

God's Plan for His World

1 Timothy 2:1-8



Pentecost 18
Sunday, October 13, 2019



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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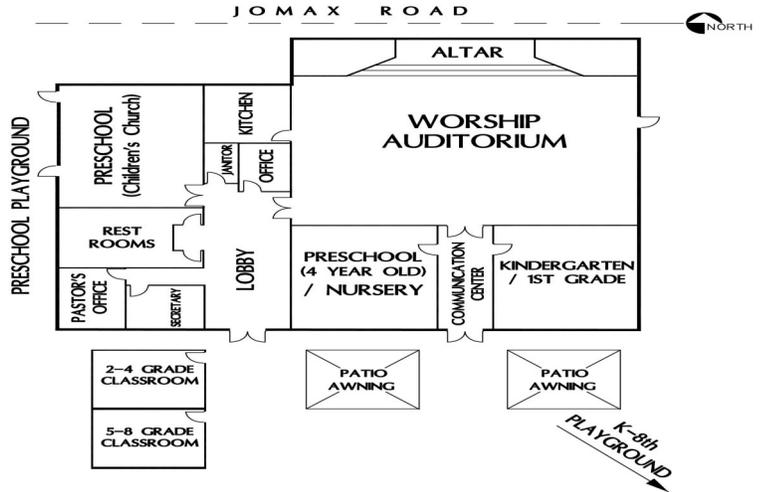
Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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 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.



God's plan for this world is a simple one—to save ALL people from their sin. It is Jesus who used his own blood to buy back and set free all of humankind from the shackles of sin. One might describe this redemptive work as making the best use of available resources! The proclamation of this best business practice is the reason we exist. Therefore we pray for peace in our world. Not for booming economies, this prayer begs that nothing would hinder us from proclaiming the gospel of eternal peace through Jesus.

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Service of the Word



OPENING HYMN

Every Morning Mercies New (CW580) 4 Vs.

Ev'ry morning mercies new Fall as fresh as morning dew;
Ev'ry morning let us pay Tribute with the early day.
For your mercies, Lord, are sure; Your compassion will endure.
Still your kindness and your love Ev'ry day our sins remove;
Daily, far as east from west, Lift the burden from the breast;
Give unbought to those who pray Strength to live for you each day.
Let our prayers each morn prevail That these gifts may never fail.
And as we confess our sin And the tempter's pow'r within,
Feed us with the bread of life; Fit us for our daily strife.
As the morning light returns, As the sun with splendor burns,
Teach us still to turn to you; With your light our souls renew.
Then shall we our voices raise In unfailing prayer and praise.

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: Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Amos 8:4-7

Hear this, you who trample the needy and do away with the poor of the land, ⁵ saying, “When will the New Moon be over that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath be ended that we may market wheat?”— skimping on the measure, boosting the price and cheating with dishonest scales, ⁶ buying the poor with silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, selling even the sweepings with the wheat. ⁷ The LORD has sworn by himself, the Pride of Jacob: “I will never forget anything they have done.

PSALM 38

(Spoken Responsively; Sung Response CW441—“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” 2 Vs.)

M: O LORD, do not rebuke me in your anger

C: Or discipline me in your wrath.

M: For your arrows have pierced me,

C: And your hand has come down upon me.

M: My guilt has overwhelmed me

C: Like a burden too heavy to bear.

M: All my longings lie open before you, O Lord;

C: My sighing is not hidden from you,

M: I wait for you, O Lord:

C: You will answer, O Lord my God.

M: Come quickly to help me,

C: O Lord my Savior.

Sung by Congregation:

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home,

Under the shadow of your throne Your saints have dwelt secure;

Sufficient is your arm alone, And our defense is sure.

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. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.
(2 Corinthians 12:9a)

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 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. ²So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’ “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— ⁴I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’ ⁵“So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ⁶“‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied. “The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’ ⁷“Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’ “‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied. “He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’ ⁸“The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. ⁹I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. ¹⁰“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? ¹²And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? ¹³“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”



SERMON HYMN

Lift High the Cross (CW579) 3 Vs.

Refrain:

**Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name.**

**Come, Christians, follow where our captain trod,
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]**

**Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]**

So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *[Refrain]*

SERMON

God's Plan for His World
What's in it ... Who's in it

1 Timothy 2:1-8

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—² for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. ⁷ And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle—I am telling the truth, I am not lying—and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles. ⁸ Therefore I want the men everywhere to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or disputing.

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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

Every Promise of Your Word 4 *Vs.*
Soloist sings Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2-4

*From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure, And on this I am secure—
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.*

**When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.**

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete Ev'ry work begun in me—
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me, Grace for all who will believe—
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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

May the Peace of God (CWS745) 2 Vs.

May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

Refrain:

And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain
Christ eternal, the King of kings.

May the peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart. *[Refrain]*

ONE CHURCH...TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX

VISTANCIA

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Work Day

Saturday, October 19th
7:00 am



Concert in the Park

Saturday, October 19th

Trunk Or Treat

Saturday, October 26th
5:00pm

HallowScream

Friday, October 25th

Worship Volunteers	October 13	October 20	October 27th
Refreshments	Rachel Plitzuweit/ Maria Kelley	Paula Considine/ Connie Sauer	Lisa Beilke/ Liz Simkauskas/ Angela Hall
Greeters	-	Sara Yauck	Karin Hansen
Counters	Sasse/Brooks	Sasse/Cannon	Wempner/Cornell
Church Cleaners	Koutia/Kugler	Martins/Ehlers	Sauer/J. Kelley
Communion Set-Up	-	Lynn Wempner	-
Ushers	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck	Gary Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson
Vistancia Ushers	Kelly Simpson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck

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 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 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)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 21st 3:45pm	ACSTO Parent Workshop
October 21st 3:45pm	Pinewood Derby
October 21st 5:30pm	ACSTO Parent Workshop
October 22nd 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
October 22nd 3:30pm	Soccer Preschool-1st (After School Program)
October 22nd 6:30pm	Board of Ed
October 23rd 9:00am	Mornings with Mommy
October 23rd 6:30pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
October 23rd 6:30pm	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 23rd 7:00pm	Choir practice
October 24th 6:30pm	BIC Class w/Pastor Foxen
October 25th 5:00pm	HallowScream
October 26th 7:50am	Growth Group w/ Pastor Freeman
October 26th 3:00pm	Trunk or Treat Setup
October 26th 5:00pm	Trunk or Treat
October 27th 9:00am	Worship Service
October 27th 9:00am	K-8 Sing in Church (Jomax)
October 27th 9:30am	Worship Service (Vistancia)
October 27th 10:30am	Sunday School (Jomax)
October 27th 10:30am	Bible Study (Jomax)

Announcements

******Workday****** On October 19th there will be a workday to beautify our campus. Starting at 7:00am we need help weeding and trimming. If you would like to bring tools, you can, or you can use what we have here.

******TRUNK OR TREAT** is just around the corner. It's a wonderful event for us to reach out and give back to the community and help them know we are here. With such a big event there is so much fun to be a part of! If you would like to share in the joy of having a trunk, donating items or time to make this event shine, contact Liz in the office (623)224-8841, Email cog.secretary@crossofglory.org or sign up for a [Trunk](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAAAAA29AA8-trunk2) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAAAAA29AA8-trunk2> or to [Help or Donate](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAAAAA29AA8-trunk3) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0F4BAAAAA29AA8-trunk3>.

****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 [here](#). 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.

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.

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.

OCTOBER IS

**PASTOR
APPRECIATION
MONTH**

LET'S CELEBRATE OUR PASTORS!



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.