



Pentecost 11
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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

The world is a noisy place—so many things calling for our attention, vying for our time. Listening to these calls of the world, we can amass a lot of earthly treasures, but these worldly things do not begin to compare to the spiritual wealth we gain when we listen to the call of the Gospel. Today in our sermon text, Jesus uses parables to teach us to seek spiritual wealth.

Both of the men in the parables found great treasure. For one it was a complete surprise, as unexpected as it was valuable. For the other it came from an expert search by a discerning man. Before they found these new treasures, both men no doubt valued what they previously owned. But once they saw this new treasure, see how little they valued all else they had! The spiritual wealth of Christ and his Gospel puts everything else into perspective; in fact it marginalizes all else. The importance of this truth comes to light in the parable of the net. All people, rich and poor, will be caught up. Only those who found true spiritual wealth are spared the furnace. Jesus concludes with an encouragement for the preacher of the Gospel: you have found true wealth in Christ; you have been given a storeroom full of treasures new and old. Bring them out to God's people with joy and delight.

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Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN

Where Your Treasure Is (CWS757) 3 Vs.

Refrain:

Where your treasure is, there your heart shall be.
All that you possess will never set you free.
Seek the things that last, come and learn from me,
Where your treasure is your heart shall be!

What do you gain from all your worry, What you should eat or what to wear?

There is no peace in stress or hurry

Do you not know that you are held within God's care? *[Refrain]*

Look at the ravens high above you. They do not work their whole life through,
And yet God feeds them and protects them,

So how much more will God protect and care for you? *[Refrain]*

O little flock do not be frightened; Yours is the kingdom of the Lord.

Give your possessions to the needy; Obtain a treasure in God's heaven safely stored.

[Refrain]

INVOCATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

(Sung to the tune of "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness Vs. 1-4 (CW376))

All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;

We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.

Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,

For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.

O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;

Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.

You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.

We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.

SALUTATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, you reveal your mighty power chiefly in showing mercy and kindness. Grant us the full measure of your grace that we may obtain your promises and become partakers of your heavenly glory; 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

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon during the night in a dream, and God said, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you."⁶ Solomon answered, "You have shown great kindness to your servant, my father David, because he was faithful to you and righteous and upright in heart. You have continued this great kindness to him and have given him a son to sit on his throne this very day."⁷ "Now, LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David. But I am only a little child and do not know how to carry out my duties."⁸ Your servant is here among

the people you have chosen, a great people, too numerous to count or number. ⁹ So give your servant a discerning heart to govern your people and to distinguish between right and wrong. For who is able to govern this great people of yours?" ¹⁰ The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. ¹¹ So God said to him, "Since you have asked for this and not for long life or wealth for yourself, nor have asked for the death of your enemies but for discernment in administering justice, ¹² I will do what you have asked. I will give you a wise and discerning heart, so that there will never have been anyone like you, nor will there ever be.

PSALM 63

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You, God, are my God, earnestly I seek you;

C: I thirst for you, my whole being longs for you, in a dry and parched land where there is no water.

M: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.

C: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.

M: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.

C: I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

M: Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.

C: I cling to you; your right hand upholds me.

M: Those who want to kill me will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth.

C: They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals.

M: But the king will rejoice in God;

C: All who swear by God will glory in him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. ²⁰ Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, ²¹ which some have professed and in so doing have departed from the faith. Grace be with you all.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. *(John 14:23)*

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**

Jesus, Priceless Treasure (CW349) 4 Vs.

Jesus, priceless Treasure, Fount of purest pleasure,
Truest Friend to me. Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish, Yearning, Lord, for thee?
Thou art mine, O Lamb divine! I will suffer naught to hide thee,
Naught I ask beside thee.

In thine arms I rest me; Foes who would molest me
Cannot reach me here. Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking, Jesus calms my fear.
Lightnings flash And thunders crash;
Yet, tho' sin and hell assail me, Jesus will not fail me.

Satan, I defy thee; Death, I now decry thee;
Fear, I bid thee cease. World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me While I sing of peace.
God's great pow'r Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore him, Silent bow before him.

