

Epiphany 5
Sunday, February 9, 2020
Full Script



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Jomax Campus

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

Vistancia Campus

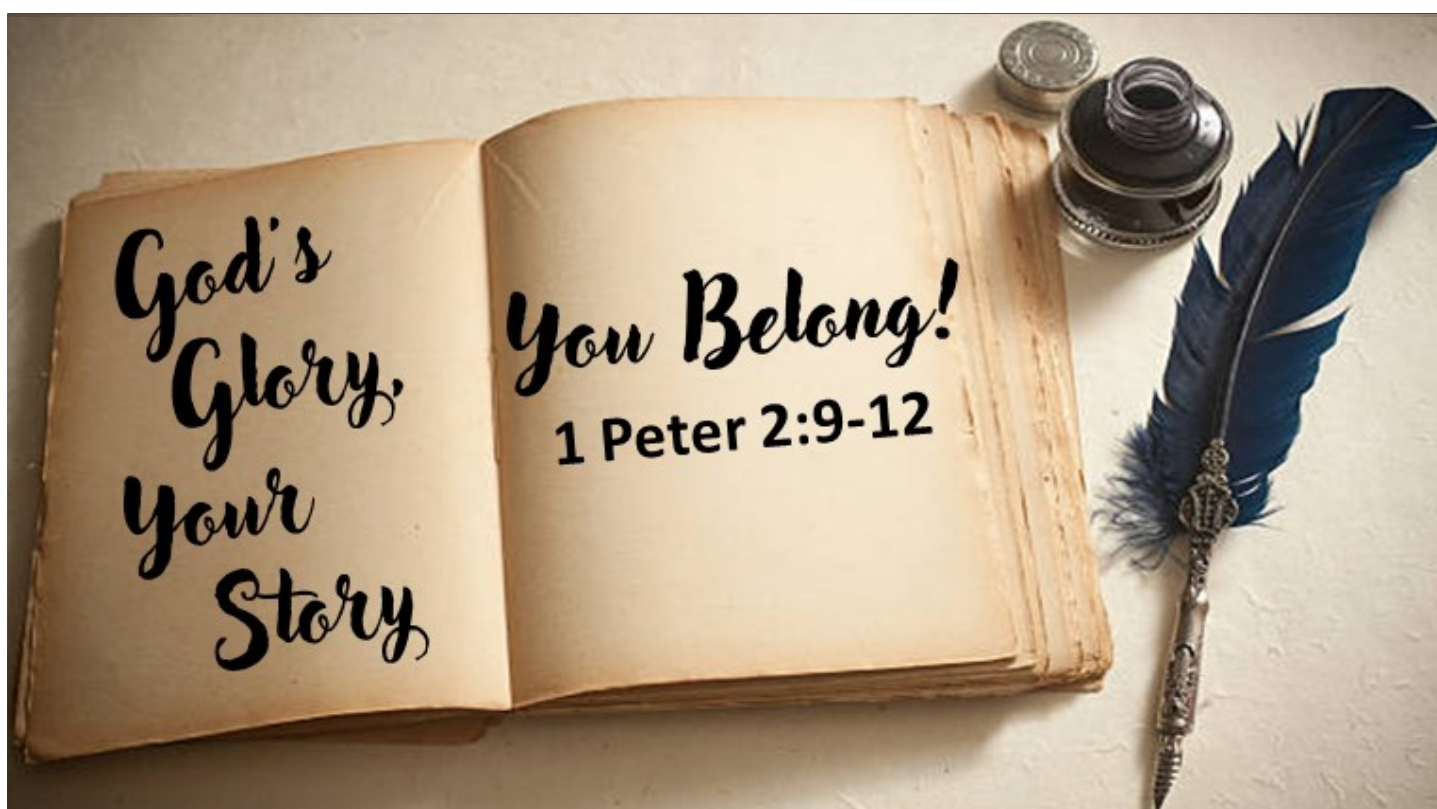
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

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:

- 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!



Jesus appears as the light that shines in the darkness. Dark places remain covered in the shadow of sin and unbelief. Now there are, however, bright places, too, and there you find God's children. Jesus shines his light by preaching repentance and the good news of the nearing kingdom, and he invites us to follow him to a life illumined by him.

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Service of Scripture and Song

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

(God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It (CWS737))

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

**God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any
That brought me salvation free lasting to eternity!**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. *(John 3:5,6)*

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. *(Psalm 51:5)*

C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. *(1 Corinthians 6:11)*

Sung by Congregation:

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.
Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

M: As baptized children of God. We confess our sins.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Sung by Congregation:

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord unites with me!**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless *(Ephesians 5:25-27)*.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.
There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

CATECHISM REVIEW

Fifth and Sixth Commandments

M: You shall not murder.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not hurt or harm our neighbor in his body, but help and befriend him in every bodily need.

M: You shall not commit adultery.

What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we lead a pure and decent life in words and actions, and that husband and wife love and honor each other.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 19:2-8a

After they set out from Rephidim, they entered the Desert of Sinai, and Israel camped there in the desert in front of the mountain. ³Then Moses went up to God, and the LORD called to him from the mountain and said, "This is what you are to say to the descendants of Jacob and what you are to tell the people of Israel: ⁴'You yourselves have seen what I did to Egypt, and how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. ⁵Now if you obey me fully and keep my covenant, then out of all nations you will be my treasured possession. Although the whole earth is mine, ⁶'you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites." ⁷So Moses went back and summoned the elders of the people and set before them all the words the LORD had commanded him to speak. ⁸The people all responded together, "We will do everything the LORD has said."

