



Ascension
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Full Script



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

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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:

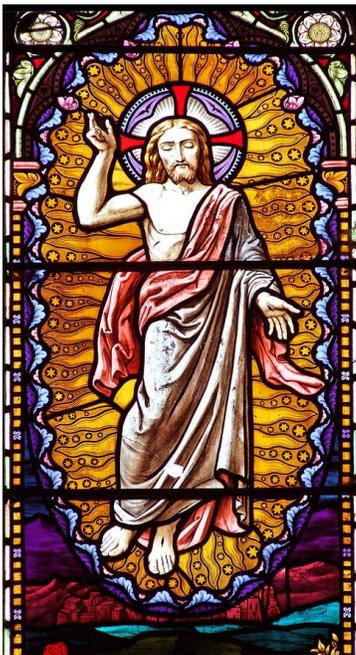
Attendance – We would still like to gather an accurate account of who is worshipping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshipping by commenting in the chat box. List your full name (first and last) in your message.

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!



Ascension Day marks the coronation of Jesus, our Prophet-Priest as King. Today we see his enthronement in glory and power to rule all things for the Church. Even at this late date, the disciples failed to understand Jesus' mission. So Christ opened the Scriptures to them to show once more that this was the Christ as prophesied. He told them, "This was the way it had to be! And you, you are now well-informed witnesses of the fact that I am both Lord and Christ." Finally, his disciples understood: There was no more doubting, no more fearing, no more worry. Christ is God. They worshipped the God-Man and watched him depart with his hands raised in unending blessing. No wonder they went home rejoicing! No longer would they hide behind locked doors; no longer would they cower; no longer would they fear the Sanhedrin. Instead they would fill the temple with public praise, because Christ was God! Their rabbi, their friend, their brother...he was God and ruled all things for his Church.

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Ascension Festival Service

OPENING HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (CW171) 3 Vs.

A hymn of glory let us sing! New songs throughout the world shall ring:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ, by a road before untrod,

Ascends unto the throne of God.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band Upon the Mount of Olives stand,

Alleluia! Alleluia! And with his followers they see

Their Lord ascend in majesty.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To them the shining angels cry, "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?"

Alleluia! Alleluia! "This is the Savior," thus they say.

"This is his glorious triumph day."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: And also with you.

DIALOGUE FOR THE ASCENSION—*Selected Verses from the Psalms*

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights above.

C: Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

M: How majestic is the Lord's name in all the earth!

C: He has set his glory above the heavens.

M: For the Lord is the Most High over all the earth.

C: He is exalted far above all gods.

M: God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

C: God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.

M: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble.

C: He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

M: The throne of our God will last forever and ever.

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

M: Praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted.

C: His splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

SONG OF PRAISE

*(This is the Feast of Victory (CW265) 4 Vs.
Minister sings 1st Refrain and Verses, Congregation sings the following refrains)*

***Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. [Refrain]

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. [Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. [Refrain]

For the Lamb who was slain Has begun his reign. Alleluia! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Lord Jesus, King of glory, you have ascended far above the heavens, and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach ²until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. ³After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. ⁴On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. ⁵For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ⁶Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. ¹⁰They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ¹¹"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

HYMN OF RESPONSE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (CW171) 1 Vs.

"You see him now, ascending high Up to the portals of the sky."

Alleluia! Alleluia! "Hereafter Jesus you shall see Returning in great majesty."

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, ¹⁶I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. ¹⁷I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength ²⁰he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, ²¹far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. ²²And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing (CW171) 1 Vs.

Be now our joy on earth, O Lord, And be our future great reward.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Then, throned with you forever, we

Shall praise your name eternally. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation (CW171))

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia. *(Matthew 28:20b)*

Sung by the Congregation:

O risen Christ, ascended Lord, All praise to you let earth accord.

Alleluia! Alleluia! You are, while endless ages run,

With Father and with Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!"

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." ⁵⁰When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. ⁵²Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. ⁵³And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!
To his throne beyond the skies. Alleluia!
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!
Enters now the highest heaven. Alleluia!

There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!
lift your heads, eternal gates. Alleluia!
He has conquered death and sin; Alleluia!
take the King of glory in. Alleluia!

Still for us he intercedes; Alleluia!
his atoning death he pleads, Alleluia!
near himself prepares our place, Alleluia!
He the firstfruits of our race. Alleluia!

There we shall with you remain, Alleluia!
partners of your endless reign, Alleluia!
see you with unclouded view, Alleluia!
find our heaven of heavens in you. Alleluia!

SERMON

He lives to rule all things for the Church

Luke 24:44-53

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THE 2nd Article OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.

C: The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

M: *What does this mean?*

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

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

(Spoken by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

C: We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.

M: O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

C: Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.

M: O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

C: Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.

M: O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

C: You are our Lord, Master, and King.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

~Silent prayer.~

M: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung by Congregation)

Sung by Congregation:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

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.

ENSEMBLE

He is Exalted

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 27th, 2:00pm

(Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)

Sunday May 24th, 6:00pm

(Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

Jomax Worship Volunteers	May 24th	May 31st	June 7th	June 14th
Counters	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Cornell		
Cleaners		Patterson	Ehlers/Martins	Moe/Kelley
Communion Set-up	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Corinne Julian
Ushers	Adam Beilke Payton Beilke Owen Beilke Zach Plitzuweit Tanner Plitzuweit	Verl Naber Don Bollmeier Brad Hotz Larry Kennedy	Steve Julian Al Alcoba Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Steven Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****The links to view all the various reports and documents that were a part of our voters' meeting this past Sunday are in the Weekly News. If you desire a hard copy contact the church office. Please take the time to review them, especially the "Reopening Procedures" document, which has the information regarding how our return to in-person worship will begin this coming weekend.

The big decisions that came out of our meeting on Sunday are the following:

1. We passed our budget for the 20-21 fiscal year, amended to include a partial housing allowance for both teachers we called (\$7,000 per year for each).
2. We called Jim Wade to serve as principal in our school and staff minister for Vistancia. We issued a 1-year provisional call to Betsy Collins to teach our 1st and 2nd grades.

****Thank you to all the attendees and superstars that attended the Virtual talent show. It was a great way to finish off the school year!

****"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 - Friday during office hours or contact Secretary for other arrangements. If needed she can mail it 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 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 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	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
May 30th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Service
May 31st 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
May 31th 9:00am	Worship Service(Online)
May 31th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 2nd 6:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
June 2nd 7:00pm	Elders Meeting
June 3rd 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
June 3rd 6:30pm	Growth Group Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)
June 4th 7:00pm	Bible Study– Pastor Foxen
June 6th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
June 6th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Service
June 7th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
June 7th 9:00am	Worship Service(Online)
June 7th 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.

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.

Koutia Family, as they grieve the loss of Rene's Brother.

Mary Lou Cannon, as she recovers from a broken arm due to an accident.

Cathy Mundstock, as she undergoes knee replacement surgery.

Elsie Koutia, as she prepares for her call to teach at Good Shepherd in Daytona, FL.

Levi Foxen, praises for the successful tonsillectomy.

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)