



***They Prepare a Way***  
**John the Baptist *Prepare the Way***

***Advent 2***  
***Sunday, December 8, 2019***  
***FULL SCRIPT***



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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**[www.crossofglory.org](http://www.crossofglory.org)**

**Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor**

**Rev. Benjamin Foxen, Pastor**



**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:

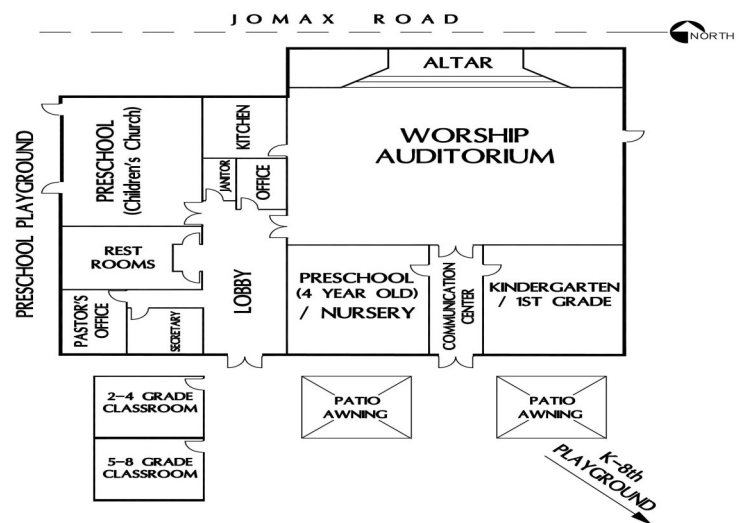
- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available



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*

CHOIR

Prepare Ye

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, our Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times did give the Law, In cloud, and majesty, and awe.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel!**

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

*(Lighting the Bethlehem Candle)*

M: O Lord and Ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Mt. Sinai:

**C: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.**

**All: *(Sung)* Oh come, Desire of nations, bind. In one the hearts of all mankind;  
Oh, bid our sad divisions cease, And be yourself our King of Peace.  
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 re-**

pent 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 40:1-11*

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. <sup>2</sup>Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her hard service has been completed, that her sin has been paid for, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. <sup>3</sup>A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. <sup>4</sup>Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. <sup>5</sup>And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken." <sup>6</sup>A voice says, "Cry out." And I said, "What shall I cry?" "All people are like grass, and all their faithfulness is like the flowers of the field. <sup>7</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, because the breath of the LORD blows on them. Surely the people are grass. <sup>8</sup>The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." <sup>9</sup>You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, "Here is your God!" <sup>10</sup>See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm. See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him. <sup>11</sup>He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

## 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

*Romans 15:4-13*

<sup>4</sup>For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. <sup>5</sup>May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other

that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the Jews on behalf of God's truth, so that the promises made to the patriarchs might be confirmed <sup>9</sup> and, moreover, that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles; I will sing the praises of your name." <sup>10</sup> Again, it says, "Rejoice, you Gentiles, with his people." <sup>11</sup> And again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles; let all the peoples extol him." <sup>12</sup> And again, Isaiah says, "The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; in him the Gentiles will hope."<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

*(Spoken Responsively)*

**C: Alleluia! Prepare the way for the Lord, Make straight paths for him;  
All mankind will see God's salvation. (Luke 3:4,6)**

 **SERMON HYMN :**

**When All the World Was Cursed (CW20) 3 V.s.**

**When all the world was cursed by Moses' condemnation,**

**Saint John the Baptist came with words of consolation.**

**With true forerunner's zeal the greater one he named.**

**And him, as yet unknown, as Savior he proclaimed.**

**Before Saint John was born, he leaped in joyful meeting,**

**Confessing him as Lord whose mother he was greeting.**

**By Jordan's rolling stream, a new Elijah bold,**

**He testified of him whom prophets had foretold.**

**Behold the Lamb of God, Who bears the world's transgression,**

**Whose sacrifice removes the devil's dread oppression.**

**Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin.**

**Who for our peace and joy will full atonement win.**

**SERMON**

**They Prepared a Way: *John the Baptist***

***Luke 3:15-20***

*Prepare the Way*

The people were waiting expectantly and were all wondering in their hearts if John might possibly be the Messiah. <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water. But one who is more powerful than I will come, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>17</sup> His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire." <sup>18</sup> And with many other words John exhorted the people and proclaimed the good news to them. <sup>19</sup> But

when John rebuked Herod the tetrarch because of his marriage to Herodias, his brother's wife, and all the other evil things he had done, <sup>20</sup> Herod added this to them all: He locked John up in prison.

**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:

**Draw Near** (CWS740)

*(Ensemble sings the verses and Congregation sings the Refrain)*

*Refrain Sung by Congregation:*

**Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord,**

**Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you out poured!**

## 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.**

## ENSEMBLE

**Days of Elijah**



## PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

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

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

## Announcements

\*\*\*\*Advent by Candlelight is tonight and its not to late to sign up and join us. Our annual **Advent by Candlelight** program entitled "Signposts to the Savior" is an opportunity for women and girls to get together and enjoy each other's company while also enjoying food and a program that focuses on the coming of Jesus and our preparations to meet him. If you'd like to attend, please contact [Sara Yauck](#), who is organizing the event.

