

LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR



Pentecost 8
Sunday, August 4, 2019
Full Script



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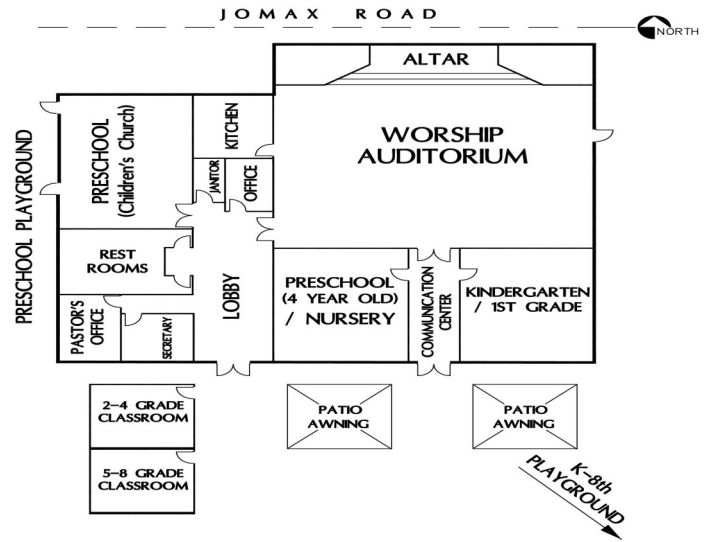
Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

Vistancia Campus
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9:30am Worship

Welcome to our Worship Center! 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.

Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby .
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4th grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special



children's message at the feet of the pastor. If parents wish, the children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find age-appropriate and spiritually focused activities to work on during the regular sermon. At the time of the offering, children return to sit with their parents. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available

**Worship
focus**

The believer loves his neighbor.—that includes everyone—the person who doesn't look like us or worships a different god—the person who has treated us poorly—the person on death row who has committed unspeakable crimes. We have every reason to love our fellow man. We know what we were when God found us; we know the love and mercy he poured out on us. Christ, the compassion of God, has treated our spiritual wounds and paid for our healing with his own blood. As we have known his goodness, let us do good to all.

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Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

OPENING HYMN

In Unity and Peace (CWS773) 3 V.s.

Refrain:

How good it is and how pleasant to live in unity and peace.
How good it is and how pleasant to live together in one Lord.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.
May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. *[Refrain]*

Live a life that is worthy of your call; be humble, gentle, and patient.
Bear with each other in ways that are loving; preserve the unity of faith.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. *[Refrain]*

Share the love that has joined us as one; unite in spirit and ideals.
Never be rivals; do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.
For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. *[Refrain]*

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

(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.

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

(Sung by Congregation)

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

Congregation Sings:

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 30:9-14

Then the LORD your God will make you most prosperous in all the work of your hands and in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock and the crops of your land. The LORD will again delight in you and make you prosperous, just as he delighted in your ancestors, ¹⁰if you obey the LORD your God and keep his commands and decrees that are written in this Book of the Law and turn to the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ¹¹Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹²It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "Who will ascend into heaven to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴No, the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it.

PSALM 25

*(Spoken Responsively; Sung Response—"To God, in Whom I Trust" -
Sung to the melody "O Bless the Lord, My Soul" (CW238))*

M: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;

C: In you I trust, O my God.

M: Remember, O LORD, your great mercy and love,

C: For they are from of old.

M: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me,

C: For you are good, O LORD.

M: Turn to me and be gracious to me,

C: for I am lonely and afflicted.

M: Look on my affliction and my distress

C: And take away all my sins.

M: Guard my life and rescue me;

C: For I take refuge in you.

Congregation Sings:

To God, in whom I trust, I lift my heart and voice;

Oh, let me not be put to shame, nor let my foes rejoice.

His mercy, and his truth, the righteous Lord displays,

In bringing wand'ring sinners home, and teaching them his ways.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 1:1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, ²To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father. ³We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, ⁴because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all God's people— ⁵the faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true message of the gospel ⁶that has come to you. In the same way, the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world—just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and truly understood God's grace. ⁷You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, ⁸and who also told us of your love in the Spirit. ⁹For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives, ¹⁰so that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, ¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience,¹² and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister, Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. *(Deuteronomy 30:14)*

Congregation Sings:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERMON HYMN

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go (CW518—Melody CW582) 5 V.s.

**Forth in the peace of Christ we go; Christ to the world with joy we bring,
Christ in our minds, Christ in our lips, Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.
King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings; Kingship with him his servants gain.
With Christ the Servant, Lord of all, Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.
Priests to the world, yes royal priests As members of Christ's family,
Cleansed by the great high—priestly death, We preach atonement full and free.
Christ on our lips, his Word we speak, Prophets are we whose deeds proclaim
Christ's truth in love that we may be Christ in the world, to spread Christ's name.**

**We are the Church; Christ bids us show that in his Church all nations find
Their hearth and home where Christ restores true peace, true love to humankind.**

SERMON

Love Your Neighbor!

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” ²⁷ He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind”; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” ²⁸ “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” ²⁹ But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. ³² So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’” ³⁶ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” ³⁷ The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”

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NICENE CREED

(Spoken in Unison)

C: 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 fully 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 glori-

fied, 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.

