



TALKERS, DOERS, BUILDERS

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Full Script



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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
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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!



Our church is built on rocky soil. Those of us who were here when the church was built are witnesses of how that rock wreaked havoc on the construction equipment. More importantly, our church and the Word we preach is also built on rock—the solid rock, the foundation of Jesus Christ.

How about you? What's your foundation like? What holds you upright when the storms of life crash against you? As the familiar hymn resounds: when Christ is the foundation for our lives, we stand firm —"all other ground is sinking sand."

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Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Your Kingdom, O God (CW755) 3 Vs.

Your kingdom, O God, is my glorious treasure, My pearl of incomp'able worth.
Its value exceeds ev'ry standard of measure, Surpassing the wealth of the earth.
Lord, give me your grace and the pow'r of the Spirit to value this treasure aright
That never allured by the world I inherit Your kingdom of glory and light.

Your kingdom, O God, is alive with the power Your Word and your Spirit bestow.
Like yeast, they affect the whole measure of flour, enabling your kingdom to grow.
Empower me. Lord, as I live your commission. Though humble my service may be,
And bring ev'ry planting to perfect fruition, A mustard seed grown to a tree.

Your kingdom, O God, is a field for the growing Of seeds that your mercy has sown.
But still in our midst is the enemy sowing The weeds that imperil your own.
Sustain me. O Lord, till your day of returning And harvest me, homeward at last,
To shine in the homeland that quiets all yearning, where sorrow and danger are past.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

(Spoken Responsively)

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

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

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Sung by Congregation)

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

Congregation Sings:

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

Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; 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

Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28

Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. ¹⁹Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. ²⁰Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, ²¹so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land the LORD swore to give your ancestors, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth. ²⁶See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse— ²⁷the blessing if you obey the commands of the LORD your God that I am giving you today; ²⁸the curse if you disobey the commands of the LORD your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.

PSALM 1

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Or stand in the way of sinners.

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

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

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

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

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

C: Nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

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

C: But the way of the wicked will perish.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SECOND LESSON

2 Peter 1:19-2:3

We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation of things. ²¹For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit. But there

were also false prophets among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. They will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even denying the sovereign Lord who bought them—bringing swift destruction on themselves. ² Many will follow their depraved conduct and will bring the way of truth into disrepute. ³ In their greed these teachers will exploit you with fabricated stories. Their condemnation has long been hanging over them, and their destruction has not been sleeping.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. *(2 Corinthians 5:19)*

Sung by Congregation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

 **SERMON HYMN**

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less *(CW382) 4 V.s.*

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare to make no other claim, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain:

On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.

In every high and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *[Refrain]*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the raging flood.

When every earthly prop gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *[Refrain]*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!

Clothed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before his throne. *[Refrain]*

SERMON

Talkers, Doers, Builders

Matthew 7:15-29

“Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves. ¹⁶ By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? ¹⁷ Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸ A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit. ¹⁹ Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰ Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them. ²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ ²³ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away

from me, you evildoers!’²⁴ “Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.²⁵ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.²⁶ But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.²⁷ The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”²⁸ When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,²⁹ because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

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

APOSTLES’ CREED

(Spoken in Unison)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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. 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.

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.

SONG OF THE SEASON

Gather Us In (CHS778) 4 Vs.

**Here in this place new light is streaming, Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this place our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.**

**Gather us in the lost and forsaken, Gather us in the blind and the lame;
Call to us now, and we shall awaken, We shall arise at the sound of our name.**

**We are the young our lives are a myst’ry We are the old who yearn for your face,
We have been sung throughout all of hist’ry
Called to be light to the whole human race.**

**Gather us in the rich and the haughty, Gather us in the proud and the strong;
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly, Give us the courage to enter the song.**

**Here we will take the wine and the water, Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.**

**Give us to drink the wine of compassion, Give us to eat the bread that is you;
Nourish us well, And teach us to fashion
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.**

**Not in the dark of buildings confining, Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place the new light is shining, Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever, Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together, Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Annaliese Coates

Matthew 6:33-34

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.

Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself.

Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Kenzi Garver

Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

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

My Hope Rests Firm 4 Vs.

My hope rests firm on Jesus Christ, He is my only plea.

Though all the world should point and scorn,

His ransom leaves me free; His ransom leaves me free.

My hope sustains me as I strive And strain towards the goal;

Though still I stumble into sin,

His death paid for it all; His death paid for it all.

My hope provides me with a spur To help me run this race:

I know my tears will turn to joy

The day I see his face; The day I see his face.

My hope is to be with my Lord, To know as I am known;

To serve Him gladly all my days

In praise before His throne; In praise before His throne.”

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

ONE CHURCH...TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)

Wednesday June 8th, 2:00pm
(Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)

Sunday June 21st, 6:00pm
(Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

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

Cancelled until Fall

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)

Jomax Worship Volunteers	June 21st	June 28th	July 5th	July 12th
Counters	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman
Cleaners	Ebel/Moe	Grams	Piepenbrink/ Pappenfuss/Cornell	Martins/Ehlers
Communion Set-up	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Corinne Julian
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Jon Yauck	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson Cody Hall Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

June 23rd 6:30pm	Board of Ed
June 24th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
June 25th 7:00pm	Bible Study– Pastor Foxen
June 26th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
June 26th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Confirmation Service
June 27st 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
June 27st 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
June 27st 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

July 1st 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
July 2nd 7:00pm	Bible Study– Pastor Foxen
July 4th 9:00am	Women's Service Group
July 4th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
July 4th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Confirmation Service
July 5th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
July 5th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
July 5th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****"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.

****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.

**** We have several options for you to worship during these times. You may go to crossofglory.online.church to view our online services or worship in person (Jomax Campus) at the normal 9:00 am service time. You may also watch Saturday service live on Facebook Cross of Glory-Vistancia or in person (Jomax Campus) at 6:00pm. All of our Services can be found for later viewing on our website under the Message tab, either Facebook Site or YouTube.

Pastor Foxen Update

Dear members of Cross of Glory,

I wanted to give you all an update on my health. I came down with some flu-like symptoms last Wednesday. I got tested that night for covid-19 with a rapid test, and the result came back negative. I was also tested for flu, and that was also negative. My symptoms continued until Sunday, when I started to feel much better. Today I'm feeling almost 100%. However, I'm continuing to lie low this week out of an abundance of caution. I've also heard that the accuracy of the rapid tests for covid-19 is somewhat questionable, so I'm getting tested again by another method for an extra layer of certainty. When I do appear in public again, I want people to be able to feel like they're safe to be around me. God-willing, that will be soon!

I thank you all for your prayers! Know that I'm also praying for you! May our God continue to bless and keep you in his tender care!

Pastor Ben Foxen

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.

Mary Lou Cannon, as she recovers from surgery on her wrist.

Cathy Mundstock, Give thanks for a successful surgery and prayers for a swift recovery.

Linda Stern, as she undergoes treatments for breast 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.