

Epiphany 1
Sunday, January 12, 2020
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

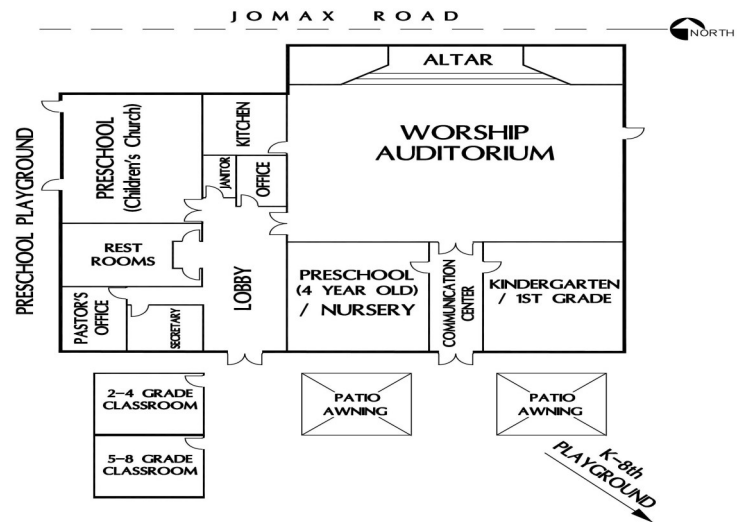
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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



Today is the first Sunday after Epiphany, the Sunday we celebrate the baptism of Jesus. Jesus appears as the Christ, the Anointed One. The titles “Christ” and “Messiah” both mean “The Anointed One,” and they describe how God prepared Jesus for his mission. . At his baptism, God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit and with power and declared this son of Mary to be the Son of God—the one anointed to be the Savior of mankind.

In our sermon today, from Acts Chapter 10, Peter gives the comforting message that God does not play favorites and that the good news of salvation is for all people— Jesus, the Anointed one—has restored peace between God and all people.

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Service of Worship and Praise

OPENING HYMN

Shine, Jesus Shine (LAP270) 3 Vs.

Lord, the light of your love is shining, In the midst of the darkness shining.
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us; Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me, Shine on me!
Shine Jesus shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory, Blaze, Spirit, blaze!
Set our hearts on fire, Flow, river flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send
forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, From the shadows into your radiance.
By the blood I may enter your brightness;
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.
Shine on me, Shine on me!
Shine Jesus shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory, Blaze, Spirit, blaze!
Set our hearts on fire, Flow, river flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send
forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

As we gaze on your kingly brightness, So our faces display your likeness.
Ever changing from glory to glory.
Mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, Shine on me!
Shine Jesus shine! Fill this land with the Father's glory, Blaze, Spirit, blaze!
Set our hearts on fire, Flow, river flow! Flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send
forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!

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 another 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.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.
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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

Isaiah 42:1-7

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. ²He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. ³A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; ⁴he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.” ⁵This is what God the LORD says—the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: ⁶“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, ⁷to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

PSALM 45

(Spoken Responsively)

M: My heart is stirred by a noble theme,

C: As I recite my verses for the King.

M: You are the most excellent of men.

C: And your lips have been anointed with grace.

M: Gird your sword upon your side, O Mighty One;

C: Clothe yourself with splendor and majesty.

M: In your majesty ride forth victoriously;

C: Let your right hand display awesome deeds.

M: Your throne O God will last forever and ever,

C: A scepter of justice will be the scepter of your kingdom.

M: You love righteousness and hate wickedness;

C: Therefore God has anointed you with the oil of joy.

M: I will perpetuate your memory through all generations;

C: therefore the nations will praise you forever and ever;

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 3:13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to be baptized by John. ¹⁴ But John tried to deter him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ Jesus replied, "Let it be so now; it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness." Then John consented. ¹⁶ As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

SERMON HYMN

Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You ((CW380) - Melody: CW353) 3 Vs.

Lord, 'tis not that I did choose you; That, I know, could never be,
For this heart would still refuse you Had your grace not chosen me.
You removed the sin that stained me, Cleansing me to be your own;
For this purpose you ordained me, That I live for you alone.

It was grace in Christ that called me, Taught my darkened heart and mind,
Else the world had yet enthralled me, To your heav'nly glories blind.
Now I worship none above you; For your grace alone I thirst,
Knowing well that, if I love you, You, O Father, loved me first.

Praise the God of all creation; Praise the Father's boundless love.
Praise the Lamb, our expiation, Priest and King enthroned above.

Praise the Spirit of salvation, Him by whom our spirits live.

Undivided adoration To the great Jehovah give.

SERMON

God's Glory, Your Story: *You Are His Favorite*

Acts 10:34-38

▪ *God has a message for you*

▪ *God has a place for you*

Then Peter began to speak: “I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts from every nation the one who fears him and does what is right. ³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, announcing the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

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THE 1st Article OF THE APOSTLE’S CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my mind and all my abilities.

