



# A Change for the Better

*Revelation 21:1-6*

*Easter 5*  
*Sunday, May 19, 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**



# Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

Blessed to be a member of



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:

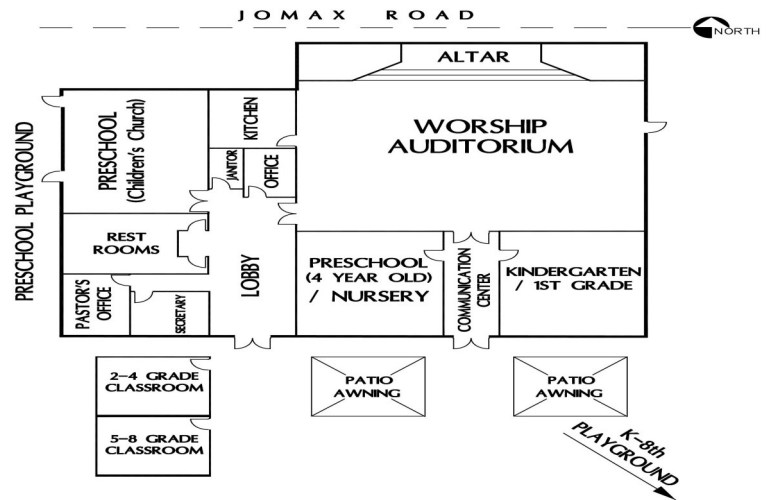
- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby .
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from 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



Life changed for the disciples after Jesus arose on Easter morning, and it would change considerably more once Jesus left and returned to the Father.



Jesus prepared them for this change and what was to come once he left. In our sermon text from Revelation, John gives us a picture of change that is coming for believers when we join Jesus in heaven. St. John gives a vision of the new heaven and the new earth, the home beautifully crafted and lovingly prepared for the Bride of Christ. Here there is nothing of the old sin, death and pain. All is new for all is done. We as the disciples will face many changes in life, but this last change (which will last all of eternity) will definitely be for the better!

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## *Divine Service II*

### OPENING HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate (CW279) 3 V.s.

O Word of God incarnate, O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging, O Light of our dark sky,  
We praise you for the radiance That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps, Shines on from age to age.

The Church from you, dear Master, Received the gift divine,  
And still that light is lifted O'er all the earth to shine.  
It is the chart and compass That, all life's journey through,  
Mid mists and rocks and quicksands Still guides, O Christ, to you.

Oh, make your Church, dear Savior, A lamp of burnished gold  
To bear before the nations Your true light, as of old.

Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims By this their path to trace  
Till, clouds and darkness ended, They see you face to face.

### 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 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Vs. 1-4 (CW152))*

**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 God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 13:44-52*

On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. <sup>45</sup>When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy. They began to contradict what Paul was saying and heaped abuse on him. <sup>46</sup>Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. <sup>47</sup>For this is what the Lord has commanded us: "I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." <sup>48</sup>When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appoint-

ed for eternal life believed. <sup>49</sup>The word of the Lord spread through the whole region. <sup>50</sup>But the Jewish leaders incited the God-fearing women of high standing and the leading men of the city. They stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their region. <sup>51</sup>So they shook the dust off their feet as a warning to them and went to Iconium. <sup>52</sup>And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

## PSALM 145

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;

**C: his greatness no one can fathom.**

M: One generation will commend your works to another;

**C: they will tell of your mighty acts.**

M: The Lord upholds all those who fall

**C: and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

M: The eyes of all look to you and you give them their food at the proper time.

**C: You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

M: The Lord is near to all who call on him,

**C: to all who call on him in truth.**

M: He fulfills the desires of those who fear him;

**C: he hears their cry and saves them.**

## 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. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia. *(John 14:6)*

*Sung by the Congregation:*

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

## GOSPEL LESSON

*John 13:31-35*

When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup>If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup>"My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. <sup>34</sup>"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Jerusalem, my happy home, When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?  
When shall these eyes thy heav'n-built walls And pearly gates behold,  
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong And streets of shining gold?  
Oh, when, thou city of my God, Shall I thy courts ascend?  
Where evermore the angels sing, The Sabbath has no end.  
Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there Around my Savior stand,  
And soon my friends in Christ below Will join the glorious band.  
O Christ, do thou my soul prepare For that bright home of love  
That I may see thee and adore With all thy saints above.

SERMON

A Change for the Better

*Revelation 21:1-6*

*The old is gone...God will make everything new*

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death’ or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” <sup>5</sup>He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6</sup>He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

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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 Pon-**

tius 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.**

 **SONG OF THE SEASON**

This Joyful Eastertide (CW160) 3 Vs.

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:

*Refrain:*

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison,  
Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen,  
Arisen, arisen; but now is Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river;  
Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver: *[Refrain]*

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber  
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number: *[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 Vs.)*

**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

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice (CW377)

Dear Christians, one and all, rejoice, With exultation springing,  
And, with united heart and voice And holy rapture singing,  
Proclaim the wonders God has done, How his right arm the vict'ry won.  
How dearly it has cost him!

Fast bound in Satan's chains I lay; Death brooded darkly o'er me.  
Sin was my torment night and day; In sin my mother bore me.  
Yet deep and deeper still I fell; Life had become a living hell,  
So firmly sin possessed me.

My own good works availed me naught, No merit they attaining;  
My will against God's judgment fought, No hope for me remaining.  
My fears increased till sheer despair Left naught but death to be my share  
And hell to be my sentence.

