



We can trust our
Lord Jesus

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Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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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 worshiping 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 worshiping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshiping 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



When confronted with a problem, we might get to work to solve it or may sit in despair in our inability to solve the issue. In either case, we neglect to first take the problem to Jesus. This is illustrated when Jesus fed the large gathering of followers. The disciples saw all of the problems in feeding the large crowd and none of the possibilities. They lacked the faith which caused them to neglect the realization that this was the Son of God, capable of solving any problem. This was as an important a lesson for the disciples as is for us Christians today. Bring it to Jesus! Look how he answered the disciples. So much food that thousands were fed and there were bushels left over. Here, the Son of God showed that he even cares for the physical needs of his people. Trust in God to provide!

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Service of Scripture and Song

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

(Speak O Lord (CWS735))

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

C: Amen.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: sweeter than honey for my mouth.

Sung by Congregation:

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Sung by Congregation:

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity,

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

M: God gave his Word so "That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you

of your salvation. 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.

Sung by Congregation:

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.**

And by grace we'll stand in your promises.

And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak O Lord, as your Church is built and you fill the earth with your glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 17:1-6

Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the LORD, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

²Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah: ³"Leave here, turn eastward and hide in the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan. ⁴You will drink from the brook, and I have directed the ravens to supply you with food there." ⁵So he did what the LORD had told him. He went to the Kerith Ravine, east of the Jordan, and stayed there. ⁶The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook.

PSALM 136

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the God of gods.

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

C: His love endures forever.

M: To him who alone does great wonders,

C: His love endures forever.

M: who by his understanding made the heavens,

C: His love endures forever.

M: who spread out the earth upon the waters,

C: His love endures forever.

M: who made the great lights—

C: His love endures forever.

M: He remembered us in our low estate

C: His love endures forever.

M: and freed us from our enemies.

C: His love endures forever.

M: He gives food to every creature.

C: His love endures forever.

M: Give thanks to the God of heaven.

C: His love endures forever.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:28-39

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.



SERMON HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (CW353) 3Vs.

Praise the one who breaks the darkness With a liberating light;

Praise the one who frees the pris'ners, Turning blindness into sight.

Praise the one who preached the gospel, Healing ev'ry dread disease,
Calming storms and feeding thousands With the Father's word of peace.

Praise the one who blessed the children With a strong, yet gentle, word;
Praise the one who drove out demons With the piercing, two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water To the desert's burning sand;
From this well comes living water, Quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Let us praise the Word incarnate, Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose victorious That we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness, Seeing what our God has done;

Let us praise the true Redeemer, Praise the one who makes us one.

SERMON

We can trust our Lord Jesus

Matthew 14:13-21

When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food." ¹⁶Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat." ¹⁷"We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered. ¹⁸"Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

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THE 2nd Article OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: 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.

C: 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.

M: *What does this mean?*

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins,

from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

 **SONG OF THE SEASON**

Oh How Good It Is 3 Vs.

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

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.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

 **CLOSING HYMN**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing (CW332) 4 Vs.

Congregation Sings Vs. 1, 2, 4; Ensemble Sings Vs. 3

Go, my children, with my blessing, Never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you; You are my own.

In my love's baptismal river I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing You are my own.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure;

Here you learned how much I love you; what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story; Here you touched him, saw his glory.

Go my children, sins forgiven, At peace and pure.

Go, my children, fed and nourished, Closer to me;

Grow in love and love by serving, Joyful and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you; Here his tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children; fed and nourished, Joyful and free.

I the Lord will bless and keep you And give you peace;

I the Lord will smile upon you And give you peace;

I the Lord will be your Father, Savior, Comforter and Brother.

Go, my children; I will keep you And give you peace.

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

Special Voters Meeting

Sunday August 23rd, 10:30 am

Funeral (Lianne Coates Dad)

Saturday August 29th, 12:00 pm

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)

Wednesdays at 2:00pm

(Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Special Voters Meeting

Sunday August 23rd, 10:30 am

Vistancia Zoom Call

Sunday 7:00pm

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)

LOOKING AHEAD

September 1st 6:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
September 1st 7:00pm	Elders Meeting
September 2nd 10:00am	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
September 5th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
September 5th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
September 6th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
September 6th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
September 6th 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 23rd	August 30th	September 6th	September 13th
Counters	Sasse/Wilson	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell
Cleaners	Piepenbrink Pappenfuss	Martins/Ehlers	Patterson	Grams
Communion Set-up	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull
Ushers	Steve Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Steven Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson

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

Dear Cross of Glory members,

This is a reminder that we will have a special voters' meeting this Sunday, August 23, at 10:30am after our worship service. The meeting was scheduled so that we could discuss as a congregation the new tax advice from WELS regarding our female called workers.

Just yesterday, we also found out that we may very soon be in a position to begin the project to connect to the city water supply, which had been set as a goal for our congregation and school some time ago. This issue will also be brought to the voters on Sunday so that they can see the scope of that project and bids from contractors. With voter approval, it seems realistic that this project could be completed over the Christmas break.

Those who are willing to come in person may do so. Please bring a mask in case you are unable to keep a distance from others. We are also planning to broadcast the meeting like we did previously. If you would like to join us online, here is the link to do so (click on "Join Zoom Meeting" below):

Topic: Special Voters' Meeting August 23

Time: Aug 23, 2020 10:30 AM Arizona

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 766 9289 5880

Passcode: 6GKSYg

We look forward to having everyone there to discuss these two matters before our congregation. May the Lord be pleased to bless us!

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.

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.

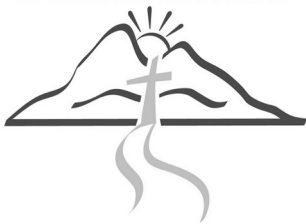
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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)