



The King's Transformation Project
Jeremiah 18:1-12

Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, November 24, 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

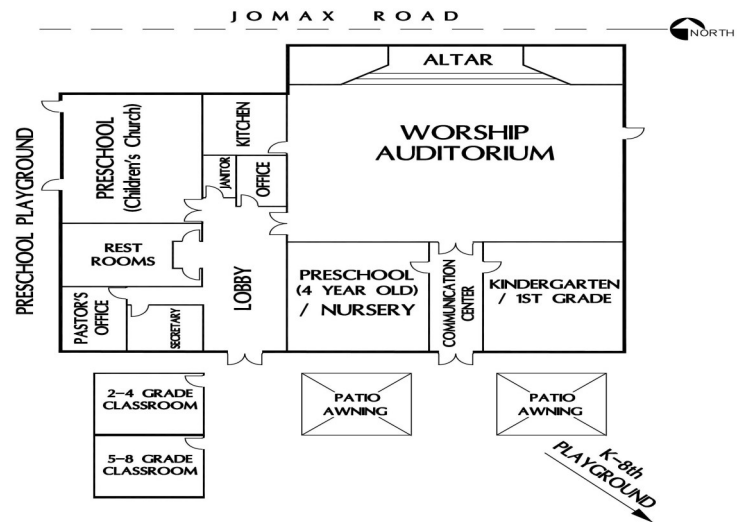
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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 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 Church Year ends today with the lasting song of triumph for Christ our King. The promise is sure: Imagine a king who cares about a sheep. A king may care about vast herds of sheep, shorn for the purpose of raising wealth. But this, our Shepherd-King, loves each of his sheep to the point of calling us by name. This Shepherd-King will come to bring us to safe pastures. There we will live with him in his kingdom, rejoicing in his goodness and resting in his eternal peace.

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Service of Worship and Praise

INVOCATION FOR CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I heard what sounded like a great multitude, like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting: "Hallelujah! For our Lord God Omnipotent reigns!"

C: I saw heaven standing open, and, there before me, was a white horse whose Rider is called "Faithful" and "True."

M: With justice He judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on His head are many crowns. He has a name written on Him that no one knows but He Himself.

C: He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and His name is "The Word of God."

M: The armies of heaven were following Him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of His mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.

C: He will rule them with an iron scepter. On His robe and on His thigh He has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

M: The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!

C: Amen.



OPENING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign 4 V/s.

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore Till sun shall rise and set no more
Blessings abound where'er He reigns The pris'ner leaps to lose his chains
The weary find eternal rest And all the sons of want are blessed

Refrain:

To our King be highest praise Rising through eternal days
Just and faithful He shall reign: Jesus shall reign!

People and realms of every tongue Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim Their early blessings on His name. *[Refrain]*

Let every creature rise and bring Blessing and honor to our King
Angels descend with songs again And earth repeat the loud amen! *[Refrain]*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(Read/ Sung Responsively)

M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one an-

other so that you may be healed.” As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter. I am the clay; Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

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M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, “He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord.” God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth to show the way;

from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave;

From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

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FIRST LESSON

Colossians 1:13-20

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things

have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

PSALM 98

(Spoken Responsively - Sung Response—"Creation Sings the Father's Song" 3 Vs.)

M: Sing to the Lord a new song,

C: For he has done marvelous things.

M: The Lord has made his salvation known,

C: And revealed his righteousness to the nations.

M: He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel.

C: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

M: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,

C: Burst into jubilant song with music;

M: Make music to the Lord with the harp,

C: With the harp and the sound of singing.

M: Shout for joy before the Lord, the King.

C: He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

**Creation sings the Father's song; He calls the sun to wake the dawn
And run the course of day Till evening falls in crimson rays.
His fingerprints in flakes of snow, His breath upon this spinning globe,
He charts the eagle's flight; Commands the newborn baby's cry.**

Refrain:

**Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;
Tell the wonders of creation's King.**

**Creation gazed upon His face; The ageless One in time's embrace
Unveiled the Father's plan Of reconciling God and man.
A second Adam walked the earth, Whose blameless life would break the curse,
Whose death would set us free To live with Him eternally. [Refrain]**

**Creation longs for His return, When Christ shall reign upon the earth;
The bitter wars that rage Are birth pains of a coming age.
When He renews the land and sky, All heav'n will sing and earth reply
With one resplendent theme: The glories of our God and King! " [Refrain]**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 23:35-43

The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered him, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise."

