



PROMISES, PROMISES, PROMISES

Advent 1
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Full Script



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Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
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Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

Vistancia Campus
Lake Pleasant Elementary 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!



We begin a new church year with 4 weeks of Advent. Advent is a Latin word that means "coming." Coming implies waiting. Advent is an invitation to wait—quietly, patiently, expectantly, joyfully—not only to remember a Savior who has come, but one who will come again. In the service today, we will be lighting the Advent wreath. This is a Christian tradition that symbolizes the passage of the four weeks of Advent. It is a circular candle holder that holds five candles. During the season of Advent one candle on the wreath is lit each Sunday until all of the candles, including the fifth candle, are lit on Christmas Day. Each candle represents an aspect of the spiritual preparation for the celebration of the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Today, we light the 1st candle—THE PROPHECY CANDLE or CANDLE OF HOPE – We can have hope because God is faithful and will keep the promises made to us. Our hope comes from God. "And again, Isaiah says, 'The Root of Jesse will spring up, one who will arise to rule over the nations; the Gentiles will hope in him.' May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:12-13)

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Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN

The King of Glory Comes | *CW363 4 Vs.*

Refrain:

**The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.
Open the gates before him, lift up your voices.**

Who is this King of glory? How shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. [Refrain]

In all of Galilee. In city or village,

He goes among his people, Curing their illness. [Refrain]

He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation;

He took upon himself the sin of the nations. [Refrain]

He conquered sin and death: he truly has risen,

And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom. [Refrain]

INVOCATION

(Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

(Sung to the tune of CW16 4 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.**

SALUTATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING—PROPHESY CANDLE

(Responsive reading and Sung Response)

Congregation Sings:

**As we light the Advent candle with the light of hope burning bright.
Faithfully we wait for His coming; faithfully it shines through the night.
In our humble hearts a fire burns as well hear the prayer these flames would tell.**

M: We light one Advent candle now: the Prophets' Candle kindles bright.

C: Dispelling darkness, Jesus comes and warms us with his holy light.

M: We enter Advent's silence here; we pause and set this time apart

C: To search the ancient prophecies of hope for every human heart.

M: We think of Eden's promise sure; we think of Abram's starry night;

C: We think of David's greater Son, the Branch, the King of kings, the Light.

M: We hear Isaiah's prophecy, the promises of love and peace:

C: This Christ will come to rescue us, forgive, renew, and set us free.

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In our humble hearts a fire burns as well hear the prayer these flames would tell.

O come, O come Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel.

FIRST LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³ Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus. ⁵ For in him you have been enriched in every way—with all kinds of speech and with all knowledge— ⁶ God thus confirming our testimony about Christ among you. ⁷ Therefore you do not lack any spiritual gift as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. ⁸ He will also keep you firm to the end, so that you will be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1ST & 2ND GRADE CHOIR

The Lord is Right Beside You

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Jesus replied, "If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him." Alleluia. (*John 14:23*)

Sung by the Congregation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,

and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 11:1-10

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³ If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered as Jesus had

told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” ¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

 **SERMON HYMN**

Every Promise of Your Word | 3 V.s.

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

For Your covenant is sure, And on this I am secure—

I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,

I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,

So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Guilt to innocence restored, You remember sins no more—

So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,

And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Through this dark and troubled land

You will guide me with Your hand

As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

And You've promised to complete Ev'ry work begun in me—

So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

SERMON

Promises, Promises, Promises

Jeremiah 33:14-16

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will fulfill the good promise I made to the people of Israel and Judah. ¹⁵“‘In those days and at that time will make a righteous Branch sprout from David’s line; he will do what is just and right in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. This is the name by which it will be called: The LORD Our Righteous Savior.’”

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THE NICENE CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: 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.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: 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

O Children, Come | 3 Vs.

Hear the cry from Bethlehem O children come
Son of God now born to men O children come –
Bring your troubles, bring your fears, Bring the needs that draw you near,
Find the hope of all the years – O children come!

Peace on earth good will to men O children come
Righteous rule that will not end O children come –
Lay down all your bitterness, Turn from sin's toil and distress,
Find His grace and perfect rest – O children come!

Where the Father's grace has walked O children come
Where you see the hurt and lost O children come –
Show the mercy shown to you, Gifts of kindness to renew,
Love from hearts sincere and true – O children come!

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by Congregation)

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.

 **SERMON HYMN**

Hail to the Lord's Anointed | *CW93—Melody CW78 3 Vs.*

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, Great David's greater Son!

Hail, in the time appointed, His reign on earth begun!

**He comes to break oppression, To set the captive free,
To take away transgression, And rule in equity.**

**He comes with rescue speedy To those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy And bid the weak be strong,
To give them songs for sighing, Their darkness turn to light
Whose souls, condemned and dying, Are precious in his sight.**

**O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, All blessing and all-blest.
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever -- That name to us is Love.**

Call News and Meeting

At our call meeting on Sunday, November 15, the voters extended two calls for our school.

The first call was extended to Andrew Aguilar to be our principal and 7-8 grade teacher. He currently serves as superintendent of California Lutheran High School. He is married with 5 children, whose ages range from 23 down to 13. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. If you'd like to be in touch with him, his email address is aaguilar@clhsonline.net.

