



***They Prepare a Way***  
***Zechariah The Lord is Renowned***

***Advent 1***  
***Sunday, December 1, 2019***  
***FULL SCRIPT***



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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

**Vistancia Campus**  
Lake Pleasant Elementary School  
31501 N. Westland Road  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**Sun. 9:30am Worship**

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

### Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby .
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4<sup>th</sup> grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. If parents wish, the children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find age-appropriate and spiritually focused activities to work on during the regular sermon. At the time of the offering, children return to sit with their parents. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

### Special needs:

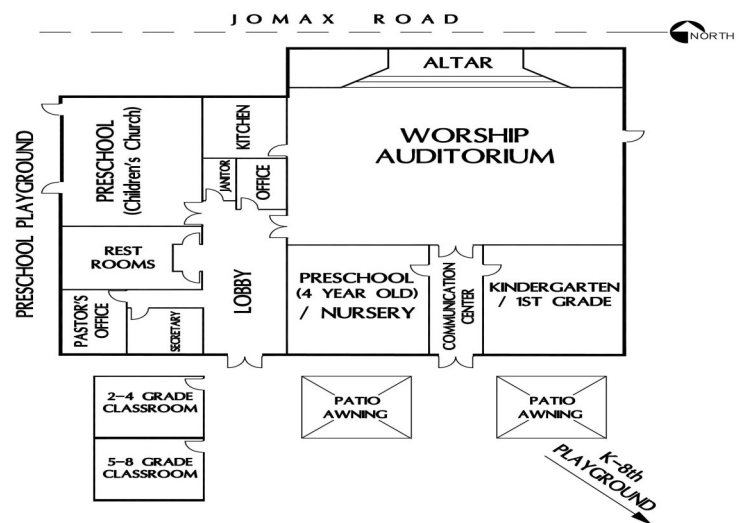
- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available

## Worship focus

The Season of Advent is historically a time of anticipation and waiting. Typically, we look at this waiting from three distinct vantage points:

1. God's Old Testament people waiting for the birth of the Savior,
2. Christians today waiting for the celebration of Christmas,
3. Christians waiting for the Lord's return on the Last Day.

In every case, God's people were encouraged to wait with expectation and to prepare for the coming of the Lord through repentance and faith. These services are intended to help God's people prepare for the Lord's coming — to Bethlehem, to our hearts, and at the end of the world. The services center on Jesus, the Coming One, and make extensive use of the hymn, "**Oh Come, Oh come, Emmanuel.**" This hymn was originally based on the seven so-called "O" Antiphons used in the liturgy of the church during the Advent season. (Each one begins with the word "O"). These Antiphons (congregational responses), dating from before the ninth century, are sentences addressed to the Savior. They reflect a joyful anticipation of his Advent or "coming." We use them here in conjunction with the lighting of the candles in the Advent wreath and hope they will serve to make this truly a season of anticipation and expectation for you. The journey from Advent to Bethlehem is never an easy one in our day. We are distracted by so many other things that have come to be associated with this time before Christmas. It's a time filled with noise and commercialization, and some you will meet along the way aren't really interested in Bethlehem at all. May these services help to center our attention on our coming Savior and strengthen our faith in him.



## *O Come Lord Jesus—An Advent Service*

### OPENING HYMN

Arise, O Christian People (CW14) 3 Vs.

Arise, O Christian people! Prepare yourselves today.  
Prepare to greet the Savior, Who takes your sins away.  
To us by grace alone The truth and light were given;  
The promised Lord from heaven To all the world is shown.  
  
Prepare the way before him; Prepare for him the best.  
Cast out what would offend him, This great, this heav'nly guest.  
Make straight, make plain the way: The lowly valleys raising,  
The heights of pride abasing, His path all even lay.  
  
Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; Turn not from me aside,  
And help me to receive you This blessed Adventtide.  
From stall and manger low Come now to dwell within me;  
I'll sing your praises gladly And forth your glory show.

### INVOCATION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: We worship in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

M: Give glory to the coming King!

**C: Oh, come, let us worship him!**

M: Behold, He who was to come has come.

**C: We welcome him with thankful hearts.**

M: Behold, He who has come is coming again.

