



Pentecost 14
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Full Script



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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!



“Please God, take away this pain!”, we plead, but the pain persists. We continue to pray, but our situation doesn't improve. Does our faith get frustrated—do we feel like giving up? In our sermon text today from Matthew 15:21-28 we learn from the Canaanite woman that God does indeed listen to our persistent plea just as Jesus heard the woman's voice of faith and in his amazing grace, acknowledged her great faith and cured her daughter.

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Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

OPENING HYMN

In Christ, There is No East or West (CW539) 5 V/s.

In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.

With God there is no tribe or race; In him we all are one.
He loves us as his children through our faith in his dear Son.

So, brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and blame, From spite and enmity!

Join hands, disciples of the faith, Whate'er your race may be;
Who serves my Father as his child Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Sung by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation Sings:

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

This is what the LORD says: “Maintain justice and do what is right, for my salvation is close at hand ⁶ And foreigners who bind themselves to the LORD to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the Sabbath without desecrating it and who hold fast to my covenant—⁷ these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.” ⁸The Sovereign LORD declares— he who gathers the exiles of Israel: “I will gather still others to them besides those already gathered.”

PSALM 67

(Sung Responsively)



Let the peo-ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Refrain

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us

C: And make his face shine up-on us;

M: May your ways be known on earth,

C: Your salvation among all na-tions.

M: May the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: For you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations of the earth.

Refrain

M: Then the land will yield its har-vest.

C: And God, our God, will bless us.

M: **God will bless us,**

C: And all the ends of the earth will fear him.

ALL:

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spi-rit,
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

Ephesians 2:13-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit. Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²²And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister, Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Jesus Christ has destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Alleluia. *(2 Timothy 1:10b)*

Congregation Sings:

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERMON HYMN

My Faith Looks Up to Thee (CW402) 4 Vs.

**My faith looks up to thee, Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine.
Now hear me while I pray; Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day Be wholly thine!
May thy rich grace impart Strength to my fainting heart; My zeal inspire!
As thou hast died for me, Oh, may my love to thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, A living fire!**

While life's dark maze I tread And griefs around me spread, Be thou my guide.
Bid darkness turn to day, Wipe sorrow's tears away,
Nor let me ever stray From thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream, When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll, Blest Savior, then, in love, Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above, A ransomed soul!

SERMON

Is Your Faith Frustrated?

Matthew 15:21-28

God doesn't seem to respond... I feel like giving up ... I deserve better

Leaving that place, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. ²² A Canaanite woman from that vicinity came to him, crying out, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on me! My daughter is demon-possessed and suffering terribly." ²³ Jesus did not answer a word. So his disciples came to him and urged him, "Send her away, for she keeps crying out after us." ²⁴ He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of Israel." ²⁵ The woman came and knelt before him. "Lord, help me!" she said. ²⁶ He replied, "It is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to the dogs." ²⁷ "Yes it is, Lord," she said. "Even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." ²⁸ Then Jesus said to her, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." And her daughter was healed at that moment.

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NICENE CREED

(Spoken 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.

I run to Christ when chased by fear And find a refuge sure.
“Believe in me,” His voice I hear; His words and wounds secure.
I run to Christ when torn by grief And find abundant peace.
“I too had tears,” He gently speaks; Thus joy and sorrow meet.
I run to Christ when worn by life And find my soul refreshed.
“Come unto Me,” He calls through strife; Fatigue gives way to rest.
I run to Christ when vexed by hell And find a mighty arm.
“The Devil flees,” the Scriptures tell; He roars, but cannot harm.
I run to Christ when stalked by sin And find a sure escape.
“Deliver me,” I cry to Him; Temptation yields to grace.
I run to Christ when plagued by shame And find my one defense.
“I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case—My Advocate and Friend.

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH AND LORD’S PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

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.

Refrain:

How good it is and how pleasant to live in unity and peace.

How good it is and how pleasant to live together in one Lord.

In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, agree in ev'rything you say.

May there be no divisions among you, but be united in one mind.

For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. *[Refrain]*

Live a life that is worthy of your call; be humble, gentle, and patient.

Bear with each other in ways that are loving; preserve the unity of faith.

For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. *[Refrain]*

Share the love that has joined us as one; unite in spirit and ideals.

Never be rivals; do not be conceited, but look to others in their need.

For there is one Lord, one faith, one God of us all. *[Refrain]*

PERSONAL PRAYERS FOR COMMUNION

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

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



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Vistancia Zoom Call
Sunday 7:00pm

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

September 7th	No School
September 8th 6:30pm	Church Council
September 9th 10:00am	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
September 12th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
September 12th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
September 13th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
September 13th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
September 13th 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Christian Freedom
September 13th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

September 16th 10:00am	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
September 16th 11:30am	Early Dismissal- Teacher Inservice
September 18th	Father -Daughter Event
September 19th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
September 19th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
September 20th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
September 20th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
September 20th 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Christian Freedom
September 20th 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	September 6th	September 13th	September 20th	September 27th
Counters	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman	Wempner/Wilson
Cleaners	Patterson	Grams	Kelley/Moe	Ebel/Koutia
Communion Set-up	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	Cody Hall Larry Kennedy Zach Plitzuweit Tanner Plitzuweit

Father– Daughter Event

We are changing things up this year to fit the time. This year we have chosen a Father-Daughter date/scavenger hunt instead of the annual father daughter dance to help social distancing. We are looking for volunteers. Even if you don't have a daughter, you can still help. We would like to highlight businesses and bless those that may have suffered shutdown. Sign-up is in the weekly news to help out and/or attend or contact Liz to sign up.

Men's Retreat

This year the Men of COG are going off the grid September 25th-27th. This whole retreat will be spent outside with plenty of room to social distance. To learn more about the presenter and to sign up please contact Pastor Ehlers or view the weekly news.

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.

Discipleship Sunday

Last Sunday was Discipleship Sunday, the day when we normally set opportunities to serve and be fed by God's Word before the congregation. Because of COVID-19 concerns, we recognize not everyone was around last Sunday. We still put out various sign-ups, but we will also send out the sign-ups via email this week so that people who aren't here in person can still sign up.

Some opportunities to serve won't be available until things return to normal, but we want to gather interest anyway. We are also seeking interest for growth groups. People are able to indicate their interest in meeting in person for small group study, or online. Specific groups will be formed after we see the level of interest in one or the other.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Pastor Foxen and Pastor Ehlers will take turns teaching Sunday Morning Bible Study. The topic for this Bible Study is Christian Freedom. All are welcome to join. The class will start Sunday, September 13th, at 10:30am.

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.

Donna Ditter, Mother of Elizabeth Simkauskas and Joel Ditter, as she recovers from reconstructive and knee replacement surgery.

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)