

TRANSFORMED in CHRIST



Abraham
Romans 4: 9b-25

Pentecost 17
Sunday, October 6, 2019
Full Script



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

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

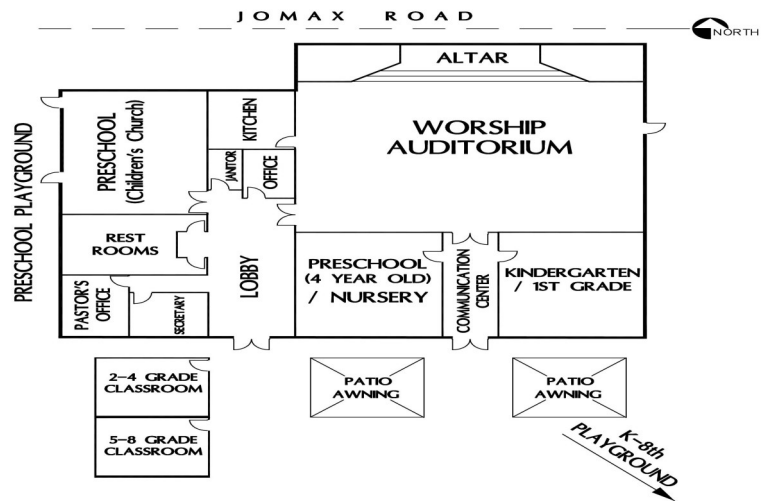
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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 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 **Abraham**.

Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN

Christ, the Word of God Incarnate (CW750) 4 Vs.

Christ, the Word of God incarnate, Lord and Son of Abraham;
Christ, the radiance of the Father, Perfect God, the great I Am;
Christ, the Light, you shine unvanquished, Light and life you bring to all;
Light our path with your own presence, Grant us grace to heed your call.

Christ, the living bread from heaven, Food for body food for soul;
Christ the manna, daily given, Nourish, strengthen, make us whole.
Feed us with the food of heaven, Foretaste of the feast to be;
Quench our thirst with living water Springing up eternally.

Christ, the way that leads unfailing To the Father's home on high;
Christ, the truth that frees the captive; Christ the life that cannot die.
Mediator to the Father Sacrifice and Great High Priest;
Lead us to your heav'nly mansions, There to share your wedding feast.

Christ, the Alpha and Omega; Christ the firstborn from the dead;
Christ, the life and resurrection; Christ, the Church's glorious head;
Praise and thanks and adoration And unending worship be
To the Father and the Spirit And to you eternally.

INVOCATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD*(Sung to the tune of "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness Vs. 1-4 (CW376))*

All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;

We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.

Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,

For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.

O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;

Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.

You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.

We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.

SALUTATION*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: O Lord, your ears are always open to the prayers of your humble servants, who come to you in Jesus' name. Teach us always to ask according to your will that we may never fail to obtain the blessings 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*Exodus 32:7-14*

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and

sacrificed to it and have said, “These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.”⁹ “I have seen these people,” the LORD said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people.”¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the LORD his God. “LORD,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand? ¹²Why should the Egyptians say, ‘It was with evil intent that he brought them out, to kill them in the mountains and to wipe them off the face of the earth?’ Turn from your fierce anger; relent and do not bring disaster on your people.”¹³ Remember your servants Abraham, Isaac and Israel, to whom you swore by your own self: ‘I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and I will give your descendants all this land I promised them, and it will be their inheritance forever.’”¹⁴ Then the LORD relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

PSALM 51a

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Have mercy on me, O God,.

C: According to your unfailing love.

M: Wash away all my iniquity,

C: And cleanse me from my sin.

M: For I know my transgressions,

C: And my sin is always before me.

M: Against you, you only, have I sinned

C: And done what is evil in your sight.

M: Surely I was sinful at birth,

C: Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

M: Hide your face from my sins,

C: And blot out all my iniquity.

M: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C: And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

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. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. *(Romans 15:4)*

Sung by the Congregation:

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

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. ²But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³Then Jesus told them this parable: ⁴“Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn’t he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? ⁵And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders ⁶and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ ⁷I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. ⁸“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Doesn’t she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? ⁹And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ ¹⁰In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

 SERMON HYMN

Faith is a Living Power from Heaven (CW404) 5 Vs.

Faith is a living pow'r from heav'n That grasps the promise God has giv'n,
A trust that cannot be o'erthrown, Fixed heartily on Christ alone.

Faith finds in Christ whate'er we need To save or strengthen us indeed,
Receiving grace from heaven's throne And humbly sharing cross and crown.

