Epiphany
Sunday, January 5, 2020
Full Script

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Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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

Vistancia Campus
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
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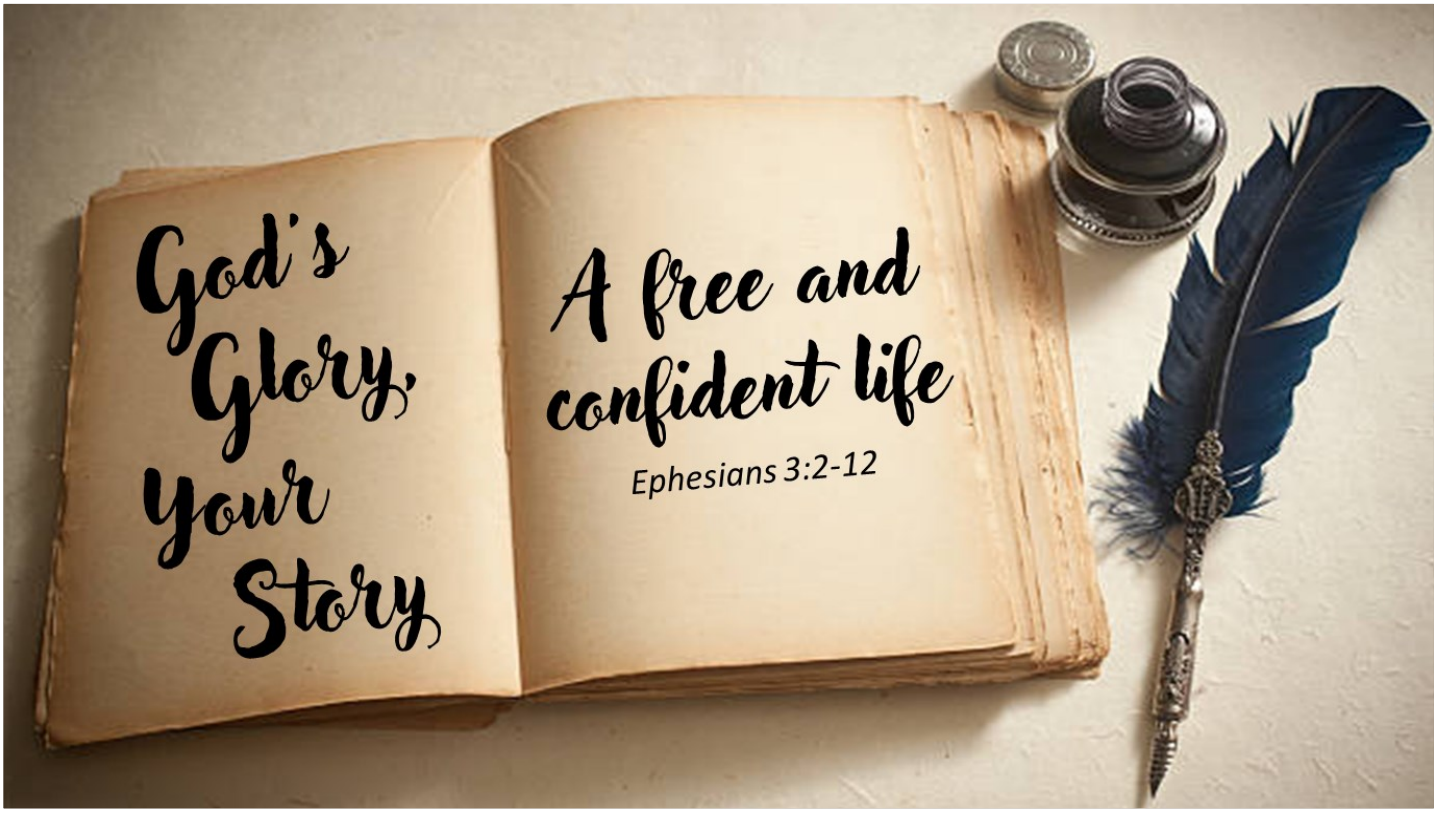
Sun. 10:30am Worship

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.



Worship focus

Today we celebrate Epiphany, otherwise known as Christmas for those of us who are not descendants of the Israelites. It is the celebration of the Magi worshipping Jesus.

