



Epiphany 4
Sunday, February 2, 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

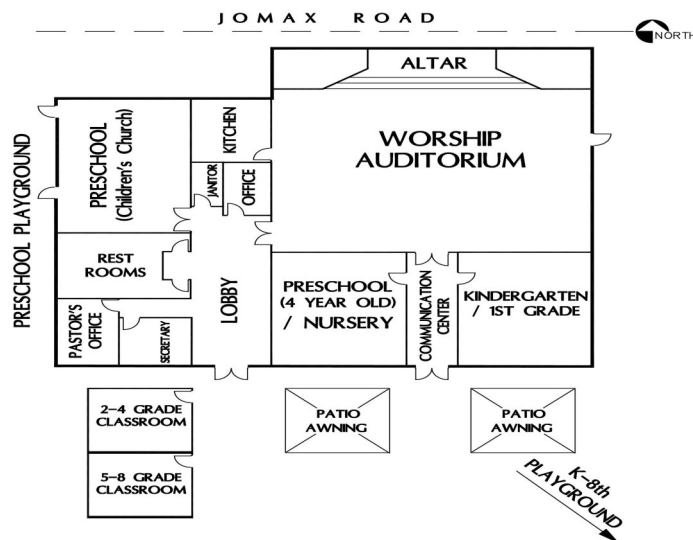
Vistancia Campus
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9:30am Worship

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



You've heard the saying, "Persistence pays off." That is the point that Jesus is making to his disciples about prayer. He urges them to keep on praying in the midst of suffering because God will see that what is just is always done. This point is for us too—persistent prayer always pays off.

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Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

OPENING HYMN

God of Grace 3 V/s.

God of grace, amazing wonder, Irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, As my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; Awesome cost to make me whole.
God of grace, who loved and knew me Long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven; Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I'm accepted as His own.
Every day His grace sustains me, As I lean on Him alone.
God of grace, I stand astounded, Cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded And my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, Where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You In Your everlasting grace.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Sung by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation Sings:

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:11-13

Seek the LORD, all you humble of the land, you who do what he commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility; perhaps you will be sheltered on the day of the LORD's anger. On that day you, Jerusalem, will not be put to shame for all the wrongs you have done to me, because I will remove from you your arrogant boasters. Never again will you be haughty on my holy hill. But I will leave within you the meek and humble. The remnant of Israel will trust in the name of the LORD. They will do no wrong; they will tell no lies. A deceitful tongue will not be found in their mouths. They will eat and lie down and no one will make them afraid."

PSALM 1

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked

C: Or stand in the way of sinners.

M: But his delight is in the law of the Lord,

C: And on his law he meditates day and night.

M: He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season

C: And whose leaf does not wither, whatever he does prospers.

M: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

C: Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

M: For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

C: But the way of the wicked will perish.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister, Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.
(Luke 4:18)

Congregation Sings:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



SERMON HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus *(CW411) 3 Vs.*

**What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry Ev'rything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge -- Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; You will find a solace there.**

SERMON

Keep on praying, don't quit

Luke 18:1-6

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’ “For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even

though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

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NICENE CREED

(Spoken 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

Jesus will Reign Wher'er the Sun 4 V's.

Jesus shall reign Wherever the sun does His successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
Blessings abound wherever He reigns The prisoner leaps to lose His chains;
The weary find eternal rest and all the sons of want are blest.

Refrain:

To our King be highest praise rising through eternal days.
Just and faithful he shall reign; Jesus shall reign

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

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again and earth repeats the loud amen. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE SALUTATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

C: So that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

C: For we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)

COMMUNION CANTICLE

(Sung by Congregation)

**Just as I am, without one plea But that thy blood was shed for me
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come I come.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *(Spoken by Minister)* AND RESPONSE

(Sung by Congregation)

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. ~

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Congregation Sings:

What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:
This bread we break, This life we take,
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see the Lord is peace.
What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;
The cup of grace Brings His embrace
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see the Lord is King.
Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive
His very body and His blood. O taste and see the Lord is good.

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 sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness" (CW311)

Soul, adorn yourself with gladness; Leave behind all gloom and sadness.
Come into the daylight's splendor; There with joy your praises render
Unto him whose grace unbounded Has this wondrous supper founded.
Though he reigns above most holy, Deigns to dwell with you most lowly.
Hasten as a bride to meet him, And with loving rev'rence greet him,
For with words of life immortal He is knocking at your portal.
Open wide the gates before him, Saying, as you there adore him:
Grant, Lord, that I now receive you, That I nevermore will leave you.
He who craves a precious treasure Neither cost nor pain will measure,
But the priceless gifts of heaven God to us has freely given.
Though the wealth of earth were proffered, Naught would buy the gifts here offered:
Christ's true body, for you riven, And his blood, for you once given.
Now I kneel before you lowly, Filled with joy most deep and holy,
As with trembling awe and wonder On your mighty work I ponder,
How by mystery surrounded, Depths that no one ever sounded.
None may dare to pierce unbidden Secrets that with you are hidden.
Human reason, though it ponders, Cannot fathom these great wonders,
That Christ's body must be boundless Since the souls it feeds are countless,

And that he his blood is giving With the wine we are receiving.
These great mysteries unsounded Are by God alone expounded.
Lord, by love and mercy driven, You have left your throne in heaven
On the cross for me to languish And to die in bitter anguish,
To forgo all joy and gladness And to shed your blood in sadness.
By this blood redeemed and living, Lord, I praise you with thanksgiving.
Jesus, Sun of life, my Splendor, Jesus, Friend of friends most tender,
Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of life, my soul inspiring -
At your feet I cry, my Maker: Let me be a fit partaker
Of this blessed food from heaven For our good, your glory, given.
Jesus, Lord of life, I pray you, Let me gladly here obey you.
By your love I am invited; Be your love with love requited.
By this supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.
Through the gift of grace you give me As your guest in heav'n receive me.

