



Time spent at Jesus' feet  
is time well spent

*Pentecost 9*  
*Sunday, August 11, 2019*  
Full Script



## Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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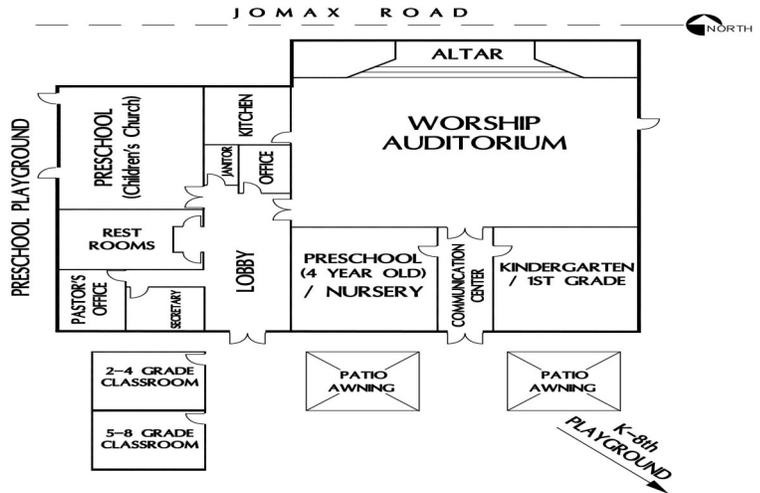
**Jomax Campus**  
10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship**

**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



As we go about our busy lives, we twenty-first century Christians can certainly identify with Jesus' friend, Martha. So much to do and so little time! We have great excuses and fine rationalizations to explain the fact we have so little time to sit at Jesus' feet. But like Martha, our reasons fail in the face of Christ's simple statement: there is one needful thing—to hear the Word of God. On many an occasion, Martha would have surely sat at Jesus' feet. But on this day, she was distracted by the many things being used to drag her away from where it was better for her to be. The busyness of Martha is contrasted by the devotion of Mary to Jesus' words. When this one thing needful is truly treasured in the believer's life, everything else falls into place and it will not be taken from us, even into eternity.

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## Service of the Word

### OPENING HYMN

In Christ Alone (CWS752) 4 Vs.

**“In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev’ry sin on Him was laid— Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine— Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death— This is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home— Here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand.”**

### 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: Grant us, Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right that we, who cannot do anything that is good without you, may by your help be enabled to live according to your will; 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**

*Genesis 18:1-14*

The LORD appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day.<sup>2</sup> Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. When he saw them, he hurried from the entrance of his tent to meet them and bowed low to the ground. <sup>3</sup> He said, “If I have found favor in your eyes, my lord, do not pass your servant by. <sup>4</sup> Let a little water be brought, and then you may all wash your feet and rest under this tree. <sup>5</sup> Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way—now that you have come to your servant.” “Very well,” they answered, “do as you say.” <sup>6</sup> So Abraham hurried into the tent to Sarah. “Quick,” he said, “get three seahs of the finest flour and knead it and bake some bread.” <sup>7</sup> Then he ran to the herd and selected a choice, tender calf and gave it to a servant, who hurried to prepare it. <sup>8</sup> He then brought some curds and milk and the calf that had been prepared, and set these before them. While they ate, he stood near them under a tree. <sup>9</sup> “Where is your wife Sarah?” they asked him. “There, in the tent,” he said. <sup>10</sup> Then one of them said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son.” Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. <sup>11</sup> Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. <sup>12</sup> So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, “After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Will I really have a child, now that I am old?’ <sup>14</sup> Is anything too hard for the LORD? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son.”

**PSALM 119a**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

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.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## SECOND LESSON

**Colossians 1:21-29**

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. <sup>22</sup> But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation— <sup>23</sup> if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant. <sup>24</sup> Now I rejoice in what I am suffering for you, and I fill up in my flesh what is still lacking in regard to Christ's afflictions, for the sake of his body, which is the church. <sup>25</sup> I have become its servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness— <sup>26</sup> the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the Lord's people. <sup>27</sup> To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup> He is the one we proclaim, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone fully mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup> To this end I strenuously contend with all the energy Christ so powerfully works in me.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. My Word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Alleluia. *(Isaiah 55:11b)*

*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!**

## SERMON HYMN

**Blessed Jesus, At Your Word (CW221) 3 V.s.**

**Blessed Jesus, at your Word We are gathered all to hear you.  
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and fear you,  
By your teachings, sweet and holy, Drawn from earth to love you solely.**

All our knowledge, sense, and sight Lie in deepest darkness shrouded  
Till your Spirit breaks our night With the beams of truth unclouded.  
You alone to God can win us; You must work all good within us.

