



*Easter 6*  
*Sunday, May 17, 2019*  
Full Script



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor  
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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 Cross of Glory's online worship! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament, and we recognize that this can happen via technology as well as in a physical building. Thank the Lord for blessing us with the means to continue worshipping together in this way! As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power fill you.

Please take the time to note some things about how worship will work online:

**Attendance** – We would still like to gather an accurate account of who is worshipping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshipping by commenting in the chat box. List your full name (first and last) in your message.

**Chatting and discussing** – Before and after each service, there is time available to chat with others. We invite you to do so, as this is a way we can preserve the sense of community we have on a normal Sunday morning. We do ask that you keep chatting to a minimum during the service, so that others can focus on what's happening.

**Giving** – Please continue to give your attention to the gifts God asks you to give to support his work. During the time of the offering, an encouragement will be given to give electronically. You can do so by clicking the menu icon (3 horizontal bars) in the upper left corner, next to where it says Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Then click the word "Giving" to go to our Vanco page. You can also give by scanning the QR code in the bulletin with your phone's camera, or by mailing a check to us at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time!



God bless our time together in worship today!

## Worship focus

Because I live, you, too, will live! Jesus promises more than just a resurrection from the dead for his disciples. Jesus is life, that state of blessed holiness and perfect righteousness and communion with God. Man had lost that life in Adam's fall, and sin and death rushed into the vacuum left behind. The Son of God, the Life, came to bring it back. Because he is alive, we, too, will live in blessedness and holiness forever. We are children who will never be orphaned, but rather will be comforted, counseled, and kept forever. What is our response? Life lived as God intended—a life that treasures our Lord, his Word, and obedience to both!

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## *Divine Service II*

### OPENING HYMN

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

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

*Refrain:*

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

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

### INVOCATION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

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

**C: Amen.**

### CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin

may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C: Amen.**

## **GLORY BE TO GOD**

*(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" Vs. 1-4 (CW152))*

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.  
Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.  
O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.  
You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## **SALUTATION**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## **FIRST LESSON**

*Acts 17:22-31*

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. <sup>23</sup> For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. <sup>25</sup> And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. <sup>26</sup> From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history

and the boundaries of their lands. <sup>27</sup> God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. <sup>28</sup> ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’ <sup>29</sup> “Therefore since we are God’s offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. <sup>30</sup> In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. <sup>31</sup> For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead.”

## PSALM 66

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

**C: Sing the glory of his name; make his praise glorious!**

M: Praise our God, O peoples,

**C: Let the sound of his praise be heard.**

M: He has preserved our lives

**C: And kept our feet from slipping.**

M: Come and listen, all you who fear God;

**C: Let me tell you what he has done for me.**

M: If I had cherished sin in my heart,

**C: The Lord would not have listened;**

M: But God has surely listened

**C: And heard my voice in prayer.**

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

### SECOND LESSON

**1 Peter 3:13-22**

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” <sup>15</sup> But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, <sup>16</sup> keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. <sup>17</sup> For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you

by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Alleluia. *(John 14:23)*

*Sung by the Congregation:*

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

## SERMON HYMN

*Alleluia! Sing to Jesus (CW169) 3 Vs.*

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus; His the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood:  
"Jesus out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by his blood."  
Alleluia! Bread of heaven, Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful Flee to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, hear our plea  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea.  
Alleluia! Not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us; Faith believes, nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise: "I am with you evermore"?**

## SERMON

**He lives to call me to live for him**

*John 14:15-21*

“If you love me, keep my commands. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— <sup>17</sup> the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup> I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup> Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup> Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.”

*CD recordings of sermons freely supplied for study or sharing. Please request on the Friendship Card .*

## THE NICENE CREED

*(Read Responsively)*

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

**C: We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## SONG OF THE SEASON

His Mercy is More 3 Vs.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum;  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

### *Refrain:*

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *[Refrain]*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *[Refrain]*

## THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

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*(Spoken by Minister)*



## THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*(Spoken by Minister)*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**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.**

## CLOSING PRAYER

*(Prayed by Minister)*

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: 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

**I Know that My Redeemer Lives** (CW152) 2 V.s.

**I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!**

**He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!**

**He lives, all glory to his name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same.**

**Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: "I know that my Redeemer lives!"**



# GROWTH GROUPS

## Vistancia Weekly Devotion

Sundays 6:00 pm via ZOOM

(if interested in joining contact Pastor Ehlers)

## Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:00 pm via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 474 775 761  
Password: 007970.

