



Jesus wants us to confront sin

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Full Script



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Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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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

Today we focus on the church's role as its brother's keeper. The importance of Christian discipline lies in the fact that the keys have been placed into the hands of the Church and in no other. The Christian and the Church are a fallen sinner's only life line. Satan tries to make Christian discipline seem like the height of hypocrisy or meddling. But his is a self-interested motive:

He wants the fallen brother's sins bound like his for an eternity in hell. Only love could lead the Christian and the Church to go to a fallen brother. Only love led our Savior to command us to confront sin. Even the manner Jesus prescribes shows great love for the fallen. First, privately, so that offense and embarrassment might be contained, and pardon and forgiveness might all the more readily flow. Then with two or three, that the matter might be underscored without making tongues wag throughout the congregation. Finally, also in love, the Church calls and, if necessary, shuns. Such a great privilege and power has Christ bestowed on us! It leads us to even greater reliance on prayer for guidance and the presence of our Savior among us.

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Service of Celebration and Reverence

OPENING HYMN

The Lord is Present in His Sanctuary | LAP192 3 Vs.

The Lord is present in His sanctuary Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord is present in His sanctuary Let us praise the Lord.

Praise Him, praise Him let us praise the Lord.

Praise Him, praise Him let us praise Jesus.

The Lord is present in His sanctuary. Let us delight in the Lord.

The Lord is present in His sanctuary. Let us delight in the Lord.

Praise Him, praise Him let us praise the Lord.

Praise Him, praise Him let us praise Jesus.

The Lord is present in His sanctuary Let us serve the Lord.

The Lord is present in His sanctuary Let us serve the Lord.

Praise Him, praise Him let us praise the Lord.

Praise Him, praise Him let us praise Jesus.

WE APPROACH GOD

(Spoken Responsively; Sung songs of response—"Triune God" and "Melodic Gloria)

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.

C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)

Triune God your love has found me; you have brought me to this place.

And you promised you will lead me, safely home by your good grace.

Jesus sought me, a lost wanderer, cut off from the fold of God;

He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with his precious blood.

**To your grace now I'm a debtor; daily I'm in need of you!
Let your mercy like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to you.
Prone to wander, such a sheep I am; prone to leave your shepherd's love.
So I pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life above!"**

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven.
Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)

**Glory to the God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

CATECHISM REVIEW The Lord's Prayer : 2nd & 3rd Petitions

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Your kingdom come.

What does this mean?

C: God's kingdom certainly comes by itself even without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may also come to us.

M: How does God's kingdom come?

C: God's kingdom comes when our heavenly Father gives his Holy Spirit, so that by his grace we believe his holy Word and lead a godly life now on earth and forever in heaven.

M: Your will be done on earth as in heaven.

What does this mean?

C: God's good and gracious will certainly is done without our prayer, but we pray in this petition that it may be done among us also.

M: How is God's will done?

C: God's will is done when he breaks and defeats every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh, which try to prevent us from keeping God's name holy and letting his kingdom come. And God's will is done when he

strengthens and keeps us firm in his Word and in the faith as long as we live. This is his good and gracious will.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Lord, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. ⁸When I say to the wicked, ‘You wicked person, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade them from their ways, that wicked person will die for their sin, and I will hold you accountable for their blood. ⁹But if you do warn the wicked person to turn from their ways and they do not do so, they will die for their sin, though you yourself will be saved. ¹⁰“Son of man, say to the Israelites, ‘This is what you are saying: “Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?”’ ¹¹Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?’

PRESCHOOL CHOIR

(Video Recording)

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Galatians 2:11-21

When Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. ¹²For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. ¹³The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. ¹⁴When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas in front of them all, “You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? ¹⁵“We who are Jews by birth and not sinful Gentiles ¹⁶know that a person is not justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the law, because by the works of the law no one will be justified. ¹⁷“But if, in seeking to be justified in Christ, we Jews find ourselves also among the sinners, doesn’t that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! ¹⁸If I rebuild what I destroyed, then I really would be a lawbreaker. ¹⁹“For through the law I died to the law so that I

might live for God. ²⁰ I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. ²¹ I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!”

