

Pentecost 11
Sunday, August 25, 2019



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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

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

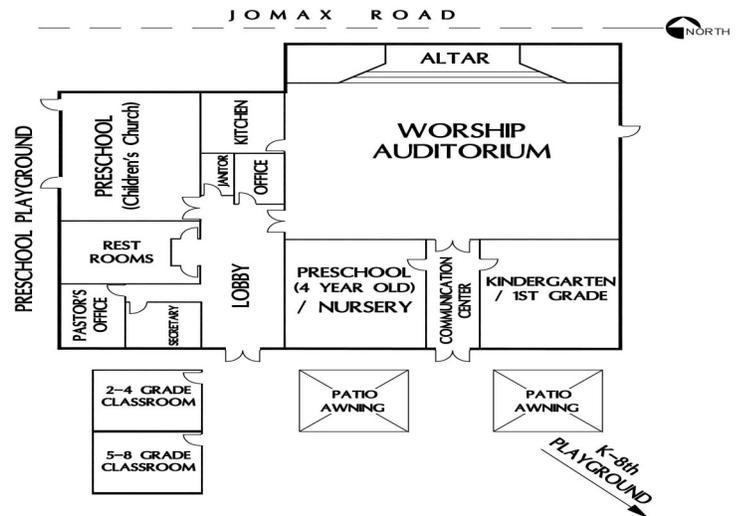
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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 world tends to judge success by bank account balance and the number of trinkets acquired in a lifetime. In our sermon text today, Jesus points out that the opposite is true: earthly wealth is meaningless. Jesus teaches us how foolish it is to think that life consists of what we have. By contrast, the life of faith is lived in joyful thanksgiving for both the temporal and eternal blessings that come from above. By faith, this, then, is being rich toward God—a life of thanksgiving for all that he has given us through Jesus.

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Service of Celebration and Reverence

OPENING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory (CW523) 4 V.s.

God of grace and God of glory, On your people pour your pow'r;
Crown your ancient Church's story; Bring its bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo, the hosts of evil round us Scorn the Christ, assail his ways.
From our fears that long have bound us, Free our hearts to faith and praise.
Grant us wisdom; grant us courage For the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure your children's warring madness; Bend our pride to your control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, Rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage Lest we miss your kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss your kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation To the evils we deplore;
Let the gift of your salvation Be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, Serving you whom we adore,
Serving you whom we adore.

WE APPROACH GOD

(Spoken Responsively; Sung songs of response—"Triune God" and "Melodic Gloria)

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.

C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)

**Triune God your love has found me; you have brought me to this place. And you
promised you will lead me, safely home by your good grace.
Jesus sought me, a lost wanderer, cut off from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with his precious blood.
To your grace now I'm a debtor; daily I'm in need of you!
Let your mercy like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to you.
Prone to wander, such a sheep I am; prone to leave your shepherd's love.
So I pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life above!"**

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven. Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)

**Glory to the God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

CATECHISM REVIEW

3rd and 4th Commandments

M: Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not despise preaching and his Word, but regard it as holy, and gladly hear and learn it.

M: Honor your father and mother, that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not dishonor or anger our parents and others in authority, but honor, serve, and obey them, and give them love and respect.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:18-26

“Meaningless! Meaningless!” says the Teacher. “Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless.” I hated all the things I had toiled for under the sun, because I must leave them to the one who comes after me.¹⁹ And who knows whether that person will be wise or foolish? Yet they will have control over all the fruit of my toil into which I have poured my effort and skill under the sun. This too is meaningless.²⁰ So my heart began to despair over all my toilsome labor under the sun.²¹ For a person may labor with wisdom, knowledge and skill, and then they must leave all they own to another who has not toiled for it. This too is meaningless and a great misfortune.²² What do people get for all the toil and anxious striving with which they labor under the sun? ²³ All their days their work is grief and pain; even at night their minds do not rest. This too is meaningless.²⁴ A person can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in their own toil. This too, I see, is from the hand of God,²⁵ for without him, who can eat or find enjoyment? ²⁶ To the person who pleases him, God gives wisdom, knowledge and happiness, but to the sinner he gives the task of gathering and storing up wealth to hand it over to the one who pleases God. This too is meaningless, a chasing after the wind.

PSALM 34

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Taste and see that the LORD is good;

C: Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

M: The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous

C: And his ears are attentive to their cry.

M: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

C: And he delivers them.

M: The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;

C: He delivers them from all their troubles.

M: The LORD is close to the brokenhearted

C: And saves those who are crushed in spirit.

M: The LORD redeems his servants;

C: No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 3:1-11

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Jesus replied, “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)*

(Sung by the Congregation)

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

SERMON HYMN

Where Your Treasure Is (CWS 757) 3 Vs.