Faith in the Savior brings us peace And bids the mourner's weeping cease;
By faith the children's place we claim And give all honor to one name.

We thank you, then, O God of heav'n, That you to us this faith have giv'n
Through mighty Word and sacrament To trust the one whom you have sent.

As you have promised, grant each soul Its holy faith's true end and goal:
The blessedness no foes destroy, Eternal love and light and joy.

SERMON

Transformed in Christ: Abraham

Romans 4: 9b-25

We have been saying that Abraham’s faith was credited to him as righteousness. ¹⁰Under what circumstances was it credited? Was it after he was circumcised, or before? It was not after, but before! ¹¹And he received circumcision as a sign, a seal of the righteousness that he had by faith while he was still uncircumcised. So then, he is the father of all who believe but have not been circumcised, in order that righteousness might be credited to them. ¹²And he is then also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised but who also follow in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised. ¹³It was not through the law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith. ¹⁴For if those who depend on the law are heirs, faith means nothing and the promise is worthless, ¹⁵because the law brings wrath. And where there is no law

there is no transgression. ¹⁶Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring—not only to those who are of the law but also to those who have the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. ¹⁷As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls into being things that were not. ¹⁸Against all hope, Abraham in hope believed and so became the father of many nations, just as it had been said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ¹⁹Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead—since he was about a hundred years old—and that Sarah's womb was also dead. ²⁰Yet he did not waver through unbelief regarding the promise of God, but was strengthened in his faith and gave glory to God, ²¹being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. ²²This is why "it was credited to him as righteousness." ²³The words "it was credited to him" were written not for him alone, ²⁴but also for us, to whom God will credit righteousness—for us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. ²⁵He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification.

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THE NICENE CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: 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.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: 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 glorified, 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.

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 SACRAMENT

PREFACE

(Read Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(Sung to the tune of "I Lay My Sins on Jesus" (CW 372) 2 V.s.)

O holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,
Your glory, earth and heaven, In countless ways recite.
Hosanna! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,

And in your grace and mercy Receive our fervent cry.

Hosanna in the highest! How truly blest is he

Who in God's name is coming To set his people free!

He comes to bring salvation And with his blood outpoured,

Deliver us from bondage-Hosanna, mighty Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power. By his incarnation, he became one with us. By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will. By his innocent death, he overcame hell. By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven. Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by All)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

(Spoken by Minister)

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.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

(Sung by Congregation)

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us your peace. Amen.

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

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared (CW312)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared This feast for our salvation;
It is your body and your blood, And at your invitation
As weary souls, with sin oppressed, We come to you for needed rest,
For comfort, and for pardon.

Although you did to heav'n ascend, Where angel hosts are dwelling,
And in your presence they behold Your glory, all excelling,
And though your people shall not see Your glory and your majesty
Till dawns the judgment morning,

Yet, Savior, you are not confined To any habitation,
But you are present ev'rywhere And with your congregation.
Firm as a rock this truth shall stand, Unmoved by any daring hand
Or subtle craft and cunning.

We eat this bread and drink this cup, Your precious Word believing
That your true body and your blood Our lips are here receiving.
This Word remains forever true, And there is naught you cannot do,
For you, Lord, are almighty.

Though reason cannot understand, Yet faith this truth embraces:
Your body, Lord, is ev'rywhere At once in many places.
I leave to you how this can be; Your Word alone suffices me;
I trust its truth unfailing.

Lord, I believe what you have said; Help me when doubts assail me.
Remember that I am but dust, And let my faith not fail me.
Your supper in this vale of tears Refreshes me and stills my fears
And is my priceless treasure.

Grant that we worthily receive Your supper, Lord, our Savior,
And, truly grieving for our sins, May prove by our behavior
That we are thankful for your grace And day by day may run our race,
In holiness increasing.

For your consoling supper, Lord, Be praised throughout all ages!
Preserve it, for in ev'ry place The world against it rages.
Grant that this sacrament may be A blessed comfort unto me
When living and when dying.

SONG OF SIMEON

(Sung to the tune of "O Savior, Precious Savior" (CW 368) 2 Vs)

O Lord, now let your servant Depart in peace, assured:
For I have seen your promised incarnate, saving Word
A light that will enlighten All gloom where Gentiles dwell;
The brilliant, crowning glory Of those in Israel!

All glory to the Father, All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit, Forever three in one;
For as in the beginning, Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding Through all eternity.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: 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**

Amazing Grace (CW379) 4 Vs.

Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound--That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.
The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.

