

# What does God's Servant say?

*Lent 3 Sunday, March 15, 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 4<sup>th</sup> grade) to take part in our "Children in Church" program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special



children's message at the feet of the pastor. If parents wish, the children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find ageappropriate 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



On Ash Wednesday, we began our forty day journey to the cross, a journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. Lent represents about 11% of the church year—why is it we focus that much time on this subject which represents a short period of time in Jesus's life? The answer is that the focus for Lent actually spans from the Garden of Eden and culminates in the empty tomb.

Each Sunday in Lent we will be asking an important question for Lent. This week we ask, "What does God's Servant say?". Christ, the light of the world comes into our world of darkness so that we might see him and be saved. He gives gracious sight to the blind who trust in him; he gives blinding judgment on those who reject him; finally, he displays the work of God in the lives of those who now walk in the light of Christ.

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#### Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

#### OPENING HYMN

God's Only Child, I Gladly Say It (CWS737) 3 Vs.

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!

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?

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!

#### GREETING

#### (Spoken Responsively)

- M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

#### (Spoken Responsively)

- M: Our Savior Jesus Christ commanded baptism when he said: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." All of us are born into this world with a deep need for baptism. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature; we are without true fear of God and true faith in God and are condemned to eternal death. But Jesus took away our sin for giving his life on the cross. At our baptism he clothes us with the robe of his righteousness and gives us a new life. Our sinful nature need not control us any longer. We recall what baptism means for our daily lives as we speak these words:
- C: Baptism means that the sinful nature in us should be drowned by daily sorrow and repentance, and that all its evil deeds and desires be put to death. It also means that a new person should daily arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever.
- 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.

M: God, our heavenly Father has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

#### C: Amen.

#### HOLY BAPTISM

#### Jordyn Barto

M: Jordyn Barto, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that this new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith, I therefore ask you:

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

- A: Yes, I believe.
- M: Do you believe in the Triune God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

A: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that this Triune God planned and carried out your salvation?

A: Yes, I believe.

- M: Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?
- A: Yes, I believe.
- M: Do you desire to be baptized?
- A: Yes, I do.
- M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ. **Jordyn Barto**, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your Baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.
- M: Brother and sisters in Christ: Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that **Jordyn** may remain a child of God until death.
- M: If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

### C: Yes, as God gives me strength

M: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on **Jordyn** and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that they may grow in faith and godly living.

M: Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

#### C: Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE God's Only Child, I Gladly Say It (CWS737) 2 Vs.
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!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; 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

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light <sup>9</sup> (for the fruit of the light consists in all goodness, righteousness and truth) <sup>10</sup> and find out what pleases the Lord. <sup>11</sup> Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. <sup>12</sup> It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. <sup>13</sup> But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. <sup>14</sup> This is why it is said: "Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

#### CHOIR

### THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

VERSE OF THE DAY

M: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. *(John 3:14,15)* 

#### GOSPEL LESSON

As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" <sup>3</sup> "Neither this man nor his parents sinned," said Jesus, "but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him. <sup>4</sup>As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can

#### Ephesians 5:8-14

(Spoken by Minister)

#### John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

### Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness

(Spoken by Minister)

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

work. 5 While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." 6 After saying this, he spit on the ground, made some mud with the saliva, and put it on the man's eyes. 7"Go," he told him, "wash in the Pool of Siloam" (this word means "Sent"). So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. <sup>13</sup>They brought to the Pharisees the man who had been blind. <sup>14</sup>Now the day on which Jesus had made the mud and opened the man's eyes was a Sabbath. <sup>15</sup>Therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he had received his sight. "He put mud on my eyes," the man replied, "and I washed, and now I see." <sup>16</sup>Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath." But others asked, "How can a sinner perform such signs?" So they were divided. <sup>17</sup> Then they turned again to the blind man, "What have you to say about him? It was your eyes he opened." The man replied, "He is a prophet." <sup>34</sup> To this they replied, "You were steeped in sin at birth; how dare you lecture us!" And they threw him out. <sup>35</sup> Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" <sup>36</sup> "Who is he, sir?" the man asked. "Tell me so that I may believe in him." 37 Jesus said, "You have now seen him; in fact, he is the one speaking with you." <sup>38</sup> Then the man said, "Lord, I believe," and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, "For judgment I have come into this world, so that the blind will see and those who see will become blind."

