



*What will happen when Jesus comes again?*

**Memorial Sunday**  
***Sunday, November 15, 2020***



**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  
Peoria, AZ 85383  
**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!



This Sunday in the church calendar is called, “**Saints Triumphant**” - it is the 3rd week in the season of “End Times”. Last week, we focused on the day of Judgment and how we as Christians can look to that day with great anticipation. We are able to do this because of the redeeming work of Christ, by which we have been pronounced, “Not guilty”.

This Sunday, we are reminded that the God who protected us in this life will certainly not abandon us in death and in the Day of Judgment. Those who lived in such lowliness, following in the footsteps of their Savior in his humiliation, will rise in triumph and live with him forever in glory. The fate of those who do not know or who despise his gracious Word, impels us to labor with all our might to bring them to the righteousness of the gospel.

Today, we use the Memorial order of service. We will honor those in our church who have been called to heaven this year. We celebrate their victory in Christ and we also look forward to the unending joy that the Lord promises to his saints in the New Jerusalem. Here we will dwell with the Lord forever. Effects of sin like death and crying will be “the former things.” In joy we will carry out the activities of faithful living to the glory of our heavenly Companion.

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## Memorial Service

### IN MEMORIAL

*Reading of our brothers and sisters called to heaven this past year.*

M: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

### Jack Powell

M: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. (Colossians 3:1-2)

### April Johnson

M: The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him;

C: it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. (Lamentations 3:25-26)

### Robert Guthmiller

M: For the LORD will ransom Jacob

C: and redeem them from the hand of those stronger than they. (Jeremiah 31:11)

M: I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;

C: And whoever lives and believes in me will never die. (John 11:25-26)

### OPENING HYMN

There is a Higher Throne | CWS727 2 Vs.

There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace; salvation comes.

#### *Refrain:*

Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings.  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
to God our King who reigns on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne.  
We'll honor him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye as thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd-King; we'll reign with him. [Refrain]

## GREETING AND PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

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

M: We have come together to seek God's comfort in our sorrow and to rejoice in the promise of the resurrection. Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who said, "Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Let us pray.

Lord, Jesus, you wept at the grave of your friend Lazarus, and you consoled Mary and Martha in their distress. Draw near to us who mourn today, and dry the tears of all who weep. Calm our troubled hearts, dispel our doubts and fears, and lead us to praise you for having brought our loved one to faith. In your rising from the dead, you conquered death and opened the gates to eternal life. Strengthen us with your Word, and lead us through this earthly life until at last we are united with you and all the saints in glory everlasting.

**C: Amen.**

## HYMN—PSALM 23

**The Lord's My Shepherd | 3 V.s.**

**The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.**

*Refrain:*

**And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home.**

**He guides my ways in righteousness, And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights. [Refrain]**

**And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know. [Refrain]**

## RESURRECTION COMFORT

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. The apostle Paul writes to the Romans, "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Jesus gives us this comfort: "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will never die."

M: Death has been swallowed up in victory! Thanks be to God!

**C: He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

M: When Christ, who is our life, appears,

**C: Then we also will appear with Him in glory.**

M: Never again will we hunger;

**C: Never again will we thirst.**

M: We will stand before the throne of God,

**C: And serve Him day and night in His temple.**

M: For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be our shepherd; He will lead us to springs of living water.

**C: And God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.**

M: Let us pray.

God of all grace, you sent your Son Jesus to destroy the power of death and to open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Make us certain that because He lives, we too shall live. Comfort us with your promise that neither death nor life nor things present nor things to come shall be able to separate us from your love which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

*Isaiah 52:1-6*

Awake, awake, Zion, clothe yourself with strength! Put on your garments of splendor, Jerusalem, the holy city. The uncircumcised and defiled will not enter you again. <sup>2</sup>Shake off your dust; rise up, sit enthroned, Jerusalem. Free yourself from the chains on your neck, Daughter Zion, now a captive. <sup>3</sup>For this is what the LORD says: “You were sold for nothing, and without money you will be redeemed.” <sup>4</sup>For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: “At first my people went down to Egypt to live; lately, Assyria has oppressed them. <sup>5</sup>“And now what do I have here?” declares the LORD. “For my people have been taken away for nothing, and those who rule them mock,” declares the LORD. “And all day long my name is constantly blasphemed. <sup>6</sup>Therefore my people will know my name; therefore in that day they will know that it is I who foretold it. Yes, it is I.”

