



## FORGIVENESS HAS ITS LIMITS!

*Forgive only ~*

*...with the love God has for you.*

*...as often as God forgives you.*

*...as completely as God forgives you.*

### **Pentecost 18** ***Sunday, October 4, 2020*** **Full Script**



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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#### **Jomax Campus**

10111 W Jomax Road,  
Peoria, AZ 85383

***Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship***

#### **Vistancia Campus**

Lake Pleasant Elementary School  
31501 N. Westland Road  
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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!



It has been said that forgiveness is not natural. Forgiveness must be learned, and in our Sermon today from Matthew 18, Peter thought he had figured it out. From the elders of the Jews Peter had heard: "If a man transgresses one time, forgive him. If a man transgresses two times, forgive him. If a man transgresses three times, forgive him. If a man transgresses four times, do not forgive him."

Three times, the elders said, was the limit of forgiveness for a good Jew. Peter, however, was willing to go much further; not three times, but seven times, Peter thought with a smile. Until Jesus said, "Not seven times, Peter, seventy times seven— what the elders say doesn't matter. I say to you that your forgiveness should have no limit, but be like God's." Jesus' parable contrasts the forgiveness of God and our own unforgiving nature. The servant's debt— by any measure of calculation—was impossibly high (perhaps 150,000 years' wages). Who could have accrued debt such as this? Who could ever hope to repay? What an arresting picture of our debt of sin before God! The greatness of the debt magnifies the compassion of the king who wipes the debt away. Who can comprehend the forgiveness of God? Certainly not unmerciful servants like us, who refuse to forgive the small debts owed to us, and instead, inflict on our fellow servants the punishments that God should rightly have given us. Have mercy on us, Lord, and teach us to forgive like you!

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## Service of Scripture and Song

### GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

*God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It | CWS737*

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

C: Amen.

*Sung by Congregation:*

**God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free lasting to eternity!**

M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.

C: **Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.** (*John 3:5,6*)

M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us. (*Psalms 51:5*)

C: **But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.** (*1 Corinthians 6:11*)

*Sung by Congregation:*

**Sin, disturb my soul no longer: I am baptized into Christ!  
I have comfort even stronger: Jesus' cleansing sacrifice.  
Should a guilty conscience seize me since my baptism did release me  
In a dear forgiving flood, Sprinkling me with Jesus' blood?**

M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.

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:*

**Satan, hear this proclamation: I am baptized into Christ!  
Drop your ugly accusation; I am not so soon enticed.  
Now that to the font I've traveled, All your might has come unraveled,  
And, against your tyranny, God, my Lord unites with me!**

M: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the Word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*).

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all our sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

***Sung by Congregation:***

**Death, you cannot end my gladness: I am baptized into Christ!  
When I die, I leave all sadness to inherit paradise!  
Though I lie in dust and ashes Faith's assurance brightly flashes:  
Baptism has the strength divine to make life immortal mine.  
There is nothing worth comparing to this lifelong comfort sure!  
Open-eyed my grave is staring: Even there I'll sleep secure.  
Though my flesh awaits its raising, Still my soul continues praising:  
I am baptized into Christ; I'm a child of paradise!**

**CATECHISM REVIEW The Lord's Prayer : 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Petition**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Give us today our daily bread.

*What does this mean?*

**C: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

*M: What, then, is meant by daily bread?*

**C: Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, land and cattle, money and goods, a godly spouse, godly children, godly workers, godly and faithful leaders, good government, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.**

M: Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

*What does this mean?*

**C: We pray in this petition that our Father in heaven would not look upon our sins or because of them deny our prayers; for we are worthy of none of the things for which we ask, neither have we deserved them, but we ask that he would give them all to us by grace; for we daily sin much and surely deserve nothing but punishment. So we too will forgive from the heart and gladly do good to those who sin against us.**

## FIRST LESSON

*Genesis 50:15-21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?"<sup>16</sup> So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died:<sup>17</sup> 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their message came to him, Joseph wept.<sup>18</sup> His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said.<sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God?<sup>20</sup> You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.<sup>21</sup> So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

## CHOIR

*They'll Know We are Christians*

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## SECOND LESSON

*Ephesians 4:29-5:2*

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.<sup>31</sup> Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.<sup>32</sup> Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. 5<sup>1</sup> Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children<sup>2</sup> and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

## SERMON HYMN

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive | CW493 4 Vs.*

**"Forgive our sins as we forgive," you taught us, Lord, to pray.**

**But you alone can grant us grace to live the words we say.**

**How can your pardon reach and bless the unforgiving heart  
That broods on wrongs and will not let old bitterness depart?**

**In blazing light your cross reveals the truth we dimly knew;  
What trivial debts are owed to us; how great our debt to you!**

**Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls and bid resentment cease;  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love our lives will spread your peace.**

*Forgive only with the love God has for you. Forgive only as often as God forgives you.*

