

Jesus,
the
friend
who
gives

Pentecost 8
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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
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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!

Worship focus

Think of all the other world religions and the demanding gods they worship—today’s sermon text from Matthew 11 gives a stark contrast of our Triune God—the true God who gives us words of invitation, of comfort, of rest. Our Savior’s humble and gentle heart leads him to give us an easy yoke, a light burden, and rest for our souls. Christianity is not a religion of rules meant to impinge on our freedom; it does not call us to endlessly labor for God’s favor; it does not leave us to work things out on our own. No, it frees us from the burden of carrying our sin and puts Christ in its place. It connect us to Jesus that we might learn from him. It gives us the rest our weary souls so desperately need.

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Service of Worship and Praise

OPENING HYMN

Are You Thirsty? 4 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2 and congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4

*Are you thirsty? Are you empty? Come and drink these living waters;
Tired and broken; Peace unspoken; Rest beside these living waters.”*

Christ is calling; Find refreshing; At the cross of living waters.

Lay your life down; All the old gone; Rise up in these living waters .

Refrain:

**There’s a river that flows with mercy and love;
Bringing joy to the city of our God. There our hope is secure;
Do not fear anymore; Praise the Lord of living waters.**

Spirit moving; Mercy washing; Healing in these living waters.

Lead your children; To the shore line; Life is in these living waters. [Refrain]

Are you thirsty? Are you empty: Come and drink these living waters,

Love, forgiveness; Vast and boundless Christ, He is our living waters, [Refrain]

WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME

(Read/ Sung Responsively)

M: We gather for worship the same way we were baptized: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, “Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed.” As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter. I am the clay; Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

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M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, “He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord.” God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave;
From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.
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FIRST LESSON

Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the LORD, “You have been telling me, ‘Lead these people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, ‘I know you by name and you have found favor with me.’¹³ If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people.”¹⁴ The LORD replied, “My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.”¹⁵ Then Moses said to him, “If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here.¹⁶ How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?”¹⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, “I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name.”¹⁸ Then Moses said, “Now show me your glory.”¹⁹ And the LORD said, “I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you, and I will proclaim my name, the LORD, in your presence. I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.²⁰ But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live.”²¹ Then the LORD said, “There is a place near me where you may stand on a rock.²² When my glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft in the rock and cover you with my hand until I have passed by.²³ Then I will remove my hand and you will see my back; but my face must not be seen.”

M: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: My salvation comes from him.

M: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

M: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: My hope comes from him.

M: Though your riches increase,

C: Do not set your heart on them.

M: My salvation and honor depend on God;

C: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

M: Trust in him at all times, O people;

C: Pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Romans 7:15-25a

¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

SERMON HYMN

Come unto Me, Ye Weary *CW336) 4 V.s.*

"Come unto me, ye weary, And I will give you rest."

O blessed voice of Jesus, Which comes to hearts oppressed!

It tells of benediction, Of pardon, grace, and peace,

Of joy that has no ending, Of love that cannot cease.

"Come unto me, ye wand'ers, And I will give you light."

O loving voice of Jesus, Which comes to cheer the night!

Our hearts were filled with sadness, And we had lost our way;

But thou hast brought us gladness And songs at break of day.

"Come unto me, ye fainting, And I will give you life."
O cheering voice of Jesus, Which comes to aid our strife!
The foe is stern and eager; The fight is fierce and long;
But thou hast made us mighty And stronger than the strong.

"And whosoever cometh, I will not cast him out."
O patient love of Jesus, Which drives away our doubt,
Which, though we be unworthy Of love so great and free,
Invites us very sinners To come, dear Lord, to thee!

SERMON

Jesus, the Friend Who Gives

Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. ²⁶ Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do. ²⁷ "All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

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3rd ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken Responsively)

M: 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.

What does this mean?

C: I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian Church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

M: In this Christian Church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers.

C: On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

SONG OF THE SEASON

Hear the Call of the Kingdom 3 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2 and congregation joins for Vs. 3

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

(Spoken by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

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.**

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: 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**

Jerusalem the Golden (CWS728) 3 Vs.

**Jerusalem the golden, With milk and honey blest—
The sight of it refreshes The weary and oppressed:
I know not, oh, I know not What joys await us there,
What radiancy of glory, What bliss beyond compare:
To sing the hymn unending With all the martyr throng,
Amidst the halls of Zion Resounding full with song.**

Oh, sweet and blessed country, The home of God's elect!
Oh, sweet and blessed country That eager hearts expect,
Where they who with their leader Have conquered in the fight
Forever and forever Are clad in robes of white.
Jesus in mercy bring us To that dear land of rest
Where sings the host of heaven Your glorious name to bless.
The Christ is ever with them; The daylight is serene.
The pastures of the blessed Are ever rich and green.
There is the throne of David; And there from care released,
The shout of them that triumph, The song of them that feast.
To God enthroned in glory The Church's voices blend,
The Lamb forever blessed, The Light that knows no end.

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 28th 6:00pm	Board of Ed
July 29nd 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
August 1st 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 1st 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
August 2nd 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 2nd 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
August 2nd 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

August 4th 6:00pm	Board of Ed
August 4th 7:00pm	Elders Meeting
August 5th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
August 8th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 8th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
August 9th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 9th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
August 9th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

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.

Call News

Pastor Ehlers has returned the Divine Call to serve St. Paul's Lutheran Church in North Mankato, Minnesota.

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Voters Meeting

Sunday, August 2nd 10:30am

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)

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



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Voters Meeting

Sunday, August 2nd 10:30am

Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)

Sunday July 4th, 6:00pm
(Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

Jomax Worship Volunteers	July 26th	August 2nd	August 9th	August 16th
Counters	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Alcoba Peterson	Kelley/Moe	Ebel/Koutia	Grams
Communion Set-up	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner	Corinne Julian
Ushers	Steven Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson

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.

Bill Grams, Who is recovering from hip replacement Surgery after taking a tumble on his bike.

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.

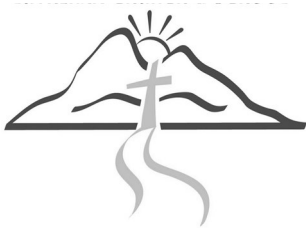
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.