

Glory Comes through Suffering

Hebrews 5:7-9



Lent 5
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Full Script



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Sun. 9:30am Worship



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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 might carry the false notion that Jesus was especially equipped to handle the suffering he endured. We can't forget he was wholly a man. His very real suffering was not easy. His cries for deliverance were not fully answered until his resurrection on Easter Sunday when with both natures he showed himself in his glory.

While enduring that suffering what did he think about? He thought about sinners; he thought about you and about me! Out of love for you, the Father did not answer his cries at once. The Son did not cut short the time of his anguish because he did not want you and me to suffer what he was suffering. By his patient endurance and humiliation he became our perfect Savior. To us the joy that Jesus expresses in the Gospel lesson and the anguish evidenced in this reading seem incongruous and mutually exclusive. But to Jesus the two are inseparably linked by the end result, our salvation!

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Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN

Beneath the Cross | 3 V's.

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am;
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, "Come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.
Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.
Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives."**

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 "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness Vs. 1-4 (CW376))

**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: Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the LORD says— he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. ³For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. ⁴Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give people in exchange for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not

be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west. ⁶ I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ and to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth— ⁷ everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.”

PSALM 121

(Sung Responsively)



Refrain

M: I lift up my eyes to the hills.

C: Where does my help come from?

M: My help comes from the LORD,

C: The maker of heav-en and earth.

M: He will not let your foot slip,

C: He who watches over you will not slum-ber;

M: Indeed, he who watches over Is-rael

C: Will neither slum-ber nor sleep.

Refrain

M: The LORD watches o-ver you.

C: The LORD is your shade at your right hand.

M: The LORD will keep you from all harm.

C: He will watch o-ver your life;

M: the LORD will watch over your coming and go-ing

C: Both now and for-e-ver-more.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spir-it,

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be forever A-men.

Refrain

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. *(Mark 10:45)*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

Now there were some Greeks among those who went up to worship at the festival. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, with a request. “Sir,” they said, “we would like to see Jesus.” ²² Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. ²³ Jesus replied, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. ²⁵ Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. ²⁷ “Now my soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name!” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and will glorify it again.” ²⁹ The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him. ³⁰ Jesus said, “This voice was for your benefit, not mine. ³¹ Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” ³³ He said this to show the kind of death he was going to die.

SERMON HYMN

Drawn to the Cross | CW387 4 Vs.

**Drawn to the cross, which you have blessed
With healing gifts for souls distressed,
To find in you my life, my rest, Christ crucified, I come.**

**How well you know my griefs and fears,
Your grace abused, my misspent years;
So now to you with contrite tears, Christ crucified, I come.**

**Wash me and take away each stain;
Let nothing of my sin remain.
For cleansing through your cross and pain, Christ crucified, I come.**

**To pledge my labor willingly, Which shall so sweet a service be
That angels well might envy me, Christ crucified, I come.**

SERMON

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During the days of Jesus’ life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered ⁹ and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

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

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**

He will Hold Me Fast | 3 Vs.

When I fear my faith will fail Christ will hold me fast,
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast;
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

Refrain:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. *[Refrain]*
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last! *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken in Unison)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

To God Be the Glory | CW399 2 Vs.

To God be the glory; great things he has done!
He so loved the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh, come to the Father through Jesus the Son
And give him the glory -- great things he has done!

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *[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.

Call News

Pastor Ehlers has received a call to serve two congregations in Michigan, St, John in Clare and Faith in Harrison. Please keep Pastor Ehlers and Susan as well as Cross of Glory, St John, and Faith congregations in your prayers. May God bless all involved during this time of deliberation.

Private Communion

During this time, many have been watching our worship services online. We're glad we have this capability so that people can worship the way they are most comfortable. Unfortunately, people who watch online do not have the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. If any would like to receive Communion in the home, please contact the office or one of the pastors, and one of them will happily set up a time to visit you so you can partake of this sacrament.

Classroom Assistant Position

We are looking for a part-time assistant for our third- and fourth-grade classroom. This is a paid position. The days are Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please request an application from the secretary and direct questions to Pastor Foxen.

Church Cleaners

Cross of Glory is in need of a few more church cleaners for the rotation. If you are able to help, please contact Liz to add you to the rotation. If we have enough people, the rotation is once every two months. Contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	March 21st	March 28th	April 4th
Counters	Wempner/ Voight	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Cornell
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	Susie Cornell	-	-
Ushers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	Cody Hall Levi Foxen Tanner Plitzuweit	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger

Midweek Lent Worship

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on February 17. The theme for this year is *The Hands of the Passion*. When we consider Jesus and the people around him in his Passion, we can't help but think of their hands--the hands that beat their breast, accepted money for betrayal, petulantly swung swords, pointed in accusation, beat and disavowed, praised, washed, were pierced, and offered eternal life. In short, we can't help but think about how we sinners have had the same sinful hands of those who surrounded Jesus in his Passion, and how Jesus our Savior has touched us with his hands of grace.

During Lent we will have services each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. As we've done in the past, the pastors in our circuit will be rotating among our churches, giving us the opportunity to hear others preach and get to know them a little bit.