The second call was extended to our current 3-4 grade teacher, Rachel Severeid. She currently holds a 1-year provisional call from us, and we are seeking to make it permanent. The call also includes teaching departmentalized music and instrumental lessons in the school. Rachel is also holding a call from Emmanuel in Tempe to teach third grade and do music and drama. Please keep her in your prayers as she thinks about where she can best serve. She is open to hearing from you as well. You can contact her via [email](mailto:rachel.severeid@crossofglory.org): rachel.severeid@crossofglory.org or phone: 920-629-1278.

Mornings with Mommy



Enjoy a live-streamed “Happy Birthday, Jesus” Party geared to ages 1-6. This event will feature a retelling of the Christmas story featuring live nativity animals, age-appropriate songs and crafts, a “Happy Birthday, Jesus!” finale and suggested activities for families to continue the celebration after the event!

Anyone who RSVPs will be notified when the craft kits are available to be picked up. Craft kits include a nativity ornament craft, a nativity sticker set, a birthday candle for baby Jesus and more!

Please RSVP via Emailed News Letter!

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 signup online or let Liz or Becky now if you plan to attend.



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.

Vistancia Events

Vistancia Holiday Lights Tour

It's that special time of year again. Time to bundle up in a cozy sweater, brew delicious hot cocoa, and scour the neighborhoods looking for the best-of-the-best home Christmas light displays Vistancia has to offer! This holiday season, start a new family tradition by driving neighborhood to neighborhood to see the lighted spectacle in Vistancia. All submissions will be added to an easy-to-follow neighborhood guide that will be handed out on Friday, Dec. 18.

Our Vistancia Campus is hosting a stop on the Vistancia Holiday Lights tour offering holiday treats to anyone driving around enjoying the festive lights. This event takes place on December 18, from 6-8 p.m.



Christmas Concert

Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 20, at 4:00 p.m., Cross of Glory will be performing its normal Christmas Eve Concert in the Park for the residents in Vistancia.

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

2nd & 4th 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

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

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

December 1st 9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
December 1st 6:00 pm	Evangelism Meeting
December 1st 6:30 pm	Grams Growth Group
December 1st 7:00 pm	Elders Meeting
December 2nd 10:00 am	Mom's Growth Group
December 3rd 4:00 pm	Catechism Study Hall
December 3rd 5:00 pm	Catechism
December 5th 7:30 am	Work Day
December 5th 6:00 pm	Worship Service W/Communion
December 6th 9:00 am	Worship Service W/Communion (Jomax)
December 6th 9:00 am	Worship Service Online
December 6th 9:30 am	Worship Service in the Park (Vistancia)
December 6th 10:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
December 6th 3:00 pm	Advent by Candlelight

LOOKING AHEAD

December 8th 9:30 am	Women's Bible Study
December 8th 6:30 pm	Church Council Meeting
December 8th 6:30 pm	Grams Growth Group
December 9th 10:00 am	Mom's Growth Group
December 10th 4:00 pm	Catechism Study Hall
December 10th 5:00 pm	Catechism
December 10th 7:00 pm	Board of Ed
December 12th 6:00 pm	Worship Service
December 13th 9:00 am	Worship Service (Jomax)
December 13th 9:00 am	Worship Service Online
December 13th 9:30 am	Worship Service in the Park (Vistancia)
December 13th 10:30 am	Sunday Morning Bible Study
December 13th 3:00 pm	Live Nativity

Jomax Worship Volunteers	November 29th	December 6th	December 13th	December 20th
Counters	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Freeman	Wempner/Wilson	Wempner/Brooks
Cleaners	Patterson	Piepenbrink/ Pappenfuss	Martins/Ehlers	Grams/Kelley
Communion Set-up	-	Susie Cornell	-	Sharon Kull
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Grant Stern John Wempner Kelly Simpson	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	

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.



Cross of Glory was planted by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS) in March 1998 so that with the Gospel of Jesus she can strengthen the faith of her members and reach out into the community with the free gift of salvation. First worship services began at Easter 1999; the dedication of our Ministry Center at Easter, 2005. On Easter of 2017, we began services at our second site in the Vistancia community. Our synod's name reflects that her founders began in the state of Wisconsin. As a WELS church we still hold to the teachings of the Bible restored in the Reformation era. We are...

- a Christ-preaching church. We preach that Jesus is true God, the Son of God who became man, so that through his perfect life and innocent death, He is the prophesied "Lamb of God" who has taken away the sin of the world.
- a Bible-believing church. We teach that the Bible is the verbally inspired, inerrant Word of God, the only authority for Christian faith and life. We aim to teach God's Word in all its truth and simplicity.
- an evangelical church. We trust the Bible's claim that God saves people through the power of the Gospel in the Word and Sacraments. The Gospel is the Good News (the Evangel) about Jesus' saving work. The WELS has congregations throughout the USA and around the world to share the Evangel, the Bible's primary message, with all people.
- a people-caring church. That we're all sinners equally saved by Jesus' substitutionary work strips away human judgments and egos. This truth also empowers us to live Jesus' love for all people by offering friendship, support, and Biblical counseling. Our church family cares about other people-- including you.

Our Preschool & Elementary School exists to help parents in their God-given duty of teaching the Faith to their children: an important aspect of our Church's plan to grow a comprehensive womb-to tomb ministry that serves souls for eternity.

Saturday Worship at 6pm (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 9:30am (Vistancia)
Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)