**C: We wait for him with fervent faith.**

M: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

**C: "Come, Lord Jesus."**

M: All who await his appearance pray:

**C: "Come, Lord Jesus."**

M: The whole creation pleads:

**C: "Come, Lord Jesus."**

**All: *(Sung)* Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appears.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

## ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*(Lighting the Prophecy Candle)*

M: O Wisdom, proceeding from the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things:

**C: Come and teach us the way of wisdom.**

**All: (Sung) Oh come, our Wisdom from on high Who ordered all things mightily;  
To us the path of knowledge show, And teach us in the ways to go.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Let us confess our sins to God our Father:

**C: O almighty, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess to you all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended you and justly deserved your punishment now and forever. But my heart is deeply grieved over them and I sincerely repent of them; and I pray you in your boundless mercy, and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

M: Upon this your confession, I as a called servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and acting in his behalf and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

## THE SCRIPTURE OF PROPHECY

*Isaiah 11:1-9*

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.<sup>2</sup> The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—<sup>3</sup> and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears;<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.<sup>5</sup> Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist. <sup>6</sup> The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.<sup>7</sup> The cow will feed with the bear, their young will lie down together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox.<sup>8</sup> The infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child put his hand into the viper's nest. <sup>9</sup> They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**C: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, daughters of Jerusalem!**

**See, your King comes to you, Righteous and having salvation.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**From the house of the Lord we bless you.** *(Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26)*

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## THE SCRIPTURE OF ANTICIPATION

**1 Peter 1:1-12**

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, strangers in the world, scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, <sup>2</sup>who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and sprinkling by his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. <sup>6</sup>In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. <sup>7</sup>These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. <sup>8</sup>Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, <sup>9</sup>for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.<sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, <sup>11</sup>trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the glories that would follow. <sup>12</sup>It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you, when they spoke of the things that have now been told you by those who have preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. Even angels long to look into these things.

## CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**C: Alleluia! Lift up your heads, O you gates;**

**Lift them up, you ancient doors,**

**That the King of glory may come in. Alleluia!** *(Psalm 24:9)*

## SERMON HYMN :

**Prepare the Royal Highway** *(CWS702) 3 Vs.*

**Prepare the royal highway; The King of kings is near!**

**Let ev'ry hill and valley A level road appear!**

**Then greet the King of glory, Foretold in sacred story:**

***Refrain:***

**Hosanna to the Lord, for he fulfills God's Word!**

**Then fling the gates wide open to greet your promised King!**

**Your King, yet ev'ry nation Its tribute too should bring,**

**All lands, bow down before him! All nations, now adore him! *[Refrain]***

**His is no earthly kingdom; It comes from heav'n above.**

**His rule is peace and freedom and justice, truth, and love.**

**So let your praise be sounding for kindness so abounding: *[Refrain]***

**SERMON**

**They Prepared a Way: *Zechariah***

***Luke 1:5-25***

*The Lord is Renowned*

<sup>5</sup>In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. <sup>6</sup>Both of them were upright in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commandments and regulations blamelessly. <sup>7</sup>But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years. <sup>8</sup>Once when Zechariah's division was on duty and he was serving as priest before God, <sup>9</sup>he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to go into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. <sup>10</sup>And when the time for the burning of incense came, all the assembled worshipers were praying outside. <sup>11</sup>Then an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. <sup>12</sup>When Zechariah saw him, he was startled and was gripped with fear. <sup>13</sup>But the angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John. <sup>14</sup>He will be a joy and delight to you, and many will rejoice because of his birth, <sup>15</sup>for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He is never to take wine or other fermented drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit even from birth. <sup>16</sup>Many of the people of Israel will he bring back to the Lord their God. <sup>17</sup>And he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous—to make ready a people prepared for the Lord." <sup>18</sup>Zechariah asked the angel, "How can I be sure of this? I am an old man and my wife is well along in years." <sup>19</sup>The angel answered, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news. <sup>20</sup>And now you will be silent and not able to speak until the day this happens, because you did not believe my words, which will come true at their proper time." <sup>21</sup>Meanwhile, the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering why he stayed so long in the temple. <sup>22</sup>When he came out, he could not speak to them. They realized he had seen a vision in the temple, for he kept making signs to them but remained unable to speak. <sup>23</sup>When his time of service was completed, he returned home. <sup>24</sup>After this his wife Elizabeth became pregnant and for five months remained in seclusion. <sup>25</sup>"The Lord has done this for me," she said. "In these days he has shown his favor and taken away my disgrace among the people."

## THE NICENE CREED

*(Read in Unison)*

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

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.

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

*Still, Still, Still (LAP289) 3 Vs.*

Still, still, still, Your heart with joy I'd fill.  
I'd sing you a song and watch by your manger,  
Guard you from harm and keep you from danger.  
Still, still, still, your heart with joy I'd fill.

Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'Mid the oxen and the sheep.  
The shepherds come to see your glory;  
Angels bend low to tell the story,  
Sleep, sleep, sleep, 'mid the oxen and the sheep.

