



Run the Race

Hebrews 12:1-13

Pentecost 13

Sunday, September 8, 2019

Full Script



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Jomax Campus

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

Vistancia Campus

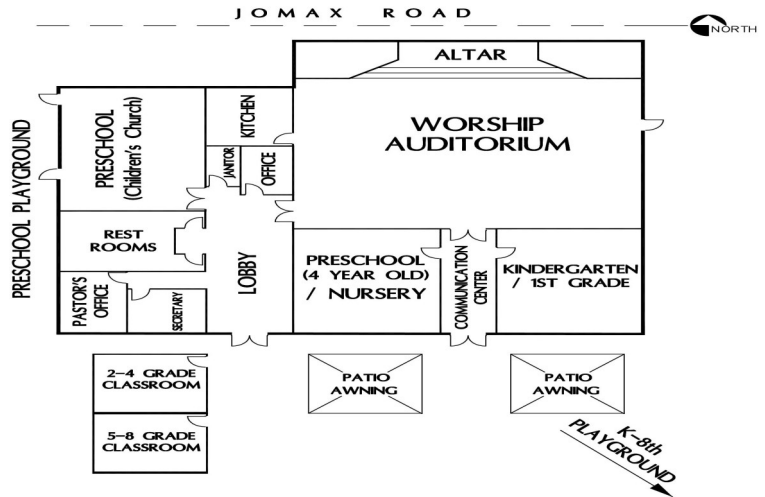
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

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.



Running the race of life requires perseverance because the Word of God brings division and persecution and violence. There will be hardships that cause the heart to grow weary. But God promises that these trials— even to the point of shedding of blood—are meant for our good. They are God's way of disciplining us as his sons. The result will be a harvest of righteousness in our lives and peace in our hearts. The Christian faces the hardships of life head on by fixing his eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith. Our struggle is against sin and for Christ—so strengthen your feeble arms and your weak knees, focus on the examples of the saints who have gone before us, and run the race.

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Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Fight the Good Fight (CW457) 4 Vs.

Fight the good fight With all your might;
Christ is your strength and Christ your light.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be Your joy and crown eternally.
Run the straight race Through God's good grace;
Lift up your eyes and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.
Cast care aside, Lean on your guide;
His boundless mercy will provide.
Lean, and the trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.
Faint not nor fear; His arms are near.
He changes not, and you are dear.
Only believe, and you will see That Christ is Lord eternally.

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 and merciful God, it is only by your gift of grace that we come into your presence and offer true and faithful service. Grant that our worship on earth may always be pleasing to you, and in the life to come give us the fulfillment of what you have promised; 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

Jeremiah 23:23-29

“Am I only a God nearby,” declares the LORD, “and not a God far away? ²⁴Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them?” declares the LORD. “Do not I fill heaven and earth?” declares the LORD. ²⁵“I have heard what the prophets say who prophesy lies in my name. They say, ‘I had a dream! I had a dream!’ ²⁶How long will this continue in the hearts of these lying prophets, who prophesy the delusions of their own minds? ²⁷They think the dreams they tell one another will make my people forget my name, just as their ancestors forgot my name through Baal worship. ²⁸Let the prophet who has a dream recount the dream, but let the one who has my word speak it faithfully. For what has straw to do with grain?” declares the LORD.²⁹“Is not my word like fire,” declares the LORD, “and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?”

PSALM 139a

(Spoken Responsively—Sung Response CW331 2 V.s.)

M: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me;

C: You perceive my thoughts from afar,

M: You discern my going out and my lying down;

C: You are familiar with all my ways.

M: Where can I go from your Spirit?

C: Where can I flee from your presence?

M: If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

C: If I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

M: If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

C: If I settle on the far side of the sea,

M: Even there your hand will guide me,

C: Your right hand will hold me fast.

Sung by Congregation:

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Alleluia. *(Hebrews 4:12)*

Sung by Congregation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-53

“I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! ⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”



SERMON HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light *(CWS771) 3 Vs.*

**I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain:

**In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. [Refrain]**

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. [Refrain]**

Stay on the track... Overcome the obstacles

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³ Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. ⁴ In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you completely forgotten this word of encouragement that addresses you as a father addresses his son? It says, “My son, do not make light of the Lord’s discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you, ⁶ because the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and he chastens everyone he accepts as his son.” ⁷ Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as his children. For what children are not disciplined by their father?⁸ If you are not disciplined—and everyone undergoes discipline—then you are not legitimate, not true sons and daughters at all. ⁹ Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of spirits and live!¹⁰ They disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it. ¹² Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.¹³ “Make level paths for your feet,” so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

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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.

Soloists sing Vs. 1-3 and Congregation joins for Vs. 4-5

*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

(Spoken by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken in Unison)

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.

 **CLOSING HYMN**

Day by Day (CWS765) 3 Vs.

