

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Confirmation Sunday
Sunday, May 5, 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!**

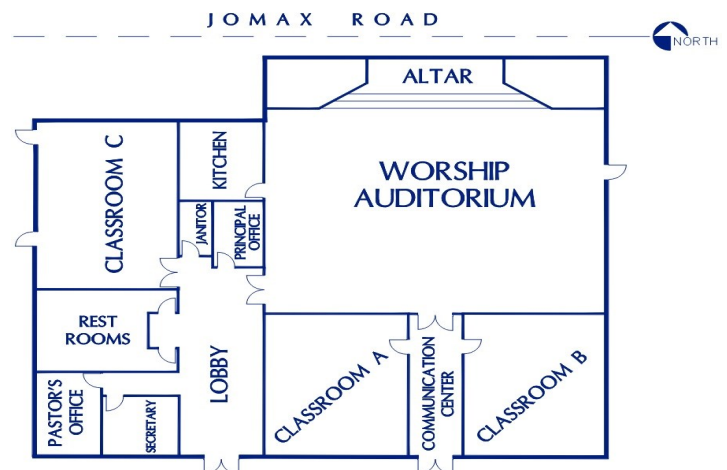
VISITOR INFORMATION

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

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 Setting 3 and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn: May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

CWH 697



1 May we your pre - cepts, Lord, ful - fill and do on
2 So may we join your name to bless, your grace a -
3 Spir - it of life, of love, and peace, u - nite our

earth our Fa - ther's will as an - gels do a - bove;
dore, your pow'r con - fess, to flee from sin and strife.
hearts, our joy in - crease, your gra - cious help sup - ply.

still walk in Christ, the liv - ing way, with all your
One is our call - ing, one our name, the end of
To each of us the bless - ing give in Chris - tian

chil - dren, and o - bey the law of Chris - tian love.
all our hopes the same: a glo - rious crown of life.
fel - low - ship to live, in joy - ful hope to die.

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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)

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.

Confession and Absolution

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Almighty and merciful Father, we have strayed from your ways like lost
sheep. We have followed what we have devised and desired in our hearts.
We have offended you and sinned against your holy law. We have done
those things that we should not have done, and we have not done those



“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.

things that we should have done. Have mercy on us, Lord! Spare us, forgive us, and restore us, according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

M: God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

A musical score for the hymn "Glory to God in the Highest". The score is written on ten staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and suitable for congregational singing.

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, glo - ry to God, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ. with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men. Glo - ry to God in the
high - est, glo - ry to God, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

The Word

Prayer of the Day

M: O God, you are the giver of everything good. Inspire us, your humble servants, to long for what is right and, through your gracious guidance, accomplish it to your glory; 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

Acts 9:36–42

³⁶In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, “Please come at once!”

³⁹Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

⁴⁰Peter sent them all out of the room; then he got down on his knees and prayed. Turning toward the dead woman, he said, “Tabitha, get up.” She opened her eyes, and seeing Peter she sat up. ⁴¹He took her by the hand and helped her to her feet. Then he called for the believers, especially the widows, and presented her to them alive. ⁴²This became known all over Joppa, and many people believed in the Lord.

Choir

Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love

Words and Music by Aaron Keyes, Keith Getty, Matt Papa and Luke Brown

Arranged by Joseph M. Martin

Second Reading

1 John 4:7–11, 19–21

⁷Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. ¹⁰This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. ²¹And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.



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



Because Tabitha loved Jesus, she was always helping the poor in the town of Joppa. Because Jesus loved the people of Joppa, he had Peter raise Tabitha from the dead.



Friends, since God so love us, we also ought to love one another.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)



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

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. (*John 14:23*)



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

Hymn of the Day: How Deep the Father's Love for Us

CWH 523



1 How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all
2 Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his
3 I will not boast in an - y - thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no



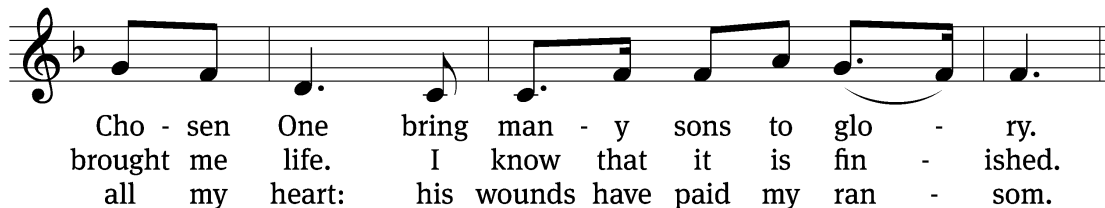
mea - sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to
shoul - ders. A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call
wis - dom. But I will boast in Je - sus Christ: his



make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing loss.
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him there
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re - ward?



The Fa - ther turns his face a - way as wounds which mar the
un - til it was ac - com - plished; his dy - ing breath has
I can - not give an an - swer. But this I know with



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Sermon

Commitment for the Future

John 15:9–17

⁹“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commands and remain in his love. ¹¹I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. ¹²My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command. ¹⁵I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. ¹⁷This is my command: Love each other.