Still, still, still, within your holy will.  
To you, great God, my voice I'll raise,  
With awe and wonder sing your praise,  
Still, still, still, within your holy will.

## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## LORD'S PRAYER

*(Spoken by Congregation)*

**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.**

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR

### GREETING

*(Spoken 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 right to give him thanks and praise.**

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, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### PROPER PREFACES

*(Sung by Congregation)*

**O holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

**The heav'ns and earth are full of his glory.**

**How blest is he who comes now in the name of God.**

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, Lord.**

### 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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: Amen.**



## LAMB OF GOD

*(Sung by Congregation; Melody CW23)*

**O Lamb of God, you take away The sin of all. Have mercy, Lord!**

**O Lamb of God, you take away The sin of all. Have mercy, Lord!**

**O Lamb of God, our faith increase, And grant to us your gift of peace!**

## 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

**As Angels Joyed in One Accord (CW5)**

**As angels joyed with one accord Upon the advent of our Lord,  
‘So laud we all and bless the name of him who from the Father came.**

**He came, not clothed in majesty nor pow’r that suits his deity.  
In lowly state he walked till he in dying set us captives free.**

**This done, he soared to God’s right hand, Yet orphaned not his chosen band,  
For he, not bound in grace and pow’r, Attends his own each day and hour.**

**In ev’ry age, let praise abound He comes, we hear his voice resound.  
His glorious gospel does not cease to bring us comfort, joy, and peace.**

**He comes in water to the child and cleanses it, from birth defiled.  
This washing seals his pard’ning grace and shows the Father’s kindly face.**

**He comes to us in bread and wine, to give himself and gifts divine.  
Oh, praise him for this sacrament, redeeming love’s great testament!**

**Lift up your heads! All grief and pain shall vanish when he comes again.  
Where we shall see him face to face, there joy alone shall have a place.**

## THANKSGIVING

*(Sung by Congregation; Melody: CW23—2 V.s.)*

**Let us now thank our God, the Lord, Who on us grace and mercy poured;  
Who gave his body into death, And blessed us with his dying breath.**

**Oh tell his love, his name confess. He is: the LORD, our Righteousness.**

**Amen, that is, so shall it be, Confirm our faith and hope in Thee,**

**That we may doubt not, but believe What here we ask we shall receive.**

**Thus in Thy name and at Thy Word We say: Amen. Oh, hear us, Lord!**

## THE DISMISSAL

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Behold, He who was to come has come.

**C: We welcome him with thankful hearts.**

M: Behold, He who has come is coming again.

**C: We wait for him with fervent faith.**

M: He who testifies to these things says, 'Yes, I am coming soon'

**C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

M: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people.

**C: Amen.**



## CLOSING HYMN

**The Advent of Our King** (CW1) 3 Vs.

The advent of our King Our prayers must now employ,  
And we must hymns of welcome sing In strains of holy joy.

The everlasting Son Incarnate deigns to be,  
Himself a servant's form puts on To set his servants free.

All glory to the Son, Who comes to set us free,  
With Father, Spirit, ever one Through all eternity.

## Announcements

\*\*\*There will be a call meeting on today after bible study. This allows our Vistancia brothers and sisters to take part.

\*\*\*There are a few more reading parts available for Advent by Candlelight please sign-up at the back of church and don't forget to take a hard copy of the script to read through ahead of time. Also plenty of room to sign-up to sit at or host a table.

\*\*\*There will be a sign-up sheet at Vistancia for Worship Volunteers for December and January. Areas for include refreshments, trailer hauling, set-up, take-down, sound management and playing piano. If you are interested in serving please sign up or contact Liz for available dates.

\*\*\*A man finds Jesus after losing his sight. A girl finds peace by drumming a tympani. A sinner finds health with terminal leukemia. Those stories and more are featured in the upcoming issue of *His Hands*, an e-newsletter from WELS Special Ministries. To get it delivered to your inbox, go to [wels.net/subscribe](http://wels.net/subscribe). You can also peruse previous issues at [csm.welsrc.net](http://csm.welsrc.net).

\*\*\*Please join COG Golden Agers for brunch and fellowship on Thursday, December 5th, 2019. 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](mailto:sasseja43@aol.com) or 602-618-6967.

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

\*\*\***The New Church Directories** are located in the back of church. Thank you everyone who verified your information.



The graphic features a central teal box with the text "SIGNPOSTS TO THE SAVIOR" in white. Above and below this box are six small icons: a yellow snake on a red background, a white sheep on a green background, a white and red figure of a man with a staff on a blue background, a yellow crown on a teal background, a yellow manger with a white baby on a red background, and a red cross on a green background. To the right of the signposts, the text "ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT" is written in teal. Below this, a teal paragraph describes the event as an opportunity for women of all ages to focus on the birth of Christ. Further down, the date and time "DEC. 8 • 3PM • JOMAX RD" are listed in teal, followed by "FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS (5YRS AND UP)" in teal. At the bottom, a red box contains the text "RSVP ON THE TABLES IN THE CHURCH ENTRY" in white.