Gracious Savior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God proceeding,  
Open now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spirit's pleading.  
Hear the cry your people raises; Hear and bless our prayers and praises.

**SERMON**

**Time Spent at Jesus' Feet is Time Well Spent**

*Luke 10:38-42*

As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to him. <sup>39</sup> She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.<sup>40</sup> But Martha was distracted by all the preparations that had to be made. She came to him and asked, "Lord, don't you care that my sister has left me to do the work by myself? Tell her to help me!" <sup>41</sup> "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, <sup>42</sup> but few things are needed—or indeed only one. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."

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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.**

**THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**TEACHER INSTALLATION**

**Rachel Severeid**

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**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****God's Word is Our Great Heritage** (CW293) 1 Vs.

**God's Word is our great heritage And shall be ours forever;  
To spread its light from age to age Shall be our chief endeavor.  
Through life it guides our way; In death it is our stay.  
Lord, grant, while worlds endure, We keep its teachings pure  
Throughout all generations.**

Worship Volunteers	August 11th	August 18th	August 25th
Refreshments	Cristy Meringer/ Sheri Garver/ Margaret Walker	Rachel Plitzuweit/ Maria Kelley	Lisa Beilke/ Liz Simkauskas
Greeters	Wempner	Wilson	Hansen
Counters	Sasse/ Brooks	J Wempner/ Cornell	J. Wempner/ Plitzuweit
Church Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Alcoba/ Peterson	Ebel/ Meringer	Martins/ Ehlers
Communion Set-Up	-	Lynn	-
Ushers	Chris Patterson/ Cody Hall/ Caleb Patterson/ Issac Patterson/ Titus Patterson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson
Vistancia 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

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

**JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS**

**COG First Day Of School**  
Wednesday, August 14th



**VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS**

**5k Community Run**  
Saturday, September 28th

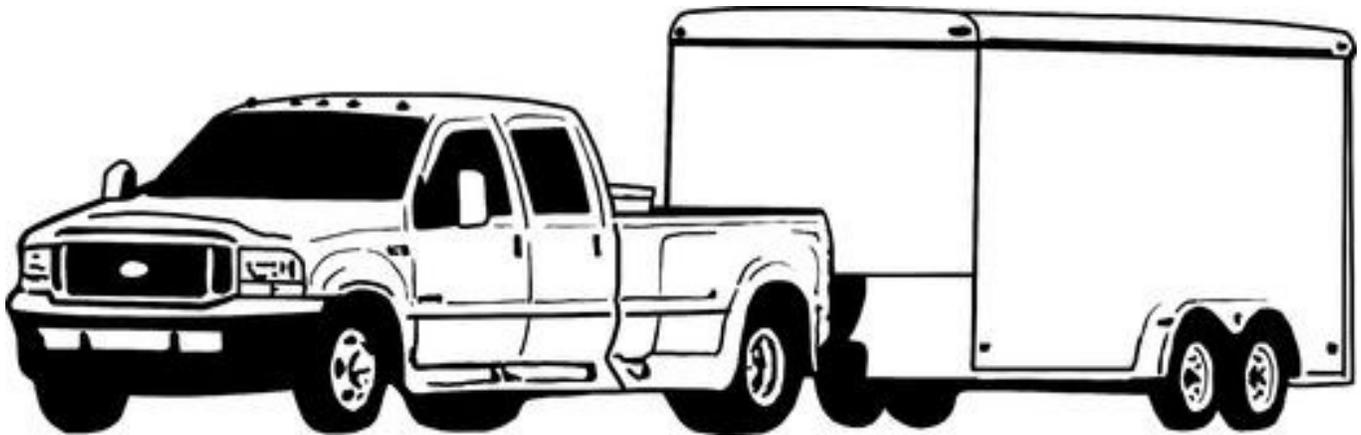
## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)

## LOOKING AHEAD

August 24th	6:00 pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 25th	9:00 am	Worship Service (Jomax)
August 25th	9:30 am	Worship Service (Vistancia)

\*\*\*\* 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.

\*\*\*\*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 [cog.secretary@crossofglory.org](mailto:cog.secretary@crossofglory.org).

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# MEN'S RETREAT

\*\*\*\* 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/>



**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.