#### SERMON HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul (CW357—Melody CW124) 4 Vs.

Jesus, Lover of my soul, Let me to thy bosom fly While the nearer waters roll, While the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, Till the storm of life is past; Safe into the haven guide. Oh, receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none; Hangs my helpless soul on thee. Leave, ah, leave me not alone; Still support and comfort me. All my trust on thee is stayed; All my help from thee I bring. Cover my defenseless head With the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in thee I find. Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, Heal the sick, and lead the blind. Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness. False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, Grace to cover all my sin. Let the healing streams abound; Make and keep me pure within. Thou of life the fountain art; Freely let me take of thee. Spring thou up within my heart; Rise to all eternity.

#### SERMON

#### Important Questions for Lent: What does God's Servant Say?

"For a long time I have kept silent, I have been quiet and held myself back. But now, like a woman in childbirth, I cry out, I gasp and pant. <sup>15</sup> I will lay waste the mountains and hills and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn rivers into islands and dry up the pools. <sup>16</sup> I will lead the blind by ways they have not known, along unfamiliar paths I will guide them; I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. These are the things I will do; I will not forsake them. <sup>17</sup> But those who trust in idols, who say to images, 'You are our gods,' will be turned back in utter shame. <sup>18</sup> "Hear, you deaf; look, you blind, and see! <sup>19</sup> Who is blind but my servant, and deaf like the messenger I send? Who is blind like the one in covenant with me, blind like the servant of the LORD? <sup>20</sup> You have seen many things, but you pay no attention; your ears are open, but you do not listen." <sup>21</sup> It pleased the LORD for the sake of his righteousness to make his law great and glorious.

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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

To see the King of heaven fall In anguish to His knees, The Light and Hope of all the world Now overwhelmed with grief. What nameless horrors must He see, To cry out in the garden: Oh, take this cup away from me Yet not my will but yours, Yet not my will but yours.

To know each friend will fall away, And heaven's voice be still, For hell to have its vengeful day Upon Golgotha's hill. No words describe the Savior's plight – To be by God forsaken Till wrath and love are satisfied And every sin is paid And every sin is paid.

What took him to this wretched place, What kept him on this road? His love for Adam's cursed race, For every broken soul. No sin too slight to overlook, No crime too great to carry, All mingled in this poisoned cup, And yet he drank it all, The Savior drank it all.

#### 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.

#### HOLY COMMUNION

THE SALUTATION

(Spoken Responsively)

(Spoken by Minister)

- 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**

#### 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

I Walk in Danger All the Way (CW431)

I walk in danger all the way; The thought shall never leave me That Satan, who has marked his prey, Is plotting to deceive me. This foe with hidden snares May seize me unawares If e'er I fail to watch and pray; I walk in danger all the way.

I pass through trials all the way, With sin and ills contending; In patience I must bear each day The cross of God's own sending. Oft in adversity I know not where to flee When storms of woe my soul dismay; I pass through trials all the way. Grim death pursues me all the way; Nowhere I rest securely. He comes by night, he comes by day, And takes his prey most surely. A failing breath, and I In death's strong grasp may lie To face eternity today. Grim death pursues me all the way.

I walk with angels all the way; They shield me and befriend me. All Satan's pow'r is held at bay When heav'nly hosts attend me. They are my sure defense; All fear and sorrow, hence! Unharmed by foes, do what they may, I walk with angels all the way.

I walk with Jesus all the way; His guidance never fails me. He takes my ev'ry fear away When Satan's pow'r assails me, And, by his footsteps led, My path I safely tread. In spite of ills that threaten may, I walk with Jesus all the way.

My walk is heav'nward all the way; Await, my soul, the morrow, When you farewell can gladly say To all your sin and sorrow. All worldly pomp, begone! To heav'n I now press on. For all the world I would not stay; My walk is heav'nward all the way.

#### 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.

#### CLOSING HYMN

#### Christ Be My Leader (CW367) 3 Vs.

Christ be my leader by night as by day, Safe through the darkness, for he is the way. Gladly I follow, my future his care; Darkness is daylight when Jesus is there.

Christ be my teacher in age as in youth, Drifting or doubting, for he is the truth. Grant me to trust him, though shifting as sand. Doubt cannot daunt me -- in Jesus I stand!

Christ be my Savior in calm as in strife; Death cannot hold me, for he is the life. Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain Can touch my salvation -- with Jesus I reign!



TALENT CAN BE ANY TYPE OF AMATEUR ENTERTAINMENT (SINGING, DANCING, INSTRUMENTAL, COMEDY)

PLAN YOUR ACT (SOLO OR WITH FRIENDS!)