Hence, all earthly treasure! Jesus is my pleasure;
Jesus is my choice. Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story Told with tempting voice.
Pain or loss Or shame or cross Shall not from my Savior move me
Since he deigns to love me.

SERMON

Listen to the Gospel Call!

Matthew 13:44-52

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and sold all he had and bought that field. ⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ “Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish. ⁴⁸ When it was full, the fishermen pulled it up on the shore. Then they sat down and collected the good fish in baskets, but threw the bad away. ⁴⁹ This is how it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come and separate the wicked from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ “Have you understood all these things?” Jesus asked. “Yes,” they replied. ⁵² He said to them, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has become a disciple in the kingdom

of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old.”

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THE NICENE CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

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

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: 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.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: 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

Oh How Good It Is 3 V/s.

Oh how good it is When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit In faith and unity.
Where the bonds of peace, Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence Here among us.

Refrain:

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

Oh how good it is On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy And weep with those who mourn.

For the weak find strength The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing Of belonging. *[Refrain]*
Oh how good it is To embrace His command
To prefer one another Forgive as He forgives.
When we live as one We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father And the Spirit. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

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**

My God Will Never Leave Me (CW418—Melody CW14) 3 V.s.

My God will never leave me, And I will not leave him;
A light my God will give me In pathways dark and grim.
He reaches out his hand, His mighty power sharing,
My burdens ever bearing Wherever I may stand.

When human thought and action Shall unavailing prove,
God grants me his protection And shows his pow'r and love.

He helps in ev'ry need, From sin and shame redeems me,
From chains and bonds reclaims me; From death I, too, am freed.

Oh, praise him for he never Forgets our daily need;
Oh, blest the hour whenever To him our thoughts can speed,
For all the time we spend Without him is but wasted,
Till we his joy have tasted, The joy that has 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

August 17th	First Day of School
August 19th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
August 22nd 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 22nd 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
August 23rd 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 23rd 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
August 23rd 10:30am	Special Voters Meeting
August 23rd 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

August 25th 6:00pm	Dos Rios HOA
August 26th 11:00am	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
August 29th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 29th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
August 30th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
August 30th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
August 30th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

School Starting

During school hours Adults should be prepared to wear a mask when visiting campus.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	August 16th	August 23rd	August 30th	September 6th
Counters	Sasse/Freeman	Sasse/Wilson	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Schirripa
Cleaners	Grams	Piepenbrink Pappenfuss	Martins/Ehlers	Patterson
Communion Set-up	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell
Ushers	Cody Hall Larry Kennedy Zach Plitzuweit Tanner Plitzuweit	Steve Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Steven Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger

Announcements

****New meditations have arrived and are located in the communications center. Please let Liz know if you would like one put in your mailbox.

****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.

Growth Groups for 2020-21

Pastor Foxen is looking for individuals who would be interested in leading a growth group this year. He will provide the materials for the groups to discuss, but he needs people willing to facilitate the discussion. If you're interested, please [email](#) him.

We will try to have both in-person gatherings and Zoom meetings for our groups, depending on what people are comfortable with. If you as a leader would prefer one format or another, please indicate that in your message to Pastor Foxen. Thank you!

Special Voters Meeting

Voters meeting will be 10:30am on August 23rd, in person and via zoom. We will be discussing changing the way we pay our female called workers so they can take advantage of the parsonage allowance as male called workers do for tax purposes. This is being done at the direction of WELS.

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Vistancia Zoom Call
Sunday 7:00pm

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
Wednesdays at 2:00pm
(Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Vistancia Zoom Call
Sunday 7:00pm

Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)
Sundays at 6:00pm
(Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

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.

Ehinger Family, for the loss of Brian's niece, now with her Lord.

The Schirripas, for the loss of Dave's brother, now with his Lord.

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

Linda Stern, thanksgiving for her recovery from cancer.

Juanita Word, who is recovering at home after a broken leg.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoes treatments.

MILITARY

E4 Specialist Alice Henderson, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

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

Major JD Larson,
son of John & Chi Larson,
based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

Sara (Dan) McArdle,
daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford,
Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen,
son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and
brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

Ben Weyer, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.



Cross of Glory was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.

Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 9:30am (Vistancia)
Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)