 SERMON HYMNAll Hail the Power of Jesus' Name *(CW370) 4 Vs..*

**All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.
 Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.**

**Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call,
 The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.
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**Sinners whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall,
 Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.
 Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.**

**Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at his feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song And crown him Lord of all.
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SERMON

The Kings Transformation Project**Jeremiah 18:1-12**

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ²"Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." ³So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. ⁵Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶He said, "Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?" declares the LORD. "Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. ⁷If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, ⁸and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. ⁹And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, ¹⁰and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it. ¹¹"Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, "This is what the LORD says: Look! I am

preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’¹² But they will reply, ‘It’s no use. We will continue with our own plans; we will all follow the stubbornness of our evil hearts.’”

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(Read Responsively)

M: 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.

C: **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.**

M: *What does this mean?*

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: **All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

SONG OF THE SEASON

Every Promise of Your Word 4 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs, 1-3 and congregation joins for Vs. 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 Responsively)

M: To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power forever and ever.

C: O Christ, our King, You are worthy of our praise for You created all things, and by Your will they exist and have their being.

M: O Christ, our King, You are worthy of our honor and glory because You were slain for us and, by Your blood, purchased us for Yourself. From every nation and people and language You have called us into Your kingdom and have made us priests to worship and serve You. Help us live as royal priests!

C: O Shepherd-King, we thank You for searching and finding us. Continue to lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of Your saving love as we humbly follow. Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin, guilt, and regret. Strengthen us when we are weak in You.

M: We thank You, Almighty Savior, because You rule over all things for the good of Your people. Therefore, break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the Devil, of the ungodly influences and worldly ideas pressing us, and of our own sinful nature. Use Your power to calm the unrest among nations so that Your kingdom may spread and grow in the hearts of people everywhere.

C: Strengthen our confidence that Your kingdom will never be destroyed and that You do make all things work for the good of those who love You.

M: Praise be to You our Savior-King! You will, someday, come again and judge the world in righteousness. You will command Death to release our mortal bodies and then will cast away, into outer darkness, Satan and his evil angels, along with all those who opposed You or treated Your great love with disinterest. Reign in our hearts, therefore, that we may treasure Your salvation, serve You more faithfully, and speak more boldly to others of Your saving name.

-- Special prayers --

M: Look, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced

Him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever, King of kings, and Lord of lords.

C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Hallelujah! Let us rejoice and be glad and give Him all glory, praise, and thanks! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung by Congregation)

Sung by Congregation:

**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.**

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.

ENSEMBLE

You are my King

Announcements

****There will be a call meeting on December 1st at 11:30am after bible study. This allows our Vistancia brothers and sisters to take part.

****The Growth Groups will not be meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

****On November 30th starting at 4:00pm we will have our annual church decorating party and white elephant gift exchange. There will also be a potluck soup supper and devotion with hymn singing (**no regular Saturday night worship!**). You can sign up online for a dish to pass.

****A very heartfelt thank-you to all those who helped out in some way for the two recent memorial services. Losing a loved one is never easy, even if you know they've gone to be with their Savior. Sadness and grief are inevitable. Part of the privilege and joy of fellow Christians is to work behind the scenes to make these days flow seamlessly, so that the family doesn't have to worry about the details. This happened at both services, and people from each commented on it. So again, thank you to all who helped—whether it was with food, music, setup, cleanup, or just being in attendance to offer the encouragement of your presence—your Christian love was noticed and appreciated! Thanks be to God for giving us to each other for times like these!

****Rene is looking for youth interested in singing in a youth choir for our Christmas Eve Service. Please sign up in the church entry.

******Updating the church directory is almost complete, our goal is Thanksgiving.** We are including out-of-state members and winter visitors. Please let Liz know if anyone is missing. There are rough drafts located in the Church entry or a 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 Liz know.

Announcements Continued...

