

# Sola Gratia

— grace alone —



**Reformation Day**  
*Sunday, November 1, 2020*



**Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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*Sun. 9:30am Worship*

Welcome to Cross of Glory’s online worship! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament, and we recognize that this can happen via technology as well as in a physical building. Thank the Lord for blessing us with the means to continue worshipping together in this way! As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus’ peace and power fill you.

Please take the time to note some things about how worship will work online:

Attendance – We would still like to gather an accurate account of who is worshipping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshipping by commenting in the chat box. List your full name (first and last) in your message.

Chatting and discussing – Before and after each service, there is time available to chat with others. We invite you to do so, as this is a way we can preserve the sense of community we have on a normal Sunday morning. We do ask that you keep chatting to a minimum during the service, so that others can focus on what’s happening.

Giving – Please continue to give your attention to the gifts God asks you to give to support his work. During the time of the offering, an encouragement will be given to give electronically. You can do so by clicking the menu icon (3 horizontal bars) in the upper left corner, next to where it says Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Then click the word “Giving” to go to our Vanco page. You can also give by scanning the QR code in the bulletin with your phone’s camera, or by mailing a check to us at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time!



God bless our time together in worship today!



On Reformation Sunday we often focus on four important Christian—that is, Lutheran Christian—treasures. Three of them are most familiar: Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone. They are the three “Solas”.

You’ll see these on the banners left of the altar. But one more sola captures them all—Christ alone. We hold fast to the truth of God’s grace that has justified us freely in Christ. We receive that grace and make it ours by faith in Christ. We learn of these treasures in Christ through the Scriptures and do not rely on any other authority. So “Christ Alone” is the Rock—the foundation of the church on which rests all our teaching and our witness.

This is the third year of four years that we will focus on one of the “Solas”. This year it is “**Grace alone**”. A study of grace is really a study of motivation. God’s grace, his undeserved favor toward us, motivates him to love and care for all people. But more than just to care for all people, his love motivated him to plan and carry out humanity’s rescue from its own self-destruction. Grace is what motivated Jesus to come and carry out that rescue mission on the cross. As Christians astounded by God’s amazing gift of grace, we are motivated to praise God, share it with others and also carry out acts of love to our neighbors.

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## Reformation Festival Service

### GATHERING RITE ON THE GRACE OF GOD

*Amazing Grace | CW379*

*Selected Verses from John 1 and Ephesians 8*

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

**C: Amen.**

M: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**C: He was with God in the beginning.**

M: Through him all things were made;

**C: Without him nothing was made that has been made.**

*Sung by Congregation:*

**Amazing grace -- how sweet the sound-- That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, Was blind but now I see.**

M: The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.

**C: We have seen his glory,**

M: The glory of the one and only Son,

**C: Who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.**

*Sung by Congregation:*

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.**

M: Out of his fullness we have all received grace

**C: In place of grace already given.**

M: For the law was given through Moses;

**C: Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

*Sung by Ensemble:*

*The Lord has promised good to me; His Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be As long as life endures.*

M: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves,

**C: It is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast.**

M: For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,

**C: Which God prepared in advance for us to do.**

*Sung by Congregation:*

**When we've been there ten thousand years, Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first begun.**

## CONFESSION *and* ABSOLUTION

*(Spoken Responsively)*

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

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

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

**C: Amen.**

## GLORY BE TO GOD

*(Sung to the tune of "In Christ Alone" | CW 752 2 V.s.)*

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;  
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.  
Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,  
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.  
O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;  
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.  
You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.  
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by All)*

**C: Heavenly Father, according to your pleasure and will, in Christ you chose us by grace to be holy and blameless in your sight. We thank you for your amazing grace, your undeserved love for sinners. May we always treasure your grace as our dearest possession, and proclaim it to the ends of the earth. Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

*Through the prophet Jeremiah the Lord speaks of the gospel, the new covenant, the only covenant that saves: grace, which proclaims the forgiveness of sins.*

"The days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup>"This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time," declares the LORD. "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer will they teach their

neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,” declares the LORD. “For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.”

**CHOIR**

**God of Grace**

**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

**SECOND LESSON**

***Ephesians 2:1-9***

*Saint Paul says that by nature all of us were dead in sin and objects of God's anger.*

*But by grace God made us alive in Christ Jesus. Grace is God's gift to us.*

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, <sup>2</sup>in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup>All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath. <sup>4</sup>But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, <sup>5</sup>made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. <sup>6</sup>And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup>in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—<sup>9</sup> not by works, so that no one can boast.