M: And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life.

C: God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.



SONG OF THE SEASON

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

Refrain:

He is born, the child divine; Play the oboe, sound the bagpipes,

He is born, the child divine; Sing, ye all, he is 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

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.

 **CLOSING HYMN**

In Christ There is No East or West (CW539) 5 V.S.

**In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**With God there is no tribe or race; In him we all are one.
He loves us as his children through our faith in his dear Son.**

**So, brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and blame, From spite and enmity!**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as his child Is surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**** The Preschool classroom is in need of a new or used CD player. If you have one lying around collecting dust the Preschool teachers are willing to dust it off and make good use of it.

**** February 2nd, Jomax Campus will have Rich Kogler as a guest preacher and he will also be presenting a seminar on planning your estate. Please see the added insert for more details.

****January 27th, 2020 at 7:00pm we are having a planning meeting for VBS. If you are interested in helping please plan to make this meeting.

**** A big thank you to all who donated socks for the sock drive! The socks went to the Church of the Open Bible in Whiteriver, AZ. Their church has recovery meetings where they minister, counsel and help people get back on their feet. They often provide clothing, but rarely have new socks to give out. The gift was much appreciated!

**** Our school will be hosting a Facebook Live event to raise awareness of the benefits of organizations like AC-STO that help us make use of Arizona's tax credit law for the good of Christian education. This event will take place next Monday at 7:00pm. Please log on to Facebook and join us for this event, as the more people involved, the wider the event will be publicized and the more people will see it. Our goal is to reach 200 donors this year. Please help us reach that goal by joining in this event and being a donor yourself!

****Vistancia will be having one more potluck and planning meeting 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. Please note that all are invited to this meeting, not just Vistancia regulars. We're one congregation and value everyone's input on the direction of our shared ministry!

****January 8-12th we have 8 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. Everyone will meet at Jomax Campus at 9:30, Canvassing will start promptly at 10:00, bring a sack lunch to enjoy 12:00-1:00 and continue canvassing until 4:00.

****Update: Jared Christiansen has returned the call to be our new principal. The next call meeting is scheduled for January 19th at 11:30 so members at both locations can be a part of the future of our school.

****There will be a sign-up sheet at Vistancia and Jomax for worship volunteers for January-March at Vistancia. 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 the COG Golden Agers for brunch and fellowship on Thursday, February, 6th, 2019. They will be meeting 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.

**** If you desire a church directory contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org and she will put one in your box.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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
January 19th 11:30am	Call Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

January 20th	No School –MLK Day
January 21st 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
January 22nd 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group w/Ally Kelley
January 22nd 4:00pm	B-team Basketball
January 22nd 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
January 22nd 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Tim Grams
January 22nd 7:00pm	Choir Practice
January 25th 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
January 25th 6:00pm	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Jomax)
January 26th 9:00am	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Jomax)
January 26th 9:30am	Worship Service w/ Communion at (Vistancia)
January 26th 10:30am	Bible Study
January 26th 10:30am	Sunday School
January 26th 11:15am	Potluck/Planning Meeting for Vistancia (Mountain Vista Club)

Jomax			
Jomax Worship Volunteers	January 12th	January 19th	January 26th
Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Paula Considine	Clara Naber
Greeters	Sasse/ Bollmeier	-	-
Counters	Sasse/Brooks	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Voigt
Church Cleaners	Ebel/ Meringer	Patterson	Martins/Ehlers
Communion Set-Up	-	Wempner	-
Ushers	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Gary Jeffers/ Grants Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit

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

Vistancia			
Vistancia Worship Volunteers	January 12th	January 19th	January 26th
Snacks	-	Maxine Freeman	Nicole Brown
Trailer Hauling	-	-	Nate Brown
Set up	-	Maxine Freeman	Mike Mundstock
Sound Management	-	-	Mike Mundstock
Piano Playing	-	-	Cathy Mundstock
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

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Mission Journey's Outreach
January 8th-12th

**Facebook Live Event for Tax
Credit Awareness**
January 13th

International Taste of America
January 16th-21st



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Mission Journey's Outreach
January 8th-12th

**Facebook Live Event for Tax Credit
Awareness**
January 13th

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

Growth Groups

Pastor Ehlers
Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Michael Wenniger's House

**Sunday Morning Bible Class-The
Truth Project**
Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

Tim Grams - The Book Galatians
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
Karen Jurado's House

Mom's Group- Ally Kelley
Wednesdays at 9:00 am
Ally Kelley's House

Pastor Freeman- People of the Bible
Saturdays 7:50 am
Jomax Campus

COG Golden Agers

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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.

Larry Kennedy, as he undergoes back surgery on January 16, 2020.

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 week recovery ahead.

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

E4 Specialist Alice Henderson, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.