may place it in the offering plate or mail it inside your own envelope to the church office. If you do not have access to the special envelope, please identify your gift on the check as going to the MLC tuition fund. Make your check out to **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church**. Gifts that total more than \$2,650 will add even more to Kassi's and Hope's tuition accounts. Funds will need to be submitted by the end of July.

WinGS Update

The next WinGS meeting is planned for Saturday, May 4, at 9:00 a.m. at church. At this meeting we will vote on electing a president and secretary. If anyone is interested in either of these positions, please email me by April 13 so we can have you listed on the ballot! In regards to the WinGS field manual for different committees, this is still a work in progress, and as soon as we get that finalized, I will email it out to the group.

As always, please reach out to me with any questions!

"I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope" (Psalm 130:5).

Karin
712-660-0386

Grand Canyon West Spring Rally 2024

Please use this QR code to view the information and register for the upcoming LWMS Spring Rally. It will be held on April 13 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa, AZ.



WELS Women's Ministry Conference

Women have so many callings in life – daughter, mother, single, employee/employer, wife, grandmother, provider. WELS Women's Ministry invites all WELS women to get away and be strengthened in all their callings. Don't forget this one, "You are my witnesses." It's a call Christ gave to women – the call to be a witness for the gospel.

On behalf of Women's Ministry, you're invited to get away and be "Empowered to Proclaim." The conference will be held July 28-30, 2024, at The Ingleside Hotel, Waukesha, Wisconsin. Please use this QR code for more information.



Call Information

Brian Papenfuss has been called to teach the 7th- and 8th-grade homeroom and serve as our athletic director. Brian currently teaches in Lomira, Wisconsin. His wife, Laurel, is currently a calculus teacher at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. However, she has decided to stay home starting next school year to spend more time with their 8- and 11-year-old children. Note Brian Papenfuss spells his name slightly differently than our current Pappenfuss teachers. They are distant relatives.

Andrew Mildebrandt was called to teach the 5th- and 6th-grade homeroom and serve as our school music director. Mr. Mildebrandt has served in both Wisconsin and California. His and Cindi's children are grown and out of the house. Andy currently serves at Winnebago Lutheran Academy as an instructor of music and theater.

Please reach out to these men to give them your perspective on the Cross of Glory congregation and school ministry.

Brian Papenfuss: bpapenfuss@stjohnslomira.com - 715-412-3969 (cell)

Andrew Mildebrandt: amildebrandt@wlvikings.org - 920-933-1102 (cell)

Below is Brian Papenfuss' acknowledgement letter:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church and School,

Paul writes to the Ephesian Christians, "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (Ephesians 4:11-12). Being a member and a part of God's church is truly a humbling experience. I am writing to inform you that I have received the divine call that you have issued to me to teach 7th and 8th grades and to serve as the athletic director. I look forward to finding out more information about the ministry in Peoria in the next few weeks. I ask for your prayers and support for my family and me as I prayerfully deliberate on where I can best serve our God. I welcome any input from your members and school families that wish to reach out to me to tell me more about Cross of Glory's ministry. My email is bpapenfuss@stjohnslomira.com. My cell phone number is (715)-412-3969. Please don't hesitate to contact me. May God bless you during this time as He leads His church to best serve His plans.

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

Diane Lawrence, who is healing from surgery.

Velta Larson, as she recovers from eye surgery and is now recovering from a broken pelvis.

Angela Hall, who is starting physical therapy for her ankle replacement.

Judy Sasse, who is recovering from surgery and will be undergoing radiation treatments for cancer that was discovered.

Phil Fidel, as he mourns the death of his wife Fran

Norm Voigt, as he enters hospice.

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.