M: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

***John 3:14-16***

*In the Old Testament book of Numbers the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people of Israel because they were complaining and speaking against him as they were traveling to the Promised Land.*

*When the people repented of their sin, the Lord told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole.*

*Anyone with a snakebite who looked at the bronze snake lived. In the same way, all who look to Jesus for salvation receive it by God's grace, and they live forever.*

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” <sup>16</sup>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise be to you, O Christ**

*The Ensemble sings Vs. 1–2 and Congregation joins for Vs. 3-5*

*The grace of God has reached for me And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground The Lord is my salvation.*

*I will not fear when darkness falls His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun The Lord is my salvation.*

**Refrain:**

**Who is like the Lord our God? Strong to save, faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won The Lord is my salvation.**

**My hope is hidden in the Lord He flow'rs each promise of His Word  
When winter fades I know spring will come The Lord is my salvation.**

**In times of waiting, times of need When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days The Lord is my salvation. [Refrain]**

**And when I reach my final day He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home The Lord is my salvation. [Refrain]**

**SERMON**

**By Grace Alone**

*John 1:1-3,14,16,17*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was with God in the beginning. <sup>3</sup>Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. <sup>14</sup>The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. <sup>16</sup>Out of his fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**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.**

*Your Word alone is solid ground, The mighty rock on which we build;  
In every line the truth is found And every page with glory filled.*

*Through faith alone we come to You; We have no merit we can claim.  
Sure that Your promises are true, We place our hope in Jesus' name.*

**Refrain:**

**Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone;  
Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.**

*In Christ alone we're justified; His righteousness is all our plea;  
Your law's demands are satisfied; His perfect work has set us free.*

*By grace alone we have been saved; All that we are has come from You.*

*Hearts that were once by sin enslaved Now by Your pow'r have been made new. [Refrain]*

**And on this Reformation day we join with saints of old to sing;**

**We lift our hearts as one in praise: Glory to Christ our gracious King. [Refrain x 2]**

**THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Let us pray to the Lord for the Christian church on earth and for all people everywhere. For all who gather here today and for our entire congregation, that through the gospel the Lord would give us growth in faith and increase our love:

**C: We ask you to bless us, O Lord.**

M: For the spreading of the gospel throughout the world; for all pastors, missionaries, and their families, that they may boldly proclaim Christ to the nations:

**C: We ask you to hear us, O Lord.**

M: For those for whom this time of year brings depression, sadness, and grief, that in the middle of their deep darkness the ever-shining light of Christ's grace and truth may renew their joy and gladness:

**C: We intercede for your name, O Lord.**

M: For the people of our country; for the Lord's blessings on our work; for those seeking employment; for good health; and for good weather:

**C: We beg for your mercy, O Lord.**

M: For all who are sick in body or mind; for the hungry and the homeless; for those who are in prison; for those who are dying and those who are mourning:

**C: We ask you to help them according to your will, O Lord.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

*~Silent prayer~*

M: All this we ask, O Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who has taught us to pray:

**LORD'S PRAYER**

*(Spoken by All)*

**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**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: "May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word."

**C: Amen.**

**ENSEMBLE**

**God is our Refuge and Strength**

**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.

**Announcements**

\*\*\*\*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.

# Live Nativity

We are planning a Live Nativity December 13th from 3-5pm and need volunteers to help. Please review the [Sign-up](#) in the weekly news or contact Liz if there is something you would like to help with. This is a great opportunity for Cross of Glory to interact with the community and school to share the message of the Savior.

# Drive-Thru Trunk Or Treat

Thank you all who participated in our drive-thru Trunk or Treat this year. Without Volunteers these events wouldn't happen. Thank you for sharing your time, giving to the community and sharing the message with others. Many people are interested in Bible studies and our church and school which makes events like this a great way to further God's Kingdom!

# Meditations

\*\*\*\*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 Hearing Assistance System

The congregation has tested and purchased, with a special donation, a new hearing assistance system. The initial system came with receivers which will accommodate four users at a time. More receivers can be purchased when and if needed.

The system works for people with or without hearing aids. The equipment you will need is located by the mailboxes in the east (old) entry to the church.

If you would like to try to use the system, please make arrangements with John or Lynn Wempner to show you how to use it for the first time. Also, the system will broadcast directly into your hearing aids. If you wear hearing aids, and wish to use the system without having to remove your hearing aids, be sure:

The "Telecoil" program in your hearing aids has been installed (by your audiologist if not now installed) and You know how to activate that program

You can also use the system by listening with provided headphones or your own headphones.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	November 1st	November 8th	November 15th	November 22nd
Counters	Wempner/Wilson	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/Voigt	Wempner/Schirripa
Cleaners	Martins/Ehlers	Kelley/Grams	Plitzuweit/Alcoba/ Peterson	Ebel/Koutia
Communion Set-up	Lynn Wempner	Susie Cornell	Sharon Kull	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	Cody Hall Larry Kennedy Tanner Plitzuweit	Steven Julian Al Alcoba Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger

# THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

November 2nd 7:00pm	Kugler Growth Group– Ecclesiastes
November 3rd 9:30am	Women’s Bible Study
November 3rd 6:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
November 3rd 6:30pm	Grams Growth Group– The Story of Joseph
November 3rd 7:00pm	Elders Meeting
November 4th 10:00am	Mom’s Bible Study (Via Zoom)
November 7th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
November 7th 6:00pm	Worship Service Facebook Live
November 8th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
November 8th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
November 8th 9:30am	Worship Service at Vistancia w/Communion
November 8th 11:30am	Special Voters Meeting on Building Project Proposal

