

War and Peace



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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!



Isaiah calls Jesus the "Prince of Peace", but in our sermon text, from Matthew 10, Jesus tells us he did not bring peace but the sword. How can both of these statements be true? Jesus is indeed the "Prince of Peace" as he brought peace between God and man. However, for followers of Christ, we are often at war with the world which in one way or another is trying to pull us away from Jesus and the peace we have with God. Yes, we often face a hostile world as followers of Jesus, but because of Jesus' work of reconciliation with God, we look forward to life everlasting in peace.

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Service of Word & Sacrament

OPENING HYMN

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke (CW453) 4 Vs.

"Come, follow me," the Savior spoke, "All in my way abiding.
Deny yourselves; the world forsake; Obey my call and guiding.
Oh, bear the cross, whate'er betide; Take my example for your guide.

"I am the light; I light the way, A godly life displaying.
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.
I am the way, and well I show How you should journey here below.

"I teach you how to shun and flee What harms your souls' salvation,
Your hearts from ev'ry guile to free, From sin and its temptation.
I am the refuge of the soul And lead you to your heav'nly goal."

Then let us follow Christ our Lord And take the cross appointed
And, firmly clinging to his Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.
For those who bear the battle's strain The crown of heav'nly life obtain.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Spoken/ Sung Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage

to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: (Congregation Sings)

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;

you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us,

you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Let us pray.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 32:15-29

Moses turned and went down the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands. They were inscribed on both sides, front and back. ¹⁶The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷When Joshua heard the noise of the people shouting, he said to Moses, "There is the sound of war in the camp." ¹⁸Moses replied: "It is not the sound of victory, it is not the sound of defeat; it is the sound of singing that I hear." ¹⁹When Moses approached the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, his anger burned and he threw the tablets out of his hands, breaking them to pieces at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰And he took the calf the people had made and burned it in the fire; then he ground it to powder, scattered it on the water and made the Israelites drink it. ²¹He said to Aaron, "What

did these people do to you, that you led them into such great sin?”²² “Do not be angry, my lord,” Aaron answered. “You know how prone these people are to evil.²³ They said to me, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who brought us up out of Egypt, we don’t know what has happened to him.’²⁴ So I told them, ‘Whoever has any gold jewelry, take it off.’ Then they gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!”²⁵ Moses saw that the people were running wild and that Aaron had let them get out of control and so become a laughingstock to their enemies.²⁶ So he stood at the entrance to the camp and said, “Whoever is for the LORD, come to me.” And all the Levites rallied to him.²⁷ Then he said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘Each man strap a sword to his side. Go back and forth through the camp from one end to the other, each killing his brother and friend and neighbor.’”²⁸ The Levites did as Moses commanded, and that day about three thousand of the people died.²⁹ Then Moses said, “You have been set apart to the LORD today, for you were against your own sons and brothers, and he has blessed you this day.”

PSALM 27

(Sung Responsibly)

**The Lord is my light and my sal-
va - tion of whom shall I be a -
fraid, of whom shall I be a - afraid?**

Refrain

M: Hear my voice when I call, LORD;

C: Be merciful to me and an-swer me.

M: Do not hide your face from me,

C: Do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my help-er.

M: Do not reject me or for-sake me,

C: O God my Sa-vior.

Refrain

M: Though my father and mother for-sake me,

C: The LORD will re-ceive me.

M: I am confi-dent of this:

C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the liv-ing.

M: Wait for the LORD;

C: Be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.

ALL:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spir-it,
as it was in the be-gin-ning,
is now, and will be forever. A-men.

Refrain

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:11-16

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³ In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you ¹⁴ to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶ who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Happy are they who hear the Word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience. Alleluia. *(Luke 8:15)*

(Sung by Congregation)

C: 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

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken (CW465) 4 Vs.

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.
Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.
Let the world despise and leave me; They have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me; You are not, like them, untrue.
And since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me -- Show your face, and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!
In your service pain is pleasure; With your favor loss is gain.
I have called you Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.
Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.
All but heav'n is transitory; God's own hand shall guide you there.
Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

SERMON

War and Peace

Matthew 10:34-42

“Do not suppose that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. ³⁵ For I have come to turn “a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law— ³⁶ a man’s enemies will be the members of his own household.’ ³⁷ “Anyone who loves their father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; anyone who loves their son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. ³⁸ Whoever does not take up their cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹ Whoever finds their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life for my sake will find it. ⁴⁰ “Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me, and anyone who welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet as a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person as a righteous person will receive a righteous person’s reward. ⁴² And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones who is my disciple, truly I tell you, that person will certainly not lose their reward.”

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THE NICENE CREED

(Read in Unison)

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

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

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

 **SONG OF THE SEASON** Hear the Call of the Kingdom 3 V.s.

Hear the call of the kingdom, Lift your eyes to the King.
Let His song rise within you As a fragrant offering
Of how God, rich in mercy, Came in Christ to redeem
All who trust in His unfailing grace.

Hear the call of the Kingdom To be children of light,
With the mercy of heaven The humility of Christ;
Walking justly before him, Loving all that is right;
That the life of Christ may shine through us.

Refrain:

King of heaven, we will answer the call;
We will follow bringing hope to the world,
Filled with passion, filled with power to proclaim
Salvation in Jesus' name.

Hear the call of the Kingdom To reach out to the lost;
With the Father's compassion In the wonder of the cross.
Bringing peace and forgiveness And a hope yet to come.
Let the nations put their trust in him. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING and OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by Congregation)

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

Christ is With Me (CWS761) 3 Vs.

We were buried with him into death, That as he was raised by God's glory,

We might walk in life made new by grace.

Having died with Christ, we shall live with him.

Refrain:

Christ is with me ev'rywhere I go. Never to leave me, this I know.

I have now been grafted to the vine, Drawing life from roots rich in mercy,

Bearing fruit as I abide in him: Fruit forever fresh, glorifying God. [Refrain]

I have now been crucified with Christ. I no longer live; Christ lives in me.

Now I live by faith in God's own Son, One who loved me so—gave himself for me.

[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.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

July 22nd 2:00pm
July 25th 6:00pm
July 25th 6:00pm
July 26th 9:00am
July 26th 9:00am
July 26th 6:00pm

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
Vistancia Facebook Live
Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
Worship Service (Online)
Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

July 28th 6:30pm
July 29nd 2:00pm
August 1st 6:00pm
August 1st 6:00pm
August 2nd 9:00am
August 2nd 9:00am
August 2nd 6:00pm

Board of Ed
Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
Vistancia Facebook Live
Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
Worship Service (Online)
Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

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 July 4th, 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)

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)

Position Available

The preschool will be accepting applications from interested congregational members for another member to join our team as a Teaching Assistant. The position is part-time, three mornings a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). Experience in the preschool setting is preferred.

Applications and accompanying job description will be available through the office. Applications will be accepted through July 27th. Any questions regarding the position can be directed to the preschool director Brenda Grams at bkgrams@hotmail.com.

Thank you for prayerfully considering how you might be able to serve the families and children of our preschool in this way.

Announcements

******We are in search of a janitor for the school. This is a Paid position. Please notify Liz if you know of anyone that would be willing to help with this task.**

****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 have returned from 2 weeks of camping in California forests. They will take one more week of 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.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	July 19th	July 26th	August 2nd	August 9th
Counters	Wempner/Wilson	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell
Cleaners	Patterson	Plitzuweit/Alcoba Peterson	Kelley/Moe	Ebel/Koutia
Communion Set-up	Corinne Julian	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Steven Julian Al Alcoba Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Steven Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson

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.