****C19 PROMO FOR CONGREGATIONAL BULLETINS OR NEWSLETTERS

Be Part of C19

One million souls. That is the goal. To share the gospel with one million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve. That goal is part of WELS Congregational Services' C19 program. The only way to achieve that goal is for all WELS members, young and old, to embrace the privilege and responsibility of sharing Christ with unchurched friends, relatives, and neighbors. A simple way to do that—invite them to come with your family to your congregation's Christmas Eve worship service. A recent survey found that 80% of unchurched adults would seriously consider accepting an invitation, extended by a friend, to attend a Christmas Eve service. C19 seeks to encourage every member of our WELS family to do just that. For more information, go to welscongregationalservices.net/c19.

Worship Volunteers	November 24th	December 1st	December 8th
Refreshments	Sharon Wilson/ Christina Marcell	Stacey Cornell/ Linda Stern	Ally Kelley/ Susie Cornell
Greeters	-	Wempner	Yauck
Counters	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Voight	Sasse/Cannon
Church Cleaners	Patterson	Ebel/Meringer	Martin/Ehlers
Communion Set-Up	-	Susie	-
Ushers	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Jon Yauck
Vistancia Ushers	Verl Naber/ Don Bollmeier/ Brad Hotz/ Larry Kennedy	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss

Growth Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Class-What is in Your Bible?

Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

<p><u>Pastor Ehlers- Angels and Demons</u> Wednesdays at 19- 12.11.19 Michael Wenniger's House</p>	<p><u>Mom's Group- Ally Kelley</u> Wednesday at 9:00 am Starting September 18th Ally Kelley's House</p>	<p><u>Tim Grams - The Book of ACTS</u> Wednesdays at 6:30 pm 9.18.19- 12.11.19 Grams House</p>
<p><u>Women's Bible Study- Book of Colossians</u> Tuesdays at 9:30 am Starting September 10th Karen Jurado's House</p>	<p><u>BIC with Pastor Foxen</u> Thursdays at 6:30 pm Starting September 5th Jomax Campus</p>	<p><u>Pastor Freeman- A Study of 1 and 2 Timothy</u> Saturdays 7:50 am Starting September 21st Jomax Campus</p>

COG Golden Agers

Please join for brunch and fellowship on Thursday, December 5th, 2019 at 9:30am. Held at The Five and Diner Delux, 11340 W Bell Road, #125, Surprise, Az. Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone, sasseja43@aol.com or 602-618-6967.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

November 26th 9:30am	Women's Growth Group
November 26th 6:00pm	Dos Rios HOA Meeting
November 27th 6:40pm	Choir practice
November 27th 7:00pm	Thanksgiving Service
November 28th	Thanksgiving Day
November 30th 4:00pm	Church Decorating and White Elephant Exchange
December 1st 9:00am	Worship Service W/Communion(Jomax)
December 1st 9:30am	Worship Service W/Communion (Vistancia)
December 1st 10:30am	Sunday School (Jomax)
December 1st 10:30am	Bible Study (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

December 2nd 3:45pm	Christmas Crafting
December 3rd 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
December 3rd 3:45pm	Tumbling
December 3rd 7:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
December 4th 9:00am	Mornings with Mommy
December 4th 3:45pm	Christmas Crafting
December 4th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
December 4th 6:30pm	Growth Group- Tim Grams
December 4th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
December 5th 9:30am	Golden Agers Brunch & Fellowship
December 7th 6:00pm	Worship Service W/Communion(Jomax)
December 8th 9:00am	Worship Service W/Communion(Jomax)
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ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

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PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

Gerry Ehlers, who continues to struggle with cancer and whose daughter (in her 40s) died suddenly

Pastor Buchholz (our district president) and family, whose niece died tragically in a car accident.

Beth Breamer, the sister of Clarine Wallace, who had surgery on Friday, November 15th, to remove a kidney & other cancer.

The Koutia family, after the death of Rene's mother, Delores Krueger, on October 28th. Pray that God would give them peace with the sure hope of the

The Fenske family. Doris passed away on October 29th. Pray that God would give them peace with the sure hope of the resurrection.

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

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

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.

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, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his



SIGNPOSTS TO THE SAVIOR

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Advent by Candlelight is an opportunity for women of all ages to set aside the tasks of holiday preparation and focus on the birth of Christ.

DEC. 8 • 3PM • JOMAX RD
FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (5YRS AND UP)

RSVP ON THE TABLES IN THE CHURCH ENTRY



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.