## LOOKING AHEAD

November 9th 7:00pm	Kugler Growth Group– Ecclesiastes
November 10th 9:30am	Women’s Bible Study
November 10th 6:30pm	Church Council
November 10th 6:30pm	Grams Growth Group– The Story of Joseph
November 11th 10:00am	Mom’s Bible Study (Via Zoom)
November 14th 7:30am	Workday
November 14th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
November 14th 6:00pm	Worship Service Facebook Live
November 15th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax w/Communion
November 15th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
November 15th 9:30am	Worship Service at Vistancia w/Communion
November 15th 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study The Book of Romans

## Growth Groups

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Topic: The Book of Romans  
 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

### Vistancia Weekly Devotion

Sundays at 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

Mondays at 7:00pm Via Zoom  
 Starts 10/5/2020

### Grams Growth Group-The Story of Joseph

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

### Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays at 9:30am at Karen Jurado's House

# Voters Meeting Report

Our quarterly voters' meeting was held this past Sunday. The various reports can be viewed below. The major issue brought before the congregation was a resolution from Church Council which asked for permission to pursue an increased mortgage in order to go ahead with the building project.

The proposed resolution would allow the president and treasurer to apply for an increased mortgage amount not to exceed \$900,000. The full details of this proposal in its exact wording can be read in the file below "Proposed Resolution for Permission for Increased Mortgage". The proposal would enable the congregation to construct a building with three new preschool-ready classrooms and a set of restrooms. It would also significantly improve on our landscaping and would install a green space in the back of the property for use by the congregation and school.

The reasons for wanting to pursue this project were shared at the meeting. Here are some things that were shared:

**1. Congregational benefits:** The church stands to gain quite a bit from this project. The sanctuary will be opened up when the 5-8 class has its own room. This means more ministry opportunities during the week for the church (mid-week Bible classes, funerals, events, etc.). The plan also includes significant improvements to our landscaping/curb appeal. This will greatly help first impressions with those who come onto our campus and would likely attract new people to us. Installation of a grassy field in the back of the property would also provide an area for outdoor fellowship activities/events. Last but not least, as the school serves as a primary ministry arm of the congregation, any benefit to the school is also a benefit to the church. As the school shares God's Word with more families and engenders a culture of caring for our community, people will become interested in the church as well. As the school grows, so too will the church.

**2. Space issues:** Enrollment is up in our grade school. To date, we have a net increase of 23 students. That increase is in spite of losing 13 students due to family moves or concerns about the coronavirus. Space continues to be an issue for the school. The 5-8 classroom is set up and taken down each week in the sanctuary. Letting each class have its own dedicated classroom space is a high priority for the school.

**3. Growth:** Since one of the main goals for having a school ministry is reaching out to as many as possible with the gospel of Jesus, we want to enable our school to grow and serve more people. Enrollment will likely stay flat or even decrease if we don't find ways to expand what we're offering to school families. One example: we are a multi-grade school, but it's hard for some families to get used to that. People are ok with having two grades together, but four in one room (grades 5-8) is tougher to sell, and we didn't succeed in enrolling a couple families this year because of this. The new building would allow us to have a 5-6 classroom and a 7-8 classroom. It would also allow us to have an additional preschool room as well.

**4. Peoria gave us a timeline:** Peoria's approval of our site plan will expire in August 2021. After that time, we will need to reapply to get approval, which may require reworking the plan so that it is in line with current guidelines. This would include extra cost.

**5. The financing plan is reasonable:** After crunching the numbers, our leadership has calculated a need of an additional \$900,000 in financing to achieve our goals. This additional borrowing would result in about \$50,000 a year in additional mortgage payments. Increased growth in the school and congregation will eventually be able to cover this increase. To give time for that growth, the building committee suggested seeking pledges in the amount of \$150,000 to cover the first three years of payments. *Important to note is that \$163,000 has already been raised from members of the building committee and a couple people outside that committee! Praise be to God!* In addition to this, a Go-FundMe would be launched to be a channel for school families, alumni, and people across WELS to give to the project if they would desire (some have expressed this desire).

We want all our members to know the ins and outs of this proposal. This is why we did not ask for a vote at the meeting. That vote will come on **November 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am**, after everyone has had some time to look through, think about, and pray about this proposal. If you have any questions or concerns please communicate them to us. A special email address has been created to receive whatever comments/questions you have. It is [buildingproposal@crossofglory.org](mailto:buildingproposal@crossofglory.org).

Thank you for your partnership in this ministry!

# 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.*

**Marilyn Bagwell**, sister of Sharon Kull, was recently diagnosed with cancer. May the Holy Spirit continue working in her heart and protect and care for her and perhaps cure her if that is his will.

**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.

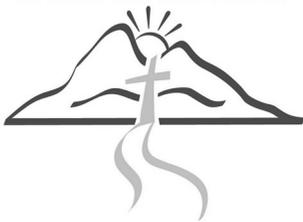
**E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

**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) 10:30am (Vistancia)**  
**Family Bible Study 9:30am (Vistancia) Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)**