**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



Find all of the resources for C19 at  
<https://welscongregationalservices.net/c19/>

1,000,000. It is a big number. Yet, that is the goal—to share the gospel with one million souls prior to and on Christmas Eve 2019. The only way that goal is reached is if the army of saints that is the WELS works together. Each member, young and old, needs 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 you to your congregation’s Christmas Eve worship service. Christmas Eve has surpassed Easter as the worship service that unchurched individuals are most likely to attend. 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 (short for “Christmas 2019”) is a program produced by WELS Congregational Services to help our churches and members undertake this effort. You can find all of the C19 resources at <https://welscongregationalservices.net/c19/> .

Christmas will be here before you know it. Check out C19 now!

**WHOM WILL YOU REACH?**

# 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 to them and their families.*

**Jack Powell**, who fell recently and had surgery to help mend a broken hip and arm.

**Gerry Ehlers**, who continues to struggle with cancer and whose daughter (in her 40s) died suddenly last week from a heart attack.

**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.

**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.

## **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 journey.

## Growth Groups

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### Pastor Ehlers- Angels and Demons

Wednesdays at 19- 12.11.19  
Michael Wenniger's House

### Sunday Morning Bible Class- What is in Your Bible?

Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

### 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 Colossians

Tuesdays at 9:30 am  
Starting September 10th  
Karen Jurado's House

### Mom's Group- Ally Kelley

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

### Pastor Freeman- A Study of 1 and 2 Timothy

Saturdays 7:50 am  
Starting September 21st  
Jomax Campus

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### COG Golden Agers

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<b>Jomax</b>			
<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>December 1st</b>	<b>December 8th</b>	<b>December 15th</b>
<b>Refreshments</b>	Stacey Cornell/ Linda Stern	Ally Kelley/ Susie Cornell	Sheri Garver/ Margaret Walker/ Cristy Meringer
<b>Greeters</b>	Wempner	Yauck	-
<b>Counters</b>	Wempner/Voight	Sasse/Cannon	Sasse/Brooks
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Ebel/Meringer	Martin/Ehlers	Koutia/Kugler
<b>Communion Set-</b>	Susie	Lynn	-
<b>Ushers</b>	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck/	Gray Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson

<b>Vistancia</b>			
<b>Worship Volunteers</b>	<b>December 1st</b>	<b>December 8th</b>	<b>December 15th</b>
<b>Snacks</b>	Susan Martin	-	Maxine Freeman
<b>Trailer Hauling</b>	Nate Brown	Ed Taylor	-
<b>Set up</b>	-	-	Maxine Freeman
<b>Take Down</b>	-	-	-
<b>Sound Management</b>	-	-	-
<b>Piano Playing</b>	-	-	Cathy Mundstock
<b>Ushers</b>	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/

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)
December 8th 9:30am	Worship Service W/Communion (Vistancia)
December 8th 10:30am	Sunday School (Jomax)
December 8th 10:30am	Bible Study (Jomax)

## LOOKING AHEAD

December 9th 3:45pm	Christmas Crafting
December 10th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
December 10th 3:45pm	Tumbling
December 10th 6:15pm	Pleasant Valley HOA
December 10th 6:30pm	Church Council
December 11th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
December 11th 3:45pm	Christmas Crafting
December 11th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
December 11th 6:30pm	Growth Group– Tim Grams
December 11th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
December 12th 3:45pm	Tumbling
December 13th 6:00pm	Hayride & Caroling
December 14th 7:50am	Growth Group with Pastor
December 14th 6:00pm	Worship Service
December 15th 9:00am	School Christmas Program
December 15th 9:30am	Worship Service

# ONE CHURCH...TWO LOCATIONS

## JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

### Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 8th

### School Christmas Program

Sunday, December 15th

### Christmas Eve Service

Tuesday, December 24th

### Christmas Day Service

Wednesday, December 25th

### New Years Eve Service

Tuesday, December 31st



## VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

### Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 8th

### Hayride & Caroling

Friday, December 13th

### Christmas Eve Service

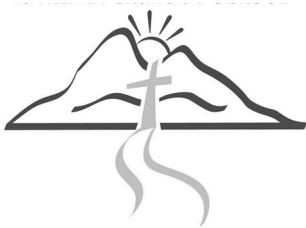
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**Cross of Glory** was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship 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.