But God beheld my wretched state Before the world's foundation,  
And, mindful of his mercies great, He planned my soul's salvation.  
A Father's heart he turned to me, Sought my redemption fervently;  
He gave his dearest treasure.

He spoke to his beloved Son: "'Tis time to have compassion.  
Then go, bright Jewel of my crown, And bring mankind salvation.  
From sin and sorrow set them free; Slay bitter death for them that they  
May live with you forever."

The Son obeyed his Father's will, Was born of virgin mother,  
And, God's good pleasure to fulfill, He came to be my brother.

No garb of pomp or pow'r he wore; A servant's form like mine he bore  
To lead the devil captive.

To me he spoke, "Hold fast to me I am your rock and castle.  
Your ransom I myself will be; For you I strive and wrestle.  
For I am yours, your friend divine, And evermore you shall be mine;  
The foe shall not divide us.

"The foe shall shed my precious blood, Me of my life bereaving.  
All this I suffer for your good; Be steadfast and believing.  
Life shall from death the vict'ry win; My innocence shall bear your sin,  
And you are blest forever.

"Now to my Father I depart, The Holy Spirit sending  
And, heav'nly wisdom to impart, My help to you extending.  
He will a source of comfort be, Teach you to know and follow me,  
And in all truth will guide you.

"What I on earth have lived and taught Be all your life and teaching;  
So shall my kingdom's work be wrought And honored in your preaching.  
Take care that no one's man-made laws Should e'er destroy the gospel's cause.  
This final word I leave you."

#### 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**

Sing with **All the Saints in Glory** (CWS776) 2 Vs.

**Sing with all the saints in glory; Sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story, To the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking. Soon the storms of time shall cease.  
In God's likeness we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.  
Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders Crowd on faith, what joy unknown,  
When amid earth's closing thunders, Saints shall stand before the throne!**

**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.



#### **IN OUR 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.**

**Gerry Ehlers**, the brother of Pastor Ehlers diagnosed with stage 4 cancer.

**Charles Klar**, a friend of James & Cristy Meringer was diagnosed with acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). He is under going the bone marrow transfusion. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through this process.

**Phyllis Beeson**, friend of Shawn Novak diagnosed with cancer in Hospice care.

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

#### **MILITARY**

**Major JD Larson**, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirtland 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 and Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri and Lilli, USMC.

**Major Nick Borns**, son-in-law of Rich and Linda Kugler, logistics officer at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

**Ben Weyer**, serving in the military. Please pray that heavenly father keeps him safe in his journey.

<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	May 19	May 26	June 2
<b>Refreshments</b>	Liz Simkauskas/ Lisa Beilke	Rene Koutia	Paula Considine
<b>Greeters</b>	Ebel	Peterson	-
<b>Counters</b>	Sasse/Cannon	Wempner/Voigt	Wempner/Cornell
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Meringer	Koutia/Kugler	Martins/P.Ehlers
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Susie Cornell	-	Sharon Kull
<b>Ushers</b>	Chris Patterson/ Cody Hall/ Caleb Patterson/ Isaac Patterson/ Titus Patterson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Steven Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson
<b>Vistancia Ushers</b>	Gary Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson/ Cody Hall/ Caleb Patterson/ Isaac Patterson/ Titus Patterson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owne Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit



## ONE CHURCH...TWO LOCATIONS

### JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOOL

June 3 - 7

9:00 am to 11:30 am

### VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

Thursday, May 23rd from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: MVC Pool

## Ascension Worship Service

Please join us for our joint  
Worship Service at the Vistancia Campus!

June 2nd at 9:30 am

Vistancia Campus located at:

Lake Pleasant Elementary School  
31501 North Westland Road  
Peoria, Arizona 85383

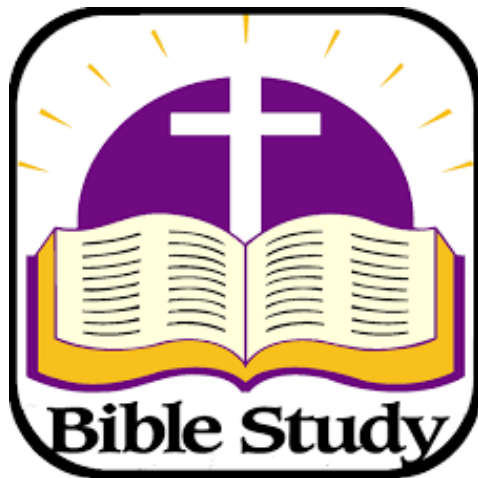


### THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

May	21		Preschool Closing Program
May	22	6:30 pm	LES Graduation
May	23	11:30 am	Early Release - Last Day of School
May	23	4:00 pm	Summer Kick-Off Party
May	25	6:00 pm	Worship Service at Jomax
May	26	9:00 am	Worship Service at Jomax
May	26	9:30 am	Worship Service at Vistancia

### LOOKING AHEAD INCLUDING SCHOOL

May	27		Memorial Day
May	28	6:00 pm	Pleasant Valley HOA Meeting
May	28	6:30 pm	Board of ED
June	1	6:00 pm	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
June	2	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
June	2	9:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion at Vistancia
June	3-7		Vacation Bible School



Weekly bible study has ended for now  
and will resume later in the year.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 am: I am Statement,  
is still on going until the end of this month.



**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)*