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia. (*Romans 15:4*)

(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

In Unity and Peace | *CW773 3 Vs.*

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]

SERMON

JESUS WANTS US TO CONFRONT SIN

Matthew 18:15-20

“If your brother or sister sins, go and point out their fault, just between the two of you. If they listen to you, you have won them over. ¹⁶ But if they will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ ¹⁷ If they still refuse to listen, tell it to the church; and if they refuse to listen even to the church, treat them as you would a pagan or a tax collector. ¹⁸ “Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ “Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.”

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APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken in Unison)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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. 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.

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.

SONG OF THE SEASON

I Run to Christ 3 V.s.

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

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

We Believe in One True God | 3 V.S.

We believe in God the Father Almighty, Lord of life Creator of the Heavens
The earth, the sea, the sky And we believe in Jesus The only son of God
Born of the virgin Mary Who lived as one of us.

Refrain:

We believe in one true God Father, Spirit, Son
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all, His kingdom come.

We believe that Jesus suffered Was beaten, crucified
He died and he was buried Entombed in darkest night
The third day rose victorious Ascended into Heav'n.
Will one day come to judge us The living and the dead. . *[Refrain]*

We believe in God the Spirit One church, empowered by Him
Communion of God's people Forgiveness of our sin;
Our bodies resurrected To everlasting life
To worship, love and wonder Before the throne of Christ . *[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.

Growth Groups

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Topic: Christian Freedom

Sundays 10:30am In Person or Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/74701697177?pwd=OFp0WHhjMVZBN3pzVEZEQm9zVWZtUT09>

Meeting ID: 747 0169 7177

Passcode: 7t71C8

Vistancia Weekly Devotion

Sundays 7:00 pm via ZOOM
(if interested in joining contact
Pastor Ehlers)

New River Growth Group

Topic: Follow Me-Who Is Calling Us to Follow Him?
Sept.28th, Oct. 12th & 26th
6:30-8:00pm

Mom's Growth Group- Ally

Kelley
Wednesdays at 10:00am Via
Zoom
(Please contact Liz if you want
to be added to this meeting)

Ecclesiastes- Kugler Group

Tuesdays 7:00pm Via Zoom
Starts 10/5/2020

Grams Growth Group-The Story of Joseph

Tuesdays 6:30pm at Gram's
House
Starting 9/29 for 10 Weeks

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays 9:30am at Karen Ju-
rado's House

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

September 28th 6:30pm	New River Growth Group
September 29th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
September 29th 10:00am	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
September 29th 6:30pm	Grams Growth Group-The Story of Joseph
September 29th 7:00pm	Event Planning Meeting
October 2nd	Picture Day K-8
October 3rd 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
October 3rd 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
October 4th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
October 4th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
October 4th 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Christian Freedom
October 4th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 5th 7:00pm	Kugler Growth Group- Ecclesiastes
October 6th 9:30am	Women's Bible Study
October 6th 6:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
October 6th 7:00pm	Elders Meeting
October 6th 6:30pm	Grams Growth Group- The Story of Joseph
October 7th 10:00am	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
October 10th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
October 10th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
October 11th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
October 11th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
October 11th 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Christian Freedom
October 11th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

Jomax Worship Volunteers	September 27th	October 4th	October 11th	October 18th
Counters	Wempner/Wilson	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell
Cleaners	Kelley/Koutia	Patterson	Ebel/Koutia	Plitzuweit/Moe/ Peterson
Communion Set-up	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell
Ushers	Cody Hall Larry Kennedy Zach Plitzuweit Tanner Plitzuweit	Steve Julian Al Alcoba Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Steve 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.

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Event Planning Meeting
September 29th 7:00pm

Trunk or Treat
October 24th



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Halloween Drive-Thru
October 30 5:00pm

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.

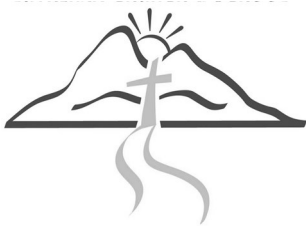
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.