*Forgive only as completely as God forgives you.*

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?”<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.<sup>23</sup> “Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.<sup>24</sup> As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand bags of gold was brought to him.<sup>25</sup> Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt.<sup>26</sup> “At this the servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’<sup>27</sup> The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go.<sup>28</sup> “But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred silver coins. He grabbed him and began to choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded.<sup>29</sup> “His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay it back.’<sup>30</sup> “But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt.<sup>31</sup> When the other servants saw what had happened, they were outraged and went and told their master everything that had happened.<sup>32</sup> “Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to.<sup>33</sup> Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’<sup>34</sup> In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed.<sup>35</sup> “This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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### 3rd ARTICLE OF THE APOSTLES’ CREED

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*What does this mean?*

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

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

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

*Facing a task unfinished That drives us to our knees  
A need that, undiminished Rebukes our slothful ease  
We, who rejoice to know Thee Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee To go and make Thee known  
Where other lords beside Thee Hold their unhindered sway  
Where forces that defied Thee Defy Thee still today  
With none to heed their crying For life, and love, and light  
Unnumbered souls are dying And pass into the night*

**Refrain:**

**We go to all the world With kingdom hope unfurled  
No other name has power to save But Jesus Christ The Lord**

*We bear the torch that flaming Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming That Jesus died and rose  
Ours is the same commission The same glad message ours  
Fired by the same ambition To Thee we yield our powers [Refrain]*

**O Father who sustained them O Spirit who inspired  
Savior, whose love constrained them To toil with zeal untired  
From cowardice defend us From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us To labor for Thy sake [Refrain X 2]**

**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

His Mercy is More | 3 V.s.

What love could remember no wrongs we have done;  
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum;  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

*Refrain:*

Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness,  
New every morn Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam,  
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *[Refrain]*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us,  
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. *[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 at 10:30am In Person or Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

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

Meeting ID: 747 0169 7177

Passcode: 7t71C8

<p><b><u>Vistancia Weekly Devotion</u></b> Sundays at 7:00 pm via ZOOM (if interested in joining contact Pastor Ehlers)</p>	<p><b><u>New River Growth Group</u></b> Topic: Follow Me-Who Is Call- ing Us to Follow Him? Sept.28th, Oct. 12th &amp; 26th 6:30-8:00pm</p>	<p><b><u>Mom's Growth Group- Ally Kelley</u></b> Wednesdays at 10:00am Via Zoom (Please contact Liz if you want to be added to this meeting)</p>
<p><b><u>Ecclesiastes- Kugler Group</u></b> Mondays at 7:00pm Via Zoom Starts 10/5/2020</p>	<p><b><u>Grams Growth Group-The Story of Joseph</u></b> Tuesdays at 6:30pm at Gram's House Starting 9/29 for 10 Weeks</p>	<p><b><u>Women's Bible Study</u></b> Topic: 'In God's Orchard' Cultivating the Fruit of a Spirit- Filled Life Tuesdays at 9:30am at Karen Jurado's House</p>

## THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)

## LOOKING AHEAD

October 12th	No School
October 12th 6:30pm	New River Growth Group
October 12th 7:00pm	Kugler Growth Group– Ecclesiastes
October 13th 9:30am	Women’s Bible Study –IN GOD’S ORCHARD
October 13th 6:30pm	Church Council
October 13th 6:30pm	Grams Growth Group– The Story of Joseph
October 14th 10:00am	Mom’s Bible Study (Via Zoom)
October 15th 7:00pm	Call Meeting for Principal
October 15th-16th	PT Conferences– Preschool NO SCHOOL
October 16th	Coyote for a Day
October 16th	LES NO SCHOOL
October 17th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
October 17th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live
October 18th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
October 18th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
October 18th 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study Christian Freedom
October 18th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

## ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

### JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

**Call Meeting**  
October 15th 7:00pm

**Voters Meeting**  
October 25th 10:30am

**Trunk or Treat**  
October 24th



### VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

**Voters Meeting**  
October 25th 10:30am

**Halloween Drive-Thru**  
October 30 5:00pm

# Special Announcements

\*\*\*\*On Thursday October 15th at 7:00pm there will be a call meeting for our new Principal.

\*\*\*\*On Sunday October 25th at 10:30am there will be a Voters meeting.

# 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](http://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.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	October 4th	October 11th	October 18th	October 25th
Counters	Wempner/Brooks	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman
Cleaners	Patterson	Ebel/Koutia	Plitzuweit/Moe/ Peterson	Piepenbrink/ Pappenfuss
Communion Set-up	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull
Ushers	Steve Julian Al Alcoba Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Steve Julian Bill Grams John Kull Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson

# 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.*

**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.

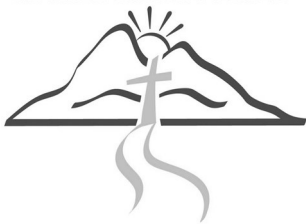
**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**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) 1930am (Vistancia)**  
**Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)**