## LES CHOIR (5TH-8TH GRADE)

**Everywhere I Go**  
*(Video Recording)*

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

## GOSPEL LESSON

*Matthew 25:1-13*

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. <sup>4</sup>The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep. <sup>6</sup>“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’ <sup>7</sup>“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup>“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup>“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’ <sup>12</sup>“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’ <sup>13</sup>“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

O'er the distant mountains breaking Comes the redd'ning dawn of day.  
Rise, my soul, from sleep awaking; Rise and sing and watch and pray.  
'Tis your Savior, 'tis your Savior, On his bright returning way.

Come, O Long-Expected; weary Waits my spirit anxiously.  
Life is dark and earth is dreary Where your light I cannot see.  
O my Savior, O my Savior, When will you return to me?

Nearer is my soul's salvation; Spent the night, the day at hand.  
Keep me in my humble station, Watching for you till I stand,  
O my Savior, O my Savior, In your bright, your promised, land,

With my lamp well-trimmed and burning, Swift to hear and slow to stray,  
Watching for your glad returning, Waiting for the blessed day.  
Come, my Savior, Come, my Savior, O my Savior, quickly come!

SERMON                      **What Will Happen When Jesus Comes Again?**    *1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*  
*All the dead will rise... All believers will be with him forever*

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. <sup>14</sup>For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. <sup>15</sup>According to the Lord's word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. <sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. <sup>17</sup>After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. <sup>18</sup>Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*CD recordings of sermons freely supplied for study or sharing. Please request on the Friendship Card.*

**THE NICENE CREED**

*(Read 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.

 SONG OF THE SEASON

Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near | 4 V/s.

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, Your Savior's gracious promise hear;  
His faithful Word you can believe: That as your days your strength shall be.

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, And if the conflict should be long,  
The Lord will make the tempter flee That as your days your strength shall be.

*Refrain:*

So, sing with joy, afflicted one; The battle's fierce, but the victory's won!  
God shall supply all that you need; Yes, as your days your strength shall be.

Should persecution rage and flame, Still trust in your Redeemer's name.

In fiery trials you shall see That as your days your strength shall be. *[Refrain]*

When called to bear your weighty cross Or sore affliction, pain, or loss,  
Or deep distress or poverty, Still as your days your strength shall be. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

*(Spoken by Minister)*

PRAYERS AND LORD'S PRAYER

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: Almighty God, we praise you for the great company of saints who have finished their lives in faith and now rest from their labors. We remember especially our loved ones now since fallen asleep whom you have redeemed by the blood of your Son and received as your dear children through Holy Baptism. We thank you for giving us their companionship while on our earthly pilgrimage. In your compassion, comfort all who are sad in this hour. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: We praise you for your love in Christ, which sustains us in life and death. In our earthly sorrows, help us find strength in the fellowship of the church, joy in the forgiveness of sins, and hope in the resurrection to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: You do not leave us comfortless but strengthen and care for us through your Word and sac-

rament. You give us family, friends, and neighbors to help when there is loneliness now and in the days to come. Brighten our future with a firm trust in your promises and care. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

M: Remove our fears, and make us bold to pray with confidence as our Savior has taught us:

**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.**

### THE BLESSING

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C: Amen.**

### CLOSING HYMN

May the Peace of God | *CWS745 2 Vs.*

**May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.**

*Refrain:*

**And to him be praise for his glorious reign  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.**

**May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his Communion  
Make us one in spirit and in heart. *[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.



# Voters Meeting Update

At the special November 8 voters' meeting, the proposal to go ahead with the application for an increased mortgage loan not to exceed \$900,000 was approved.

## Advent by Candlelight

Our annual Advent by Candlelight will be held December 6 at 3:00 p.m. with set-up at 2:00 p.m.

Out of respect for everyone's personal preferences for safety and levels of isolation, we are celebrating Advent by Candlelight in a number of ways this year.

For the large-group, in-person option at the Jomax campus, we will have spaced-out seating with 5 at a table (unless family units up to 8 want to sit together). We will serve individually-wrapped treats, and servers will wear gloves and masks. Masks are optional but encouraged for attendees.



To be a virtual table host, you may sign up to host a group of friends or family in your home while you, as a small group, tune in to the service via zoom. Details will be largely left to the hostess to invite, prepare, serve and start the Zoom meeting for the program at your home.