The people of Israel knew that the Gentiles had a place in the Old Covenant. The Law had made provisions for them. The prophets had made promises about them. The mystery, however, lay in exactly what kind of place they would have in the New Covenant. The Jews did not understand that God intended the Gentiles to have an equal place. The coming of the magi marked the beginning of wave after wave of Gentiles who would come to faith in Christ. God wanted them, and indeed us, to be equal partners with the sons of the covenant.

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Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN **Angels from the Realms of Glory** *(CW80) 4 Vs.*

Angels from the realms of glory, Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Once you sang creation's story; Now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds, in the fields abiding, Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is now residing -- Yonder shines the infant light.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Magi, leave your contemplations; Brighter visions beam afar.
Seek the great desire of nations; You have seen the Savior's star.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

Saints before the altar bending, Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending, In his temple shall appear.
Come and worship, come and worship, Worship Christ, the newborn King.

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 "On Jordan's Bank" (CW16) Vs. 1-4)*

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: Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON ***Isaiah 60:1-6***

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. 2 See, darkness
covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory
appears over you. 3 Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
4 "Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from
afar, and your daughters are carried on the hip. 5 Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will
throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the
nations will come. 6 Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah.

And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

PSALM 72 *(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Endow the king with your justice, O God,

C: The royal son with your righteousness.

M: He will defend the afflicted among the people

C: And save the children of the needy;

M: He will endure as long as the sun,

C: As long as the moon, through all generations.

M: He will be like rain falling on a mown field,

C: Like showers watering the earth.

M: All kings will bow down to him

C: And all nations will serve him.

M: All nations will be blessed through him,

C: And they will call him blessed.

M: Praise be to the LORD God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds,

C: May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON *(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)*

VERSE OF THE DAY *(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by the Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia. *(Matthew 2:2b)*

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 ***Matthew 2:1-12***

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east
came to Jerusalem 2 and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his
star when it rose and have come to worship him." 3 When King Herod heard this he was disturbed,
and all Jerusalem with him. 4 When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers
of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. 5 "In Bethlehem in Judea," they re-
plied, "for this is what the prophet has written: 6 "'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by
no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my
people Israel.'" 7 Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the
star had appeared. 8 He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search carefully for the child.

As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." [9] After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. [10] When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. [11] On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. [12] And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

SERMON HYMN **My Faith Looks Up to Thee** *(CW402) 4 Vs.*

My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine. Now hear me while I pray;
Take all my guilt away; Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart;
My zeal inspire! As thou hast died for me,
Oh, may my love to thee Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread,
Be thou my guide. Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away, Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love,
Fear and distrust remove; Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

SERMON **God's Glory, Your Story: A free and confident life** ***Ephesians 3:2-12***

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, [3] that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. [4] In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, [5] which was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. [6] This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. [7] I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace given me through the working of his power. [8] Although I am less than the least of all the Lord's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the boundless riches of Christ, [9] and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. [10] His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, [11] according to his eternal purpose that he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. [12] In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

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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 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.

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** **He is Born, the Child Divine** *(LAP102) 4 Vs.*

Refrain:

He is born, the child divine; Play the oboe, sound the bagpipes,
He is born, the child divine; Sing, ye all, he born today.

Prophets from the ages past have foretold the Savior's coming;
We for more than four thousand years have awaited this joyous time. ***[Refrain]***

Ah, how fair is the holy child, and how perfect are his graces;
Ah, how fair is the holy child; Oh, how sweet is the child divine. ***[Refrain]***

In a manger was he born; Straw, a little for his cradle.
In a manger was he born; What a lodging for Christ the Lord! ***[Refrain]***

King of all forevermore, Little infant though thou art.
King of all for evermore, Reign in ev'ry human heart. ***[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." 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** **Songs of Thankfulness and Praise** *(CW82)*

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
Manifested by the star To the Magi from afar,
Branch of royal David's stem, In your birth at Bethlehem.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
And at Cana, Wedding Guest, In your Godhead manifest;
Manifest in pow'r divine, Changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest in making whole Palsied limbs and fainting soul;
Manifest in valiant fight, Quelling all the devil's might;
Manifest in gracious will, Ever bringing good from ill.
Anthems be to you addressed, God in man made manifest.

Sun and moon shall darkened be; Stars shall fall, the heav'ns shall flee.
Christ will then like lightning shine; All will see his glorious sign.
All will then the trumpet hear; All will see the judge appear.
You by all will be confessed, God in man made manifest.

Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mirrored in your holy Word.
May our lives and all we do Imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be At your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

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

I Love to Tell the Story *(CW562) 2 Vs.*

I love to tell the story Of unseen things above,
Of Jesus and his glory, Of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story Because I know it's true;
It satisfies my longings As nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story; 'Twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and his love.

I love to tell the story, For those who know it best
Seem hungering and thirsting To hear it like the rest.
And when in scenes of glory I sing the new, new song,
'Twill be the old, old story That I have loved so long. ***[Refrain]***

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.

ANNOUNCMENTS

****The Treasurer Report is available for pickup in the Church entry.

****Vistancia will be having one more Potluck and planning meetings in January that will be held at Vistancia's Mountain Vista Club. Pastor Ehlers has passed out info that will be discussed at this meeting. If you are interested and did not receive the information packet, please contact Pastor Ehlers.

****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.

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

****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, February 6th, 2019. Held at The Five and Diner Delux, 11340 W Bell Road, #125, Surprise, Az. Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone, sasse-ja43@aol.com or 602-618-6967.

******January 8-12th we have 6 college students and one chaperone coming here with WELS Mission Journeys from Fond Du Lac, WI. We are looking for members to help canvass on Saturday January 11th.**

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

January 7th 7:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
January 8th-12th	Mission Journey's Outreach
January 8th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
January 8th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
January 11th 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
January 11th 6:00pm	Worship Service at (Jomax)
January 12th 9:00am	Worship Service at (Jomax)
January 12th 9:30am	Worship Service at (Vistancia)
January 12th 10:30am	Bible Study
January 12th 10:30am	Sunday School

LOOKING AHEAD

January 14th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
January 14th 6:30pm	Church Council
January 15th 9:00am	Mornings with Mommy
January 15th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
January 15th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Tim Grams
January 15th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
January 16-19th	International Taste of America
January 18th 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
January 18th 6:00pm	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Jomax)
January 19th 9:00am	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Jomax)
January 19th 9:30am	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Vistancia)
January 19th 10:30am	Bible Study
January 19th 10:30am	Sunday School

Growth Groups

Pastor Ehlers
Wednesdays at Resuming 1.15.20
Michael Wenniger's House

Sunday Morning Bible Class-What is in Your Bible?
Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus
Resumes 1.12.20

Tim Grams - The Book Galations
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
1.15.20 – 2.19.20
Grams' House

Women's Bible Study– God the Ultimate Humanitarian
Tuesdays at 9:30 am
Resuming 1.14.19
Karen Jurado's House

Mom's Group- Ally Kelley
Wednesday at 9:00 am
Resumes 1.8.20
Ally Kelley's House

Pastor Freeman– People of the Bible
Saturdays 7:50 am
Resumes 1.11.20
Jomax Campus

COG Golden Agers

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Jomax

Jomax Worship Volunteers	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th
Refreshments	Lisa Beilke/ Liz Simkauskas/ Angela Hall	Rene Koutia	Paula Considine
Greeters	-	Sasse/ Bollmeier	-
Counters	Sasse/Cannon	Sasse/Brooks	Sasse/Cannon
Church Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Alcoba/Peterson	Ebel/ Meringer	Patterson
Communion Set-Up	Sharon	-	Cornell
Ushers	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Gary Jeffers/ Grants Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson

If you can volunteer with any of the committees, please contact the church secretary at cog.Secretary@crossofglory.org!

Vistancia

Vistancia Worship Volunteers	January 5th	January 12th	January 19th
Snacks	Kenzie & Sheri Garver	-	Maxine Freemen
Trailer Hauling	Ed Taylor	-	-
Set up	-	-	Maxine Freeman
Sound Management	-	-	-
Piano Playing	-	-	-
Ushers	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit

ONE CHURCH….TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Mission Journey's Outreach
January 8th-12th

International Taste of America
January 16th-21st

VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Mission Journey's Outreach
January 8th-12th

Potluck/Planning Meeting
Sunday, January 26th (Mountain Vista Club)

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.

***Faye Kennedy**, as she recovers from recent health issues.*

***Wanda Dede,** the Grandmother of Angela Hall, who recently fell and cracked ribs and is in ICU with kidney issues.*

***Pat Powell**, that God would grant her comfort after the loss of her husband. .*

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

***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.*

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) 10:30am (Vistancia)
Family Bible Study 9:30am (Vistancia) Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)