\*\*\*\*At our call meeting on December 1st, the congregation called Jared Christiansen to be our new principal. He currently serves at St. Paul Lutheran School in St. James, Minnesota. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he considers where he can best use his gifts in the Lord's kingdom.

\*\*\*\*If you're interested in partnering with us to help the needy this Christmas, consider bringing some new socks to the office. We are organizing a **sock drive** to provide some much-needed warmth for Native Americans living on the Fort Apache Reservation. Thank you for helping us clothe those who are in need!

\*\*\*\*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).

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

\*\*\*\*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](http://welscongregationalservices.net/c19).

\*\*\*\*Meditations for Prison Ministry--Please put your used Meditations in the box in the entry way. Meditations are sent to the WELS Prison Ministry quarterly and then distributed to prisoners. Questions? Contact Lynn Wempner

\*\*\*\*Please join COG Golden Agers for brunch and fellowship on Thursday, January 2nd, 2019. Held at The Five and Diner Delux, 11340 W Bell Road, #125, Surprise, Az. Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone, [sasscja43@aol.com](mailto:sasscja43@aol.com) or 602-618-6967.

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

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## Jomax

Jomax Worship Volunteers	December 8th	December 15th	December 22nd
<b>Refreshments</b>	Ally Kelley/ Susie Cornell	Sheri Garver/ Margaret Walker/ Cristy Meringer	Rachel Plituweit/ Maria Kelly
<b>Greeters</b>	Yauck	Karin Hansen	-
<b>Counters</b>	Sasse/Cannon	Sasse/Brooks	Wempner/Cornell
<b>Church Cleaners</b>	Martin/Ehlers	Koutia/Kugler	Sauer/Kelly
<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Lynn	-	-
<b>Ushers</b>	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck/	Gray Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson/ Cody Hall/ Caleb Patterson/ Isaac Patterson/ Titus Patterson



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

## Vistancia

Vistancia Worship Volunteers	December 8th	December 15th	December 22nd
<b>Snacks</b>	Sheri Garver	Maxine Freeman	Cathy Mundstock
<b>Trailer Hauling</b>	Ed Taylor	Norm Voigt	Nate Brown
<b>Set up</b>	-	Maxine Freeman	-
<b>Sound Management</b>	-	-	-
<b>Piano Playing</b>	-	Cathy Mundstock	-
<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

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

December 9th 3:45pm	Christmas Crafting
December 10th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
December 10th 3:45pm	Tumbling
December 10th 3:45pm	B-team Basketball practice
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

## LOOKING AHEAD

December 16th 3:45pm	Christmas Crafting
December 17th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
December 17th 3:45pm	Tumbling
December 17th 3:45pm	B-team Basketball practice
December 17th 6:30pm	Board of Ed
December 18th 9:00am	Mornings with Mommy
December 18th 3:45pm	Christmas Crafting
December 18th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
December 20th 11:30 am	Early Dismissal- Christmas Break Begins
Dec. 21st - Jan. 5th	Christmas Break
December 21th 6:00pm	Worship Service (Jomax)
December 22nd 9:00am	Worship Service (Jomax)
December 22nd 9:30am	Worship Service (Vistancia)
December 22nd 10:30am	Bible Study
December 22nd 10:30am	Sunday School
December 22nd 10:30am	Choir Practice

## ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

### **JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS**

**Advent by Candlelight**

Sunday, December 8th 3:00 pm

**School Christmas Programs**

Sunday, December 15th

LES 9:00 am

Preschool 10:30 am

**Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 24th 6:00 pm

**Christmas Day Service**

Wednesday, December 25th 10:00 am

**New Years Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 31st 6:00 pm

**Cross of Glory**  
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### **VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS**

**Advent by Candlelight**

Sunday, December 8th 3:00 pm

**Hayride & Caroling**

Friday, December 13th 6:00 pm

**Christmas Eve Service**

Tuesday, December 24th 6:00 pm

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# 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.

**Juanita Word**, who fell recently and had surgery to mend her broken leg and has a six month recovery ahead.

**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.

## **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

### Pastor Ehlers– The Book of Jude

Wednesdays at 9.18.19- 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

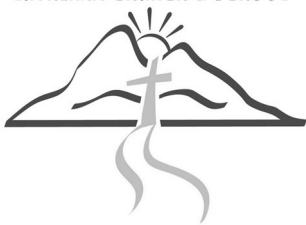
Wednesday at 9:00 am  
Starting September 18th  
Ally Kelley's House

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

Saturdays 7:50 am  
Starting September 21st  
Jomax Campus

### COG Golden Agers

Please join for brunch and fellowship on first Thursday of every month, 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](mailto:sasseja43@aol.com) or 602-618-6967.



**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.