PSALM 27

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?

M: Hear my voice when I call, Lord;

C: Be merciful to me and answer me.

M: Do not hide your face from me,

C: Do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

M: Do not reject me or forsake me,

C: O God my Savior.

M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

C: The Lord will receive me.

M: I remain confident of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

M: Wait for the Lord;

C: Be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:13-20

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. ¹⁴“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. ¹⁷“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. ¹⁹Therefore anyone who sets aside one of the least of these commands and teaches others accordingly will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven.



SERMON HYMN

Glorious in Majesty (CW496) 3 V's.

Glorious in majesty, Holy in his praises, Jesus, our Savior and our King.

Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all adore him; Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.

Refrain

Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom,
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word rejoicing.

Victory he won for us, Freeing us from darkness, Dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, Yet he is among us; We are the body, he the head.
[Refrain]

One in love, as family, Living with each other, Gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is returning, Taking us back with him to reign.
[Refrain]

SERMON

GOD'S GLORY YOUR STORY– YOU BELONG!

1 Peter 2:9-12

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. ¹¹Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹²Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

3rd ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.



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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *and* LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.



CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (CWS771) 3 Vs.

**I want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.**

Refrain:

**In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God; I want to look at Jesus.
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path
And show me the way to the Father. *[Refrain]***

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ; I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race,
We shall know the joy of Jesus. *[Refrain]***

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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

LOOKING AHEAD

February 17th	No School –For Preschool
February 17th	Make Up Day K4-8th
February 18th 9:30am	Woman's Bible Study
February 18th 3:45pm	Basketball Practice
February 19th 9:00am	Mom's Growth Group
February 19th 4:00pm	B-team Basketball
February 19th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Pastor Ehlers
February 19th 6:30pm	Growth Group w/Tim Grams
February 19th 7:00pm	Choir Practice
February 20th 6:00pm	Kinder Open House
February 21st 6:00pm	Mother/Son Event
February 22nd	B-team Jamboree
February 22nd 7:50am	Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman
February 22nd 6:00pm	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
February 23rd 9:00am	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
February 23rd 9:30am	Worship Service w/Communion (Vistancia)
February 23rd 10:30am	Bible Study
February 23rd 10:30am	Sunday School
February 23rd 1:00pm	Youth Group Outing

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**** On Sunday February 23rd, the youth group will be going to Uptown Ally from 1:00-4:00. All 5-12 graders are invited to participate. The cost is \$10 per person.

****Update: Vistancia will be having one more potluck and planning meeting today at Vistancia's Mountain Vista Club. 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.

**** New Meditations are in the church entry.

****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 9th	February 16th	February 23rd
Refreshments	Care Committee	Ally Kelley/ Christina Marcell	Carolyn Hanes/ Margaret Walker/ Cristy Meringer
Greeters	Karin Hansen	-	Kuglers
Counters	Sasse/Brooks	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Voight
Church Cleaners	Pappenfuss/Cornell	Sauer/Kelley	Moe/James
Communion Set-Up	-	Sharon Kull	-
Ushers	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck

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

Vistancia			
Vistancia Worship Volunteers	February 9th	February 16th	February 23rd
Snacks	Nicole Brown	-	Maxine Freeman
Trailer Hauling	Ed Taylor	-	-
Set up	Mike Mundstock	-	Maxine Freeman
Sound Management	Mike Mundstock	-	-
Piano Playing	Ensemble	-	Cathy Mundstock
Ushers	Verl Naber/ Don Bollmeier/ Brad Hotz/	Steve Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS



Vistancia Potluck/Planning Meeting
Sunday, February 9th, 11:15 am (Mountain Vista Club)

Wild West Mother/Son Event
Friday, February 21st, 6:00pm (Jomax)

Youth Group Outing
Sunday, February 23rd, 1:00-4:00pm(TBD)

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Growth Groups

Pastor Ehlers-Timely Topics, Timeless Truths

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
Michael Wenniger's House

The God who made me
Gender Identity

The God who saves me
Santa Claus
Secret Baptism
Close Communion

The world around me
Broke to Bankrupt

Sunday Morning Bible Class-Timely Topics, Timeless Truths

Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

What's a Christian to Say?
Feb. 9th- Overweight or Over-fit?
Feb 16th- They Posted WHAT?
Feb. 23- I'm Spiritual, Not Religious

What's a Christian to Do?
Mar.1st-Tattoos--Still Taboo?
Mar. 8th-They've Done WHAT?!
Mar. 15th- A Christian's Use Of Psycho-active Medication.

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-Romans

Wednesday 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.

Pastor and Maxine Freeman, who are deliberating a call to Elkton, MI. Also dealing with the news that Pastor's brother has passed away and Maxine's sister-in-law suffered another stroke.

The Kugler Family, as they grieve the passing of Linda's mother, Lucille Manthe.

Sandy Taylor & Family, as they grieve the sudden lost of her brother.

Fran Fidel & Family, as she grieves the unexpected loss of her son.

Velta Larson, as she recovers from a recent fall.

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.

Juanita Word, who is recovering at home after a broken leg.

April Johnson, keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoes treatments.

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.

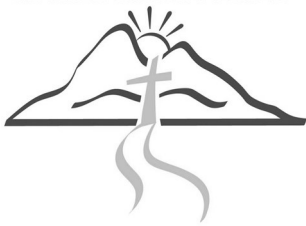
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grand-son-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.

Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 1030am (Vistancia)
Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)