



Recipe for Evangelism

Matthew 9:9-13

Pentecost 4

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Full Script



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Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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Lake Pleasant Elementary School
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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!



Evangelism is defined as the spreading of the Christian gospel by public preaching or personal witness. In our sermon text from Matthew, Jesus demonstrates evangelism in his compassion for the lost and helpless sinner. It is the reason for Christ's work and the ministry of the Word. The people of Israel had been harassed by their spiritual leaders and left leaderless and helpless.

Christ looked upon them and loved them, and then he called the twelve apostles to the ministry of the Word that they might shepherd these lost sheep. The disciples prayed for workers and found God's answer in the twelve men Christ sent out to be leaders of the true Israel and heralds of the coming kingdom. They would go with Jesus' message and Jesus' miracles. They would go by grace to share grace.

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Service of Celebration and Reverence

OPENING HYMN

Bring Forth the Kingdom (CHS821) 4 Vs..

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!

Refrain:

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring Forth the Kingdom of peace;
Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! *[Refrain]*

You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God! *[Refrain]*

We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God! *[Refrain]*

WE APPROACH GOD

(Spoken Responsively; Sung songs of response—"Triune God" and "Melodic Gloria)

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.

C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)

Triune God your love has found me; you have brought me to this place.
And you promised you will lead me, safely home by your good grace.
Jesus sought me, a lost wanderer, cut off from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with his precious blood.

**To your grace now I'm a debtor; daily I'm in need of you!
Let your mercy like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to you.
Prone to wander, such a sheep I am; prone to leave your shepherd's love.
So I pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life above!"**

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven.
Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

CATECHISM REVIEW

9th and 10th Commandments

M: You shall not covet your neighbor's house.
What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house or obtain it by a show of right, but do all we can to help him keep it.

M: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, workers, animals, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.
What does this mean?

C: We should fear and love God that we do not force or entice away our neighbor's spouse, workers, or animals, but urge them to stay and do their duty.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 3:1-15

Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.” ⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!” And Moses said, “Here I am.” ⁵“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God. ⁷The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” ¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” ¹²And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.” ¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?” ¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’” “This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

PSALM 119c

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: For I meditate on your statutes.

M: I have more understanding than the elders,

C: For I obey your precepts.

M: I have kept my feet from every evil path

C: So that I might obey your Word.

M: I have not departed from your laws.

C: For you yourself have taught me.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: Sweeter than honey to my mouth!

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. May your priests be clothed with righteousness; may your saints sing for joy. Alleluia. *(Psalm 132:9)*

(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

When Jesus Came from Nazareth (CWS772) 4 Vs.

**When Jesus came from Nazareth, he walked beside the sea.
He saw four fishermen and called, "Come, follow, follow me!
Come. Follow, follow me."**

**He led them over unknown ways whose end they could not see
And, when they faltered, called again, "Come, follow, follow me!
Come. Follow, follow me."**

**We make our vows, O Christ, today to serve you faithfully.
For you have called us each by name, "Come, follow, follow me!
Come. Follow, follow me."**

**Lord, grant us grace to walk your way and, falling, rise again
Restored, forgiven, hearing still. "Come, follow, follow me!
Come. Follow, follow me."**

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

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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
Call 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

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.

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

I Love to Tell the Story
Congregation joins for final refrain

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 July 1st, 2:00pm
(Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)

Sunday June 28th, 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)

Pastor Ehlers

Cancelled until Fall

Thursday Evening Bible Study

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 28th	July 5th	July 12th	July 19th
Counters	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman	Wempner/Wilson
Cleaners	Grams	Piepenbrink/ Pappenfuss/Cornell	Martins/Ehlers	Patterson
Communion Set-up	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Corinne Julian	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson Cody Hall Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson		

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

July 1st 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
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
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)
June 28th-July 12th	Foxen Vacation

LOOKING AHEAD

July 7th 6:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
July 7th 7:00pm	Elders Meeting
July 8th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
July 11th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
July 11th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
July 12th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
July 12th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
July 12th 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.

****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.

Vacation News

Pastor Foxen and his family will be leaving on vacation beginning on June 28. They will return on July 12. He'll take the rest of his vacation the week of July 19-26.

Call News

Pastor Ehlers would like to be included in your prayers as he has received a Divine Call to serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato, Minnesota. It is a call to be their senior pastor. They have 900 souls, a 130 child childcare, and they partner with another church to run a K-8 Lutheran Elementary School. A congregational meeting will be scheduled soon to discuss our ministry needs here at Cross of Glory.

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.

Muriel Perkola, mother of Corinne Julian who is hospitalized with infection and pneumonia.

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.