## Pastor Ehlers-Timely Topics, Timeless Truths

Wednesday 6:30pm via ZOOM  
(Will resume after Easter)

## Mom's Group- Ally Kelley

Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm Via Zoom  
(Please contact Liz if you want to be added to this conference)

# ONE CHURCH...TWO LOCATIONS

## JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

### Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)

Wednesday May 20th, 2:00pm  
(Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)

### Voters Meeting

Sunday, May 17th, 11:00am



## VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

### Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)

Sunday May 17th, 6:00pm  
(Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

### Voters Meeting

Sunday, May 17th, 11:00am

# UPCOMING VOTERS' MEETING

Thank you all that joined us for the informational meeting.

Those who attended either in person or via Zoom should have received a follow-up email. Please respond to the survey that was sent to share your feedback.

The Voters meeting will be held today **May 17th at 11:00am** online and in person. The church and school budgets will be the main topics of discussion, as well as possible calls for a 1st-2nd grade teacher and principal. **Depending on the congregation's decision regarding the budget, we will have a call meeting in conjunction with the voters' meeting.** Thank you for making this meeting a priority!

For those who are comfortable coming to church for the meeting, we will spread family units throughout the sanctuary so that there is 6 feet of distance between them. We will continue to observe social distancing while in attendance. This is as much for the comfort and safety of others as it is for our own safety. We want you to be aware that we are taking these things into account as we plan this important meeting. Zoom will be a secondary option as well. This should enable people to watch and listen from home and even ask questions. Thank you for making your attendance at this meeting a priority, as we need everyone's input about the future direction of our congregation and its ministry as we go forward!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

\*\*\*Its time to vote for 2020 LWMS Board of Directors and Mission Offering Projects. Please view the SignUpGenius for detailed list of the candidates and the Mission Projects and vote. Our Ladies' Group is asked to please review and vote by May 17th.

\*\*\*"Used Meditations for the WELS Prison Ministry" When you pick up your next quarter Meditations, drop off your used copy from the last quarter. There is a box next to the new Meditations. The WELS Prison Ministry appreciates this donation and distributes Meditations to prisoners who are always anxious to receive them. Meditations have arrived, if you are interested in getting one please come Monday, Wednesday or Friday during office hours or contact Secretary for other arrangements. If needed she can mail it to you.

\*\*\*Are you or anyone you know in need of meal delivery at this time? If so, please contact us at the office to let us know. We have a member who would like to be of help to you.

\*\*\*We are adapting and have many ways to learn about our Savior. The Pastors will have Facebook on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for you to watch and share gives an opportunity to share God's message to others that we know as well.

\*\*\*New to the website is a page of spiritual and educational [resources](#). Included are free Sunday School lessons for children.

\*\*\* Please check our web page the most up to date information regarding Cross of Glory and the coronavirus/COVID-19.

\*\*\* Go to [crossofglory.online.church](http://crossofglory.online.church) to view our online services at the normal service times throughout the coronavirus crisis. The Sunday service will be available at 9am on Sunday morning.

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

May 20th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
May 20th 6:30pm	Growth Group Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)
May 21st	Last Day Preschool
May 21th 7:00pm	Bible Study— Pastor Foxen
May 23rd 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Service
May 24th 9:00am	Worship Service(Online)
May 24th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

## LOOKING AHEAD

May 26th 6:00pm	Dos Rios HOA
May 27th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
May 27th 6:30pm	Growth Group Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)
May 28th 7:00pm	Board of Ed
May 30th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Service
May 31th 9:00am	Worship Service(Online)
May 31th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

## YOUTH SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

### **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 things to do: 1) get 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: [www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com](http://www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com).

# 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.

**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.

**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.

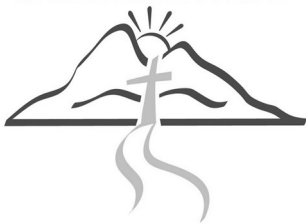
**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**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.

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