We will be offering in-person worship as well as the opportunity to watch online. There are a number of ways to watch online:

1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1 Those who have Facebook will be able to watch the services live at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. Go to the [Cross of Glory Vistancia Facebook page](#).
2. We will also make a recording of the service and put it up on YouTube and the Cross of Glory website. However, that recording won't be available until the Thursday after the actual service, due to time required to upload it. Once it is uploaded, it can be watched at any time on our [YouTube channel](#) or [website](#).
3. For those who watch on our [church online platform](#), the midweek services will be scheduled to play on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm. Watching this way allows you to worship and chat with others at the scheduled time.

Whatever method you choose, please let us know that you're worshipping with us by leaving a comment or sending us an email. This helps us keep track of attendance. **Also, please note that there will be no soup suppers this year.**

Thank you, and may God bless your Lenten meditations as we focus on the suffering and death of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Vistancia News

Great news to share! Early December we applied for some grant money to help families in need in our mission field. Our request was granted, and our new approach to meeting and helping people will be kicked off February 27. We are partnering with Christian Family Solutions, a WELS counseling service, to educate and assist members of our community that are struggling with the stresses associated with our new state of living right now.

Update: The Cornerstone kick-off event on February 27 was a success, and we had 11 people attend. We look forward to offering it again after Easter as six one-hour sessions.

We are worshipping at my home in Vistancia in person and via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. The address is: 12786 W Burnside Trl, Peoria, AZ 85383.

To God be praise and glory!
Pastor John Ehlers

Our New Principal and Teacher Are Moved In!

The Aguilars moved their belongings into their new house last Saturday. Since we had so many helpers, we got the job done in under an hour! Amazing! Thanks to everybody who chipped in to help!

The Aguilars returned to California on Sunday (they still have a school year to finish over there). We'll be looking forward to their final arrival this summer!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 22nd 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
March 22nd 6:30 p.m.	Growth Group– Pastor Foxen
March 24th 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service
March 24th 7:00 p.m.	Lenten Service Facebook Live
March 25th	No School Preschool– Optional Parent/ Teacher Conferences
March 25th 10:00 a.m.	Mom's Growth Group
March 25th 4:00 p.m.	Catechism Study Hall
March 25th 5:00 p.m.	Catechism
March 25th 7:00 p.m.	Board of Ed
March 27th-28th	Palm Sunday Services-PreK-8 Sing
March 27th 6:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Jomax)
March 27th 6:00 p.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service Facebook Live
March 27th 7:00 p.m.	Music Practice for Holy Week/ Easter
March 28th 9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Jomax)
March 28th 9:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service Online
March 28th 9:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Worship Service (Vistancia)
March 28th 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

March 29th-30th	Preschool Picture Day
March 29th 6:30 p.m.	Growth Group– Pastor Foxen
April 1st 10:00 a.m.	Mom's Growth Group
April 1st 6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday
April 2nd 11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal– Good Friday
April 2nd 6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 3rd 6:00 p.m.	Easter Worship Service (Jomax)
April 3rd 6:00 p.m.	Easter Worship Service (Facebook Live)
April 4th 7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (Jomax)
April 4th 8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 4th 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Jomax)
April 4th 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Online)
April 4th 10:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast

Help Promote Our Cornerstone Program

We need YOU to help us get the message out about our resiliency training happening at Cross of Glory. First, choose a favorite Bible passage that you go to in times of trouble. Next, using the selfie side of your phone, record yourself saying this:

"When times are tough and life gets me down, I remember these words . . . (read or recite your Bible passage)."

Please send your video to becky.foxen@gmail.com using Dropbox, or share it with becky.foxen@gmail.com using Google Photos. If you want to participate but don't have the confidence to film yourself, call Becky to set up an appointment at 623-340-8354. We will post the videos on the Vistancia Facebook page, and we will share a link to the registration for the resiliency training event there, too.

Funeral Arrangements for Merl Meitner

Merl Meitner, who served Cross of Glory Lutheran School as a one-year emergency teacher (after his retirement from the teaching ministry), unexpectedly died on Friday, March 5. A service of Christian funeral will be held on June 26, 2021, in Chetek, WI, officiated by Pastor Jeff Seelow of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, WI. All memorials are to be directed to West Lutheran High School, 3350 Harbor Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447. All sympathy cards can be mailed to Cinda at 3020 East Main, Mesa, AZ 85213.

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.

Anna Burke, Grandmother of Delia Akao as she battles advanced Liver cirrhosis. Bring comfort and strength to her and her daughter caring for her.

Karen Juardo, as she recovers at home after her recent hospitalization.

Michelle Zane, who underwent successful knee replacement revision on February 23 and is now at home recovering.

Judy Sasse, as she recovers from a broken wrist and stitches on her face from a fall.

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.

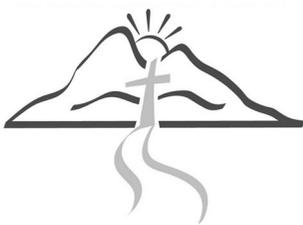
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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



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)