SIGN-UP IN THE SCHOOL ENTRYWAY BY MARCH 27TH

ANY BACKGROUND MUSIC CAN BE SHARED WITH THE SOUND TEAM DURING YOUR REHEARSAL TIME.

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO ENJOY THE SHOW!

## ANNOUNCMENTS

\*\*\*\*Calling all Talent!!! Everyone get ready to show off you skills. Friday April 3rd, is our annual talent show. Please sign up at the office.

\*\*\*\*Next Call meeting for a new Principal is scheduled for March 22th at 11:30 am. Please try to make it as this may be our last opportunity to call someone for next school year.

\*\*\*\*Thrivent T-Shirts are in the office. Please take what you want.

\*\*\*\*There will be a sign-up sheet at Vistancia and Jomax for worship volunteers for March and April 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!!** Thanks to all who donated Meditations and/or Time of Grace devotions. The WELS Prison Ministry greatly appreciates this donations and continues to distribute them to prisoners.

We will continue to collect Meditations and Time of Grace devotions in the future. However, the WELS Prison Ministry is no longer able to distribute any other devotion material. Thanks for your continued support.

\*\*\*\*Please join the COG Golden Agers for brunch and fellowship on Thursday, April 2nd, 2020. 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, <u>sasseja43@aol.com</u> or 602-618-6967.

| Growth Groups   |   |   |  |  |  |
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| Pastor Ehlers-Timely Topics,<br><u>Timeless Truths</u><br>Thursdays at 6:30 pm<br>Michael Wenniger's House<br>Will resume after Easter.   | Sunday Morning Bible Class-Timely Topics,<br><u>Timeless Truths</u><br>Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus<br><u>What's a Christian to Do?</u><br>Mar. 15th- A Christian's Use Of Psychoactive | <u><b>Tim Grams - The Book Galatians</b></u><br>Wednesdays at 6:30 pm<br>4.15.2020-5.6.2020<br>Grams' House |  |  |  |
| <u>The God who saves me</u><br>Secreta Baptism<br>Close Communion<br><u>The world around me</u><br>Broke to Bankrupt  | Medication.   |   |  |  |  |
| Women's Bible Study– God the<br><u>Ultimate Humanitarian</u><br>Tuesdays at 9:30 am<br>Karen Jurado's House   | Mom's Group- Ally Kelley-Romans<br>Wednesday at 9:00 am<br>Ally Kelley's House  | Pastor Freeman–<br>People of the Bible<br>Saturdays 7:50 am<br>Jomax Campus                                 |  |  |  |
| COG Golden Agers<br>Please join for brunch and fellowship on first Thursday of every month, at 9:30am. Held at The Five and<br>Diner Delux, 11340 W Bell Road, #125, Surprise, Az. Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone, sasse-<br>ja43@aol.com or 602-618-6967. |   |   |  |  |  |

### THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 13th-21st March 16th-20th March 17th 9:30am March 18th 6:00pm March 19th 6:30pm March 21st 7:50am March 21st 8:30am March 21st 6:00pm March 22nd 9:00am March 22nd 9:30am March 22nd 10:30am March 22nd 10:30am Mission Journeys Spring Break Woman's Bible Study Souper Super/Lent Service/Choir Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman Work Day Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax) Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax) Worship Service w/Communion (Vistancia) Bible Study (Jomax) Sunday School (Jomax) Call Meeting

### LOOKING AHEAD

March 24th 9:30am March 25th 6:00pm March 27th 4:00pm March 28th 7:50am March 28th 6:00pm March 29th 9:00am March 29th 9:30am March 29th 10:30am March 29th 10:30am Woman's Bible Study Souper Super/Lent Service/Choir Youth Lock-in Growth Group w/Pastor Freeman Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax) Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax) Worship Service w/Communion (Vistancia) Bible Study (Jomax) Sunday School (Jomax)

# **ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS**

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Mission Journeys/Praise & <u>Proclaim</u> March 13th-21st 13th-Arrive & Sightseeing 14th-12:00-3:00 Evangelism Training 15th-Canvassing after Potluck 16th-Work Day at Church

