

TRANSFORMED in CHRIST



MOSES
Hebrews 11:24-28

Pentecost 15
Sunday, September 22, 2019
Full Script



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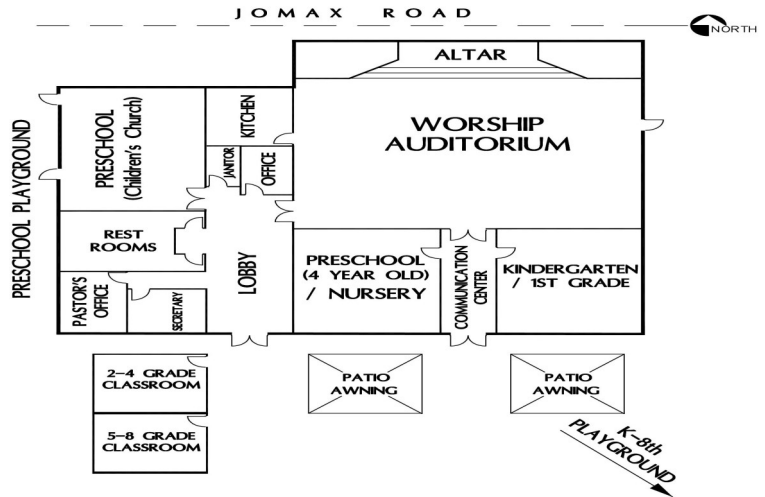
Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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.



The theme for our school this year is “**Transformed in Christ**” (*Romans 2:2*). What does transformation mean for us as Christians? Does it mean we clean up our act, change our behavior to be more Christ-like, or live by a new set of rules and regulations?

In the original Greek language, the word used for *transformation* is *metamorphosis*. The biological definition for metamorphosis, according to Merriam-Webster, is “a profound change in form from one stage to the next in the **life** history of an organism, as from the caterpillar to the pupa and from the pupa to the adult butterfly.” It is a change that comes from within the caterpillar. It doesn’t mean that the caterpillar puts on a butterfly costume or strives to act like a butterfly—it becomes a real butterfly.

Just like the caterpillar, being transformed in Christ is nothing that we can cause to happen. The Holy Spirit works faith in our hearts (from within) and causes the transformation. In the next few weeks, we will periodically focus on the transformation in Christ of various people of the Bible. Today we focus on **Moses**.

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Service of the Word

PRESCHOOL

If I Were a Butterfly



OPENING HYMN

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways (CW462) 4 Vs.

Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways To keep his statutes still!
Oh, that my God would grant me grace To know and do his will!
Order my footsteps by your Word, And make my heart sincere;
Let sin have no dominion, Lord, But keep my conscience clear.
Assist my soul, too apt to stray, A stricter watch to keep;
And should I e'er forget your way, Restore your wand'ring sheep.
Make me to walk in your commands—'Tis a delightful road -
Nor let my head or heart or hands Offend against my God.

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: O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 25:6,7

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among his great men; ⁷ it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before his nobles.

PSALM 119a

(Spoken Responsively—Sung Response LAP313 2 Vs.)

M: Blessed are they whose ways are blameless,
C: Who walk according to the law of the LORD.
M: Blessed are they who keep his statutes
C: And seek him with all their heart.
M: You have laid down precepts
C: That are to be fully obeyed.
M: Oh, that my ways were steadfast
C: In obeying your decrees!
M: Then I would not be put to shame
C: When I consider all your commands.
M: I will praise you with an upright heart
C: As I learn your righteous laws.

Sung by Congregation:

Refrain:

Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet And a light unto my path.

**When I feel afraid, Think I've lost my way, Still you're there right beside me.
And nothing will I fear As long as you are near. Please be near me to the end. [Refrain]**

**I will not forget Your love for me, and yet my heart forever is wandering.
Jesus, be my guide, and hold me to your side, and I will love you to the end. [Refrain]**

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. Your words became a joy to me, and the delight of my heart. Alleluia. (*Jeremiah 15:16*)

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 14:1,7-14

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched. ⁷When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: ⁸“When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. ⁹If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, ‘Give this person your seat.’ Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place.¹⁰ But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say to you, ‘Friend, move up to a better place.’ Then you will be honored in the presence of all the other guests. ¹¹For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” ¹²Then Jesus said to his host, “When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or sisters, your relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. ¹³But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”



SERMON HYMN

Take My Life and Let it Be (*CW469*) 5 *V.s.*

Take my life and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to thee.

Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move At the impulse of thy love.

Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing Always, only for my King.

Take my lips and let them be Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold.

Take my intellect and use Ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; It shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart - it is thine own; It shall be thy royal throne.

SERMON

Transformed in Christ: Moses

Hebrews 11:24-28

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. ²⁵He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. ²⁷By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸By faith he kept the Passover

ver and the application of blood, so that the destroyer of the firstborn would not touch the firstborn of Israel.

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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

The Lord is my Salvation 5 V/s.

**The grace of God has reached for me And pulled me from the raging sea
And I am safe on this solid ground The Lord is my salvation.**

**I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun The Lord is my salvation .**

Refrain:

**Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won The Lord is my salvation.**

**My hope is hidden in the Lord He flow'rs each promise of His Word
When winter fades I know spring will come The Lord is my salvation.**

**In times of waiting, times of need When I know loss, when I am weak
I know His grace will renew these days The Lord is my salvation [Refrain]**

**And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave
But I will rise, He will call me home The Lord is my salvation. [Refrain]**

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

Oh, for a Faith that Will Not Shrink (CW405) 4 V.s.

Oh, for a faith that will not shrink Though pressed by many a foe,
That will not tremble on the brink Of poverty or woe,
That will not murmur nor complain Beneath the chast'ning rod,
But in the hour of grief or pain Can lean upon its God,
A faith that keeps the narrow way Till life's last spark is fled
And with a pure and heav'nly ray Lights up the dying bed.
Lord, give us such a faith as this, And then, whate'er may come,
We'll taste e'en now the hallowed bliss Of an eternal home.

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX

CAMPUS - NEWS

Men's Retreat

Friday, October 11th-13th

Trunk Or Treat

Saturday, October 26th

Cross of Glory
LUTHERAN CHURCH & SCHOOL



VISTANCIA

CAMPUS - NEWS

Men's Retreat

Friday, October 11th-13th

HallowScream

Friday, October 25th

**** We are working to update the **church directory!** There are rough drafts located in the Church entry. Please review your information, update it if changes need to be made and if you desire a different picture email a new one to cog.secretary@crossofglory.org. If everything is up to date please write okay.

**** All ladies are invited to attend the **LWMS Fall Rally** on October 12th. Please see insert for registration information and Guest Speakers.

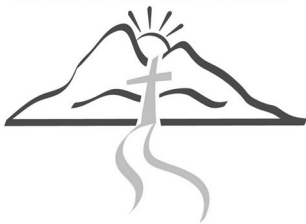
****If you had been hoping to participate in the **5k run/walk in Vistancia** on September 28, you need to know that the event has now been cancelled. Vistancia's community lifestyle office determined that not enough people were participating.

**** **Men's Retreat Update!!!** If you are interested in going to the Men's Retreat October 11th-13th at UCYC Prescott its not too late to register. The deadline for registration is September 30th and the fee to attend is \$150 because there was a grant to offset the cost. If you have already paid the initial \$50 deposit via check or online through Vanco the remaining balance is \$100. Check payments are made to Cross of Glory and placed in offering plate and online payments are made through Vanco on our website under the giving tab and then give an offering online button. Please reference Men's Retreat on both methods of payment.

****A huge thank you to all the people who have done so much to help beautify our grounds and keep our building in good order! We had people here pulling weeds, trimming trees, assembling the gaga pit, replacing lights, installing door handles, and much more. We couldn't keep our church and school functioning as they do without the help of our precious volunteers. Thanks be to God for you!

****Deer Valley Lutheran will be celebrating their 40th Anniversary on Sunday September 29th, 2019 by having a special service at 4 pm followed by fellowship with cake and coffee. You are invited to join them for this milestone. Address is 220 W Union Hills Dr. Phoenix Az 85027.

****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.



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.