For individuals who would like to watch from home without hosting a small group, a Zoom link will be provided, and we look forward to joining hearts with you!

Please sign up online or let Liz or Becky now if you plan to attend.

## Grace in Action

On Saturday, November 21, from 8:00 am – 4:45 pm, our congregation has a unique opportunity. Grace in Action, a ministry consultation group, will be on site to help us rework our congregation's VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer, basically the planning document for our congregation that sets our direction). Members are encouraged to join us for this process. The revised VTO that comes out of this will be presented to the voters for final approval.

If you can't join us on that day but would still like to give your input, we welcome it! Please fill out the form online (Link in weekly news or in the monthly calendar on our webpage) where you can submit what you feel are the challenges and opportunities facing our congregation, as well as goals you would like to see us achieve in the next 6 years.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	November 15th	November 22nd	November 29th	December 6th
Counters	Wempner/Voigt	Wempner/Schirripa	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Alcoba/ Peterson	Ebel/Koutia	Patterson	Piepenbrink/ Pappenfuss
Communion Set-up	Sharon Kull	-	-	Susie Cornell
Ushers	Steven Julian Al Alcoba Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson

# Communion Update

## Communion Sunday Changes

At their meeting on November 3, the Elders decided to return to having communion being served on only the first and third Sundays of each month. The service format will remain unchanged from the one being used now. That means communion will be served after the regular service. All COVID 19 safety measures now used will remain in place.

**This change will become effective on Sunday, November 22.** Therefore, if you now watch the service on TV and come to church on certain Sundays for communion make a note of this change.

## 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.

## Men's Conference in Phoenix



**More than**  
CONQUERORS  
Men of His Word  
2021  
ROMANS 8:37

- STRENGTH FOR THE BATTLES
- VICTORY THROUGH CHRIST

The Men of His Word - Arizona Conference is scheduled for Saturday, January 30, 2021, at the Desert Willow Conference Center in Phoenix Arizona.  
For more info go to:  
<https://www.menofhisword.org/phoenix>

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*Men of His Word* is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The first conference for *Men of His Word- Arizona* will be held on **January 30, 2021 in Phoenix.** The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually and be inspired by God's Word and fellowship with your fellow Christian brothers. For more information, visit [MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/](https://www.menofhisword.org/Phoenix/) and click on the Early Bird Registration button. Registering will give you regular updates about the conference, but does not obligate you to attend.

## 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.

# THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

November 16th 7:00pm	Kugler Growth Group– Ecclesiastes
November 17th 9:30am	Women’s Bible Study
November 17th 6:30pm	Grams Growth Group– The Story of Joseph
November 18th 10:00am	Mom’s Bible Study (Via Zoom)
November 19th	Picture Day Retakes
November 19th 4:00pm	Youth Group
November 20th 2:00pm	Thanksgiving Break Kickoff
November 21st 8:00am	VTO Planning with Grace in Action
November 21st 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax
November 22nd 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax
November 22nd 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
November 22nd 10:30am	Sunday Morning Bible Study The Book of Romans

# LOOKING AHEAD

November 24th 9:30am	Women’s Bible Study
November 24th 6:30pm	Grams Growth Group– The Story of Joseph
November 25th 7:00pm	Thanksgiving Service
November 26th	Thanksgiving Day
November 28th 6:00pm	Worship Service at Jomax
November 29th 9:00am	Worship Service at Jomax
November 29th 9:00am	Worship Service (Online)
November 29th 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

The Gospel of Matthew

1st & 3rd Mondays at 6:30 pm

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

Contact Pastor John Ehlers

## Mom's Group (Zoom only)

Wednesdays at 10:00 am

Contact Ally Kelley

## Kugler Group (Zoom only)

The Book of Ecclesiastes

Mondays 7:00pm

Contact Rich and Linda Kugler

## Gram's Group

The Story of Joseph

Tuesdays at 6:30 pm

Location: Sun City West

Contact Tim and Brenda Grams

## Women's Bible Study

'In God's Orchard' Cultivating the

Fruit of a Spirit-Filled Life

Tuesdays at 9:30 am

Location: West Olive Avenue, Peoria

Contact Karen Jurado

# 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 fall.

**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.

## **Worship Opportunities**

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.



**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 6:00 am (Jomax)**  
**Sunday Worship at 9:00am (Jomax)**  
**Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)**