Refrain:

**Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last, come and learn from me,
Where your treasure is your heart shall be!**

**What do you gain from all your worry, What you should eat or what to wear?
There is no peace in stress or hurry**

Do you not know that you are held within God’s care? *[Refrain]*

**Look at the ravens high above you. They do not work their whole life through,
And yet God feeds them and protects them,
So how much more will God protect and care for you? *[Refrain]***

**O little flock do not be frightened; Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.
Give your possessions to the needy; Obtain a treasure in God’s heaven safely stored.
*[Refrain]***

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”
¹⁴ Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” ¹⁵ 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.” ¹⁶ And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’
¹⁸ “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. ¹⁹ And I’ll say to myself, ‘You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’” ²⁰ “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?’
²¹ “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

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APOSTLES’ CREED

(Spoken in Unison)

C: 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.

SONG OF THE SEASON

When Trials Come 5 Vs.

The ensemble will sing Vs. 1 & 2; congregation joins for Vs. 3-5

*When trials come no longer fear For in the pain our God draws near
 To fire a faith worth more than gold And there His faithfulness is told
 And there His faithfulness is told.*

*Within the night I know Your peace The breath of God brings strength to me
 And new each morning mercy flows As treasures of the darkness grow
 As treasures of the darkness grow.*

**I turn to Wisdom not my own For every battle You have known
 My confidence will rest in You Your love endures Your ways are good
 Your love endures Your ways are good.**

**When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross
 So in its shadow I shall run Till you complete the work begun
 Till you complete the work begun.**

**One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope You called me to
And in your kingdom paved with gold I'll praise your faithfulness of old
I'll praise your faithfulness of old.**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *and* LORD'S PRAYER

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.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

ENSEMBLE

My Hope Rests Firm
Congregation joins for V.s. 4

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, He is my only plea.

Though all the world should point and scorn, His ransom leaves me free; His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive And strain towards the goal;

Though still I stumble into sin, His death paid for it all; His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur To help me run this race:

I know my tears will turn to joy The day I see his face; The day I see his face.

**My hope is to be with my Lord, To know as I am known;
To serve Him gladly all my days In praise before His throne;
In praise before His throne.**

Worship Volunteers	August 25th	September 1st	September 8th
Refreshments	Lisa Beilke/ Liz Simkauskas	Rene Koutia	Paula Considine
Greeters	Hansen	Wempner	-
Counters	J. Wempner/ Plitzuweit	Sasse/ L. Wempner	Sasse/ Brooks
Church Cleaners	Martins/Ehlers	Koutia/Kugler	Foxen/ Cornells
Communion Set-Up	-	Sharon Kull	-
Ushers	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ John Yauck
Vistancia Ushers	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss



THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

August 31st	6:00 pm	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
September 1st	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
September 1st	9:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion (Vistancia)

LOOKING AHEAD

September 2nd		Labor Day– No School
September 5th	4:00pm	LES Football Game(A)
September 7th	9:00am	Elders Meeting
September 7th	9:10am	Football Game (B)
September 7th	6:00pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
September 8th	9:00am	Worship Service (Jomax)
September 8th	5:00pm	Ladies Night Out

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Discipleship Sundays

August 25th and September
1st

Ladies Night Out

Sunday, September 8th

VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Discipleship Sundays

August 25th and September 1st
5k Community Run

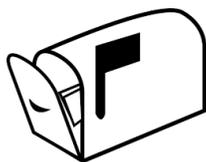
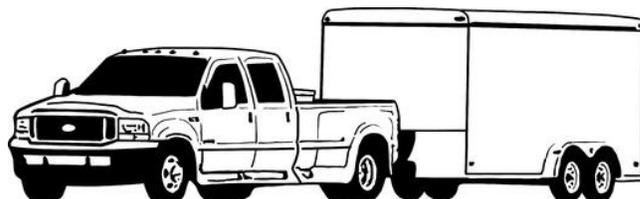
Saturday, September 28th



****Discipleship Sunday is HERE! Its time to start thinking about the different Growth Groups, Bible Studies, Service Opportunities and Events you would like to be involved with.

****If anyone is interested we have an opportunity for everyone in the congregation to get a name tag, if you want one there is a signup sheet in the entryway.

**** Are you looking for a way to serve the Lord? Pastor Ehlers will be having a training in Vistancia August 25th and September 1st to do set up and take down of our Vistancia Church in a Box. We are also looking for multiple Truck owners willing to haul the trailer on a rotation.



**** Quarterly giving statements are in please look for them in the mail or in your box.

**** 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>



PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

For members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers and ask God to give strength, comfort and courage to them and their families.

Charles Klar, a friend of Jim & Cristy Meringer was diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). He is under going the bone marrow transfusion. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through this process.

April Johnson, keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

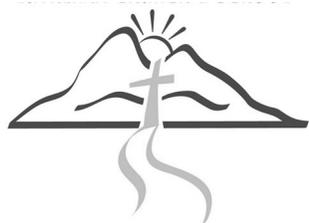
MILITARY

*Major JD Larson,
son of John & Chi Lasron,
based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.*

*Sara (Dan) McArdle,
daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford,
Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock,
Arkansas.*

*Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen,
son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and
brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.*

*Ben Weyer, serving in the military.
Please pray that our Heavenly Father
keeps him safe in his journey.*



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.