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.**

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.



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.

**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.



Confirmation is intended to give those who have received basic instruction in the truths of God's Word the opportunity publicly to confess their faith before the church. The rite informs the congregation that these youth have sufficient scriptural understanding and spiritual maturity to partake of the Lord's Supper.

The importance of confirmation does not lie in the rite itself. The focus must always be on the means of grace. This instruction imparts the basic teachings of Christianity and provides the knowledge necessary for growth toward Christian maturity. Catechism class lays a foundation upon which the Christian will build for a lifetime.

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.

Rite of Confirmation

Paityn Ditter

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9

Titus Patterson

He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:5

Jett Woodworth

*Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.*

Psalms 119:105

The Sacrament

Preface

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

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

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

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

Holy, Holy, Holy *Sanctus*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

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

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

C: Amen.

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

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.**



*The pastor speaks the
words which Jesus
spoke when he institut-
ed 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.*

Word of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

Lamb of God *Agnus Dei*

(Sung by Congregation)

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It begins in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The score includes a key change to D major (two sharps) starting on the word 'Lamb' in the second line. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us, Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; Grant us your
peace. A - men.



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

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.



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

Distribution Hymn: Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice

CWH 557



1 Dear Chris-tians, one and all, re - joice, with ex - ul - ta - tion
2 Fast bound in Sa - tan's chains I lay; death brood-ed dark - ly
3 My own good works a - vailed me naught, no mer - it they at -
4 But God be - held my wretch-ed state be - fore the world's foun -



spring - ing, and, with u - nit - ed heart and voice and ho - ly
o'er me. Sin was my tor - ment night and day; in sin my
tain - ing; my will a - gainst God's judg-ment fought, no hope for
da - tion, and, mind - ful of his mer - cies great, he planned for



rap - ture sing - ing, pro-claim the won - ders God has done, how
moth - er bore me. Yet deep and deep - er still I fell; life
me re - main - ing. My fears in-crcased till sheer de - spair left
my sal - va - tion. A fa - ther's heart he turned to me, sought



his right arm the vic - t'ry won. How dear - ly it has cost him!
had be - come a liv - ing hell, so firm - ly sin pos - sessed me.
on - ly death to be my share and hell to be my sen - tence.
my re - demp - tion fer - vent - ly; he gave his dear - est trea - sure.

He spoke to his beloved Son: "It's time to have compassion.

Then go, bright jewel of my crown, and bring to all salvation.

**From sin and sorrow set them free; slay bitter death for them that they
may live with you forever."**

**The Son obeyed his Father's will, was born of virgin mother,
and, God's good pleasure to fulfill, he came to be my brother.**

**No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; a servant's form like mine he bore
to lead the devil captive.**

To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me, I am your rock and castle.

Your ransom I myself will be; for you I strive and wrestle.

**For I am yours, your friend divine, and evermore you shall be mine;
the foe shall not divide us.**

**"The foe will shed my precious blood, me of my life bereaving;
all this I suffer for your good; be steadfast and believing.**

**Life will from death the vict'ry win; my innocence shall bear your sin,
and you are blest forever.**

**“Now to my Father I depart, the Holy Spirit sending
and, heav’nly wisdom to impart, my help to you extending.
He will a source of comfort be, teach you to know and follow me,
and in all truth will guide you.**

**“What I on earth have lived and taught be all your life and teaching;
so shall my kingdom’s work be wrought and honored in your preaching.
Take care that no one’s man-made laws
should e’er destroy the gospel’s cause; this final word I leave you.”**

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Thanksgiving and Proclamation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: **his mercy endures forever.**

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: **we proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.**

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving-kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

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



*The **Aaronic Blessing** is the blessing that Aaron and his sons were to speak over the people of Israel, recorded in Numbers 6:23–27. The pastor offers the same blessing to the congregation as they are about to conclude their worship.*

1 God loves me dear - ly, grants me sal -
 3 He sent forth Je - sus, my dear Re -
 5 Now I will praise you, O Love e -

va - tion, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.
 deem - er, he sent forth Je - sus and set me free.
 ter - nal; now I will praise you all my life long.

Refrain

There - fore I'll say a - gain: God loves me
 dear - ly, God loves me dear - ly, loves e - ven me.

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Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

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

After Communing

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

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Weekly Newsletter

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Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	May 5th	May 12th	May 19th
Counters	Nick Nicholai Michael Ryan	Nancy Murphy Harry Novak	Joel Ditter Nancy Schirripa
Communion	Dawn		Sharon
Cleaners	Martins/Pappenfuss/ Cape	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams
Greeters	Ryan Family	John Stevenson Maggie Stevenson	Hall Family
Ushers	Len Collyard Nick Nickolai Steve Semmann Cody Hall	Sharon Wilson Joel Ditter	Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit Paul Borkovec
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Stacey Aguilar Karen Goelzer	Clara Naber
A/V	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson	Stacy Cornell Pedro Contreras

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

***Diane Lawrence**, who is learning to walk again.*

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

***Angela Hall**, who has started 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*

***The family of Norm Voigt**, during this time of loss.*

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.