SONG OF SIMEON

(Sung by Congregation)

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your servant now depart according to your word,
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev'ry people, a
light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. In peace, in peace.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through Him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. 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.

I am trusting you, Lord Jesus, Trusting only you,
Trusting you for full salvation, Free and true.

I am trusting you for pardon; At your feet I bow,
For your grace and tender mercy Trusting now.

I am trusting you for cleansing In the crimson flood,
Trusting you who made me holy By your blood.

I am trusting you to guide me; You alone shall lead,
Ev'ry day and hour supplying All my need.

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.



*Keep on Praying,
Don't Quit*



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THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

February 3rd	No School –Inservice
February 3rd	Open Enrollment
February 4th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
February 4th 3:45pm	Basketball Practice
February 4th 7:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
February 5th 8:30am	Morning Chapel w/Branches Band
February 5th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
February 5th 3:30pm	B-team Basketball
February 5th 4:30pm	B-team Basketball
February 5th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
February 5th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Tim Grams
February 5th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
February 6th 9:30am	Golden Agers Brunch & Fellowship
February 8th 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
February 8th 6:00pm	Branches Band Concert at Jomax
February 9th 9:00am	Christian Education Sunday (Prek-8th Sing) Branches Band (Jomax)
February 9th 9:30am	Worship Service
February 9th 10:30am	Bible Study
February 9th 10:30am	Sunday School
February 9th 11:15am	Potluck/Planning Meeting (Vistancia)

LOOKING AHEAD

February 11th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
February 11th 3:45pm	Basketball Practice
February 11th 6:30pm	Church Council
February 12th 9:00am	Mornings with Mommy
February 12th 3:30pm	B-team Basketball
February 12th 4:30pm	B-team Basketball
February 12th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
February 12th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Tim Grams
February 12th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
February 13th	Reading Counts Pizza Day
February 13th & 14th	Kindergarten Roundup/ Time Warp
February 15th 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
February 15th 6:00pm	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
February 16th 9:00am	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
February 16th 9:30am	Worship Service w/Communion (Vistancia)
February 16th 10:30am	Bible Study
February 16th 10:30am	Sunday School

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**** Thank you to all who attended the voters meeting last Sunday. Continued prayers for our church council and all our newly elected board and committee members. A complete list of those serving on our behalf will be made available soon, and we will install our new officers during an upcoming church service

**** 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.

****We have a special opportunity to hear some great Christian music in a few weeks. **Branches Band** will be coming to visit. They will come to lead our worship in chapel on Wednesday, February 5th, and will also be playing for worship the following Sunday, February 9th (9:00am). The children from PreK-8 will join with them to sing some songs. Also, on Saturday, February 8th, they will perform a concert at our Jomax campus during our normal Saturday evening worship (6:00pm). All are invited to any of these events! You can see more information about Branches Band and sample their music by going to their [website](#).

****Update: Vistancia will be having one more potluck and planning meeting February 9th 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!

****There will be a sign-up sheet at Vistancia and Jomax for worship volunteers for February and 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.

Jomax

Jomax Worship Volunteers	February 2nd	February 9th	February 16th
Refreshments	Sharon Wilson/ Susie Cornell	Care Committee	Ally Kelley/ Christine Marcell
Greeters	Sharon Wilson	Karin Hansen	-
Counters	Sasse/Cannon	Sasse/Brooks	Wempner/Cornell
Church Cleaners	Koutia/Kugler	Pappenfuss/Cornell	Sauer/Kelley
Communion Set-Up	Susie Cornell	-	Sharon Kull
Ushers	Verl Naber/ Don Bollmeier/ Brad Hotz/ Jeff Ebel	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss

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

Vistancia

Vistancia Worship Volunteers	February 2nd	February 9th	February 16th
Snacks	Maxine Freeman	Nicole Brown	-
Trailer Hauling	-	Nate Brown	-
Set up	-	Mike Mundstock	-
Sound Management	-	Mike Mundstock	-
Piano Playing	-	Cathy Mundstock	-
Ushers	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Verl Naber/ Don Bollmeier/ Brad Hotz/	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson

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.

Judy Sasse, as she undergoes radiation for cancer.

Glen Pedersen, the son-in-law of Don and Laurel Bollmeier, who was diagnosed with cancer.

Larry Kennedy, as he recovers from back surgery.

Faye Kennedy, as she recovers from recent health issues.

The Hall Family, as they grieve the passing of Grandmother, Wanda Dede.

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

Juanita Word, who is recovering after a broken leg.

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.

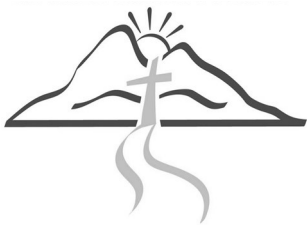
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.