Worship Volunteers	October 6th	October 13	October 20
Refreshments	Margaret Walker/ Sheri Garver/ Cristy Meringer	Rachel Plitzuweit/ Maria Kelley	Paula Considine/ Connie Sauer
Greeters	Wempner	-	Sara Yauck
Counters	Wempner/Voight	Sasse/Brooks	Sasse/Cannon
Church Cleaners	Pappenfuss/ Cor- nell	Koutia/Kugler	Martins/Ehlers
Communion Set-Up	Susie Cornell	-	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck
Vistancia Ushers	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Kelly Simpson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit

Growth Groups

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

Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

Pastor Ehlers- Angels and Demons

Wednesdays at 19- 12.11.19
Michael Wenniger's House

Mom's Group- Ally Kelley

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

BIC with Pastor Foxen

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

Pastor Freeman- A Study of 1 and 2 Timothy

Saturdays 7:50 am
Starting September 21st
Jomax Campus

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

October 7th 3:45pm	Pinewood Derby (After School Program)
October 8th 9:00am	Women's Bible Study—Philippians
October 8th 3:30pm	Soccer (Preschool-1st)
October 8th 6:15pm	Pleasant Valley HOA (S)
October 8th 7:00pm	Church Council Meeting
October 9th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
October 9th 6:30pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
October 9th 6:30pm	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 9th 7:00pm	Choir practice
October 10th 6:30pm	BIC Class w/Pastor Foxen
October 11th-13th	Men's Retreat
October 12th 7:50am	Growth Group w/ Pastor Freeman
October 12th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax
October 13th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax
October 13th 9:30am	Worship Service at Vistancia
October 13th 10:30am	Sunday School (Jomax)
October 13th 10:30am	Bible Study (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 14th	No School (Columbus Day)
October 15th 9:00am	Women's Bible Study—Philippians
October 15th 3:30pm	Soccer Preschool-1st
October 16th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
October 16th 3:45pm	Chess After School Program
October 16th 6:30pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
October 16th 6:30pm	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 16th 7:00pm	Choir practice
October 17-18th	No Preschool
October 17th 6:30pm	BIC Class w/Pastor Foxen
October 18th	No School K4-8
October 19th 7:00am	Work Day
October 19th 7:50am	Growth Group w/ Pastor Freeman
October 19th 10:00am	Building Committee Meeting
October 19th 1:00pm	Concert in the Park (Vistancia)
October 19th 6:00pm	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
October 20th 9:00am	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
October 20th 9:30am	Worship Service w/Communion at Vistancia
October 20th 10:30am	Sunday School (Jomax)
October 20th 10:30am	Bible Study (Jomax)

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

Announcements

******Help repair homes for veterans!** Kingdom Workers has an amazing one-week opportunity for volunteers to help repair five veteran's homes in Whiteriver, AZ. We're looking for a team of 9+ volunteers who can come November 12-20, 2019. Application deadline is Oct. 18th. All you need is basic handyman knowledge and the ability to work outdoors! Training is provided on-site. Housing is also provided. Sign up today and give back to those who have given so much to our country! Interested in learning more? Contact Neil Hankwitz: nhankwitz@kingdomworkers.com or go to www.kingdomworkers.com/volunteer.

****We will continue our calling process for a new principal/teacher this year. The call Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 20th at 11:30. Please join us for this meeting. May the Lord be pleased to bless us!

**** If you ordered a EHV bible they are in the office. Please bring your payment of \$22.99 to the office.

**** We are working to update the **church directory!** There are rough drafts located in the Church entry or preview online link in the weekly news. 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 let me know.

**** **Men's Retreat Update!!!** The retreat is in just a week away! There are some who signed up who have not yet paid. Please do so ASAP by going to our website and giving online through Vanco. The cost for each attendee is \$150 total (if you already paid the \$50 initial deposit, you only need to pay \$100 more).

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



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CAMPUS - NEWS

Men's Retreat

Friday, October 11th-13th

Concert in the Park

Saturday, October 19th

HallowScream

Friday, October 25th



MEN'S RETREAT

Next Weekend!!!

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

Clara Naber, Sends a sincere thanks to all for the thoughts and prayers. God has restored her health and although no cause was found she is back to her old self. God answered all the prayers and she grateful.

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

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

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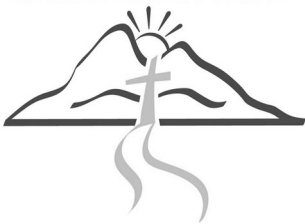
*Major JD Larson,
son of John & Chi Larson,
based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.*

*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.

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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.

*Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 9:30am (Vistancia)
Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)*