Potluck (Jomax Campus) Sunday, March 15th, 11:30am

Work Day(Jomax Campus) Saturday, March 21st, 8:30am



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

<u>Mission Journey/Praise & Pro-</u> claim

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Potluck (Jomax Campus) Sunday, March 15th, 11:30am

| Jomax                          |  |   |  |  |  |
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| Jomax<br>Worship<br>Volunteers | March 15th   | March 22nd  | March 29th   |  |  |
| Refreshments                   | Lisa Beilke/<br>Liz Simkauskas/<br>Angela Hall               | Rene Koutia   | Paula Considine  |  |  |
| Greeters                       | -  | -   | -  |  |  |
| Counters                       | Wempner/Cornell  | Wempner/Voigt   | Sasse/Cannon   |  |  |
| Church Cleaners                | Patterson  | Martins/Ehlers  | Koutia/Kugler  |  |  |
| Communion Set-Up               | Susie Cornell  | -   | -  |  |  |
| Ushers                         | Verl Naber/<br>Don Bollmeier/<br>Brad Hotz/<br>Larry Kennedy | Adam Beilke/<br>Payton Beilke/<br>Owen Beilke/<br>Zach Plitzuweit/<br>Tanner Plitzuweit | Steven Julian/<br>Bill Grams/<br>John Kull/<br>Paul Pappenfuss |  |  |

If you desire to be a Sunday Greeter Please contact Angela Hall by email at <u>amwulf@gmail.com</u>.

If you desire to help by cleaning the church contact Liz by email <u>cog.secretary@crossofglory.org</u>.

If you desire to bring weekly refreshments please contact Clara Naber at <u>vcnaber@cox.net</u>.

If you are interested in ushering please contact Verl Naber at <u>vcnaber@cox.net</u>.

| Vistancia                          |   |  |   |  |  |
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| Vistancia<br>Worship<br>Volunteers | March 15th  | March 22nd   | March 29th  |  |  |
| Snacks                             | -   | -  | Lisa Beilke   |  |  |
| Trailer Hauling                    | -   | -  | -   |  |  |
| Set up                             | -   | -  | -   |  |  |
| Sound Management                   | -   | -  | -   |  |  |
| Piano Playing                      | -   | Cathy Mundstock  | -   |  |  |
| Ushers                             | Chris Patterson/<br>Cody Hall/<br>Caleb Patterson/<br>Isaac Patterson/<br>Titus Patterson | Verl Naber/<br>Don Bollmeier/<br>Brad Hotz/<br>Larry Kennedy | Adam Beilke/<br>Payton Beilke/<br>Owen Beilke/<br>Zach Plitzuweit/<br>Tanner Plitzuweit |  |  |

### Youth Summer Opportunities

**Cross of Glory's VBS Registration is now open.** This years theme is Mystery Island, Tracking Down the One True God. Please Register at crossofglory.org. VBS is June 1st-5th.

#### A SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY - GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP

You may be interested in this opportunity for your kids to have some fun in a Christian summer camp in July. The camp is run by WELS congregations in California. Here is a little info about the camp:

For over 40 years, Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC), has been providing the perfect blend of outdoor adventure and Christian fellowship to kids from 4th to 10th grade. It's a full week (6 nights/days) of fun in the California mountains during July. You'll experience the chance to have fun with old friends and make plenty of new ones while you apply God's word to your life.

Spend the week growing in your faith, while you also play countless games, eat amazing food, swim, canoe, become the perfect archer, sing exuberantly around a campfire, play basketball/volleyball and anything else involving a ball, run around in the infamous "gaga" pit, build forts, unleash your creative side in some arts and crafts, and of course explore God's beautiful creation through a little hiking.

If you'd like to take part in the camp, here are two things to do: 1) get the dates (July 12-18) on your calendar to include it in your summer plans, whether as a camper or as staff, and 2) start setting aside the funds to save up for it! Visit the new website for more information and find out why so many love GSBC: <a href="https://www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com">www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com</a>.

Dear fellow servant of Christ,

Registration is now open for the 2020 WELS International Youth Rally!

#### The basics

The 2020 International Youth Rally will be held June 23-26 at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. The theme for the rally is "Vision 2020: Seeing Christ Clearly. Serving Christ Boldy." It's an opportunity for our WELS teens from around the country to come together to learn about and grow in their faith, enjoy fellowship, and participate in fun excursions.

Registration opens today and is \$375 per attendee through April 30. Registration from May 1–May 29 is \$395 per attendee.

#### If you are interested in either of these opportunities please contact Pastor Ehlers.

# 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.

*Linda Stern,* as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.

**Pastor and Maxine Freeman,** who returned a call to Elkton, MI. Also dealing with the news that Pastor's brother has passed away and Maxine's sisterin-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.

*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*, 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.