Soloists will sing Vs. 1 & 2 and Congregation will join for Vs. 3

*Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me, Bringing comfort to my anxious soul.
Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me Draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.
Love divine, beyond all mortal measure, Brings to naught the burdens of my quest,
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure, Where, at last I'll find eternal rest.*

*Day by day, I know you will provide me strength to serve and wisdom to obey;
I will seek your loving will to guide me o'er the paths I struggle day by day.
I will fear no evil of the morrow; I will trust in your enduring grace.
Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow; Till in glory I behold your face.*

**Oh, what joy to know that you are near me
When my burdens grow too great to bear;
Oh, what joy to know that you will hear me When I come, O Lord, to you in prayer.
Day by day, no matter what betide me, You will hold me ever in your hand.
Savior, with your presence here to guide me, I will reach at last the promised land.**

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS

- NEWS



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Ladies Night Out
Sunday, September 8th
5:00-7:00 pm

**Father/Daughter
Dance**
Friday, September 20th
6:30 pm



Ladies Night Out
Sunday, September 8th
5:00-7:00 pm

5k Community Run
Saturday, September 28th

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

September 10th 9:00am	Women's Bible Study—Philippians
September 10th 6:00pm	Pleasant Valley HOA Meeting
September 10th 6:30pm	Church Council Meeting
September 11th 9:00am	Mornings with Mommy
September 11th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
September 12th 4:00pm	LES Football Game (A) Emmanuel
September 12th 6:30pm	BIC Class Pastor Foxen
September 14th 6:00pm	Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)
September 15th 9:00am	Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)
September 15th 9:30am (Vistancia)	Worship Service W/Communion
September 15th 10:30am	Sunday School (Jomax)
September 15th 10:30am	Bible Study (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

September 17th 9:00am	Women's Bible Study—Philippians
September 17th 4:00pm	LES Football Game (A)
September 18th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
September 18th 11:30am	Teacher Inservice - Early School Dismissal
September 18th 6:30pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
September 18th 6:30pm	Growth Group with Tim Grams
September 18th 7:00pm	Choir practice
September 19th 6:30pm	BIC Class w/Pastor Foxen
September 20th 6:30pm	Father/Daughter Dance
September 21st 8:00am	Flag Football Tournament at ALA
September 21st 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax
September 22nd 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax
September 22nd 9:30am	Worship Service at Vistancia
September 22nd 10:30am	Sunday School (Jomax)
September 22nd 10:30am	Bible Study (Jomax)

Worship Volunteers	September 8th	September 15th	September 22nd
Refreshments	Paula Considine	Sharon Wilson/ Christina Marcell	Stacy Cornell/ Linda Stern
Greeters	-	Kugler	Wilson
Counters	Sasse/ Brooks	J. Wempner/ Cornell	Sasse/L. Wempner
Church Cleaners	Foxen/ Cornell	Plitzuweit/ Alcoba/Peterson	Ebel/Meringer
Communion Set-Up	-	Corinne Julian	-
Ushers	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ John Yauck	Gray Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson/ Cody Hall/ Caleb Patterson/ Isaac Patterson/ Titus Patterson
Vistancia Ushers	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ John Yauck	Gray Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson

Growth Groups

Pastor Ehlers- Angels and Demons

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
9.18.19- 12.11.19
Michael Wenniger's House

Tim Grams - The Book of ACTS

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
9.18.19- 12.11.19
Grams House

Women's Bible Study- Book of Philippians

Tuesdays at 9:00 am
Starting September 10th
Karen Juardo's House

Pastor Freeman

Saturdays 7:50 am
Starting September
Jomax Campus

Mom's Group- Ally Kelley

Wednesday at 9:00 am
Starting September 18th
Ally Kelley's House

BIC with Pastor Foxen

Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Starting September 5th
Jomax Campus

Sunday Morning Bible Class- Paul's Letters to the Ephesians

Sunday at 10:30
Jomax Campus

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 undergoing 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 Larson,
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.*

******WARNING SCAM ALERT.....**It has come to our attention that there is an organization that has managed to get some WELS churches' contact information and is asking for donations via text messages. Cross of Glory does not solicit donations via text at this time. Methods currently used for giving are Sunday offerings, mailed donations or online donations through Vanco on our website. To our knowledge Cross of Glory has not been compromised at this time, but we wanted to put the warning out there. If you see a text supposedly from Cross of Glory asking for donations, ignore it!

********It's Thrivent Shirt season in the Church office. If you are helping out in events throughout the year there is one for you in the office. Just swing by and pick one up. There are plenty if we run out just let us know the size and we will get one on the next action team.

********Discipleship Sunday has come and gone! Thanks to all who signed up to learn and serve! If you'd still like to sign up for something, you may do so via the SignUpGenius or simply contact the church office. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAAAAA29AA8-discipleship>

********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 or contact the secretary to place you on the list.

******** 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!!!!**



Ladies Night Out



SEPT 8, 5-7PM

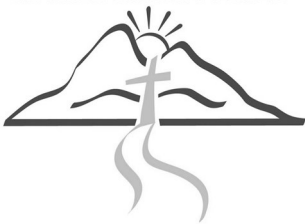
MOUNTAIN VISTA CLUB IN VISTANCIA

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Dinner and Craft

Childcare available

RSVP TO PASTOR EHLERS @ 602-904-3501



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.