 SONG OF THE SEASON

Living Waters 4 V.s.

**Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters;
Tired and broken; Peace unspoken; Rest beside these living waters.”**

**Christ is calling; Find refreshing; At the cross of living waters.
Lay your life down; All the old gone; Rise up in these living waters .**

Refrain:

**There’s a river that flows with mercy and love;
Bringing joy to the city of our God. There our hope is secure;
Do not fear anymore; Praise the Lord of living waters.**

**Spirit moving; Mercy washing; Healing in these living waters.
Lead your children; To the shore line; Life is in these living waters. [Refrain]**

**Are you thirsty? Are you empty: Come and drink these living waters,
Love, forgiveness; Vast and boundless Christ, He is our living waters, [Refrain]**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD’S PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

C: 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.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SALUTATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

C: So that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

C: For we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup.
(1 Cor 11:26-28)

COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Sung by Congregation)

**Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come I come.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Spoken by Minister)* AND RESPONSE

(Sung by Congregation)

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.

Congregation Sings:

**What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see the Lord is peace.**

**What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see the Lord is King.**

**Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see the Lord is good.**

DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT

(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)

*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 at sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Salvation unto Us Has Come (CW390)

**Salvation unto us has come By God's free grace and favor.
Good works cannot avert our doom; They help and save us never.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ alone, Who did for all the world atone;**

He is the one Redeemer.

What God does in his law demand And none to him can render
Brings wrath and woe on ev'ry hand For man, the vile offender.
Our flesh has not those pure desires The spirit of the law requires,
And lost is our condition.

It is a false, misleading dream That God his law has given
That sinners can themselves redeem And by their works gain heaven.
The law is but a mirror bright To bring the inbred sin to light
That lurks within our nature.

Yet as the law must be fulfilled Or we must die despairing,
Christ came and has God's anger stilled, Our human nature sharing.
He has for us the law obeyed And thus the Father's vengeance stayed
Which over us impended.

Since Christ has full atonement made And brought to us salvation,
Each Christian therefore may be glad And build on this foundation.
Your grace alone, dear Lord, I plead; Your death is now my life indeed,
For you have paid my ransom.

All blessing, honor, thanks, and praise To Father, Son, and Spirit,
The God who saved us by his grace--All glory to his merit!
O Triune God in heav'n above, You have revealed your saving love;
Your blessed name be hallowed!

SONG OF SIMEON

(Sung by Congregation)

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your servant now depart according to your word,
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev'ry people, a
light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. In peace, in peace.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

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 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. Amen.

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** They'll Know We are Christians by Our Love *LAP298*) 3 Vs.

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**We will walk with each other we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who make us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

August 6th	6:00 pm	Event Planning Meeting
August 6th	7:00 pm	Evangelism Meeting
August 8th	3:00 pm	COG School Orientation
August 10th	6:00 pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 11th	9:00 am	Installation & New Member Service (Jomax)
August 11th	11:00 am	Potluck (Jomax)
August 11th	9:30 am	Worship Service (Vistancia)

LOOKING AHEAD

August 13th	6:30 pm	Church Council
August 14th		First Day of School
August 17th	6:00 pm	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
August 18th	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
August 18th	9:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion (Vistancia)

Worship Volunteers	August 4th	August 11th	August 18th
Refreshments	Ally Kelley/ Susie Cornell	Cristy Meringer/Sheri Garver/ Margaret Walker	Rachel Plitzuweit/ Maria Kelley
Greeters	Ebel	Wempner	Wilson
Counters	Sasse/L. Wempner	Sasse/Brooks	J Wempner/Cornell
Church Cleaners	Foxen/Cornells	Plitzuweit/Alcoba/ Peterson	Ebel/Meringer
Communion Set-Up	Julian	-	Lynn
Ushers	Gary Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson/ Cody Hall/ Caleb Patterson/ Issac Patterson/ Titus Patterson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit
Vistancia Ushers	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck	Gary Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson/ Cody Hall/ Caleb Patterson/ Issac Patterson/ Titus Patterson

****** August 11th we will be celebrating the installation of Rachel Severeid and our new members with a special service followed by a potluck dinner. Please be on the lookout for the SignUp Genius.**

****** The upcoming Men's Retreat will take place October 11th-13th at UCYC Prescott. The initial \$50 deposit can be paid via check or online through Vanco. Check payments are made to Cross of Glory and placed in offering plate. Please reference Men's Retreat on both methods of payment. There is a sign-up sheet in both entries or this is the link to reserve your spot via SignUp Genius. **Please reserve your spot ASAP!!!!****

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAAAAA29AA8-mens>

******Meditations are in!! Make sure you check your boxes if you ordered one or pick one up in the narthex at the Jomax campus.**

******We have a sign-up sheet for the new EHV bible in the narthex at the Jomax Campus or you can request to be put on that list via email to**

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

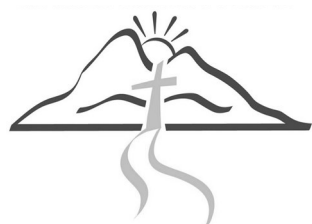
COG LES Orientation

Thursday, August 8th
3:00-7:00



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

5k Community Run
Saturday, September 28th



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. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. 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.