

Behold

THE GOSPEL

in a Nutshell



John 3:1-17

Trinity Sunday
Sunday, May 30, 2021
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!



Faith in the divine mystery of the Holy Trinity is a miracle beyond all other miraculous signs and wonders. It is a miracle of new birth, altogether the doing of the Spirit when and where it pleases him. Its miraculous nature is evident in the mystery of the Trinity itself and in the core message of the Spirit: We worship God who has been surrendered by his Father to die and give eternal life only to those who trust in him alone for their salvation. The author of our salvation and the author of our trust is one and the same: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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Service of the Word

OPENING HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty | *CW195 3 Vs.*

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.
Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(CW288 3 Vs.—Sung by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation Sings:

The gospel shows the Father's grace, Who sent his Son to save our race,
Proclaims how Jesus lived and died That we might thus be justified.

**It brings the Savior's righteousness To robe our souls in royal dress;
From all our guilt it brings release And gives the troubled conscience peace.
It is the pow'r of God to save From sin and Satan and the grave;
It works the faith which firmly clings To all the treasures which it brings.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God and Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, filling and renewing all creation by your eternal Spirit, and manifesting your saving grace through our Lord Jesus Christ: in mercy cleanse our hearts and lips that, free from doubt and fear, we may ever worship you, one true immortal God, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord, high and exalted, seated on a throne; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him were seraphim, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying. ³And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory." ⁴At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke. ⁵"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty." ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for." ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

PSALM 29

(Sung—Melody: CW152 3 V.s.)

**The Lord proclaims his pow'r aloud, O'er the vast ocean and the land;
His voice divides the darkened cloud, And lightning blaze at his command.
His thunders rend the vaulted skies, And palaces and temples shake.
The mountains tremble at the noise, The valleys roar, the deserts quake.
The Lord sits sov'reign o'er the flood; The Thund'rer reigns forever King;
But makes his church his blest abode, Where we his awe-filled glories sing.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the

misdeeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M:Alleluia. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory. Alleluia.

(Isaiah 6:3b)

Congregation Sings:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

 **SERMON HYMN**

God of Grace | 3 V/s.

**God of grace, amazing wonder, Irresistible and free;
Oh, the miracle of mercy Jesus reaches down to me.
God of grace, I stand in wonder, As my God restores my soul.
His own blood has paid my ransom; Awesome cost to make me whole.
God of grace, who loved and knew me Long before the world began;
Sent my Savior down from heaven; Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus; I’m accepted as His own.
Every day His grace sustains me, As I lean on Him alone.
God of grace, I stand astounded, Cleansed, forgiven and secure.
All my fears are now confounded And my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory, Where one day I’ll see Your face;
And forever I’ll adore You In Your everlasting grace.**

SERMON

Behold the Gospel In a Nutshell

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ²He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” ³Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” ⁴“How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” ⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷You should not be surprised at my saying,

‘You must be born again.’⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.”⁹ “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.” ¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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APOSTLES’ CREED

(Sung by Congregation—We Believe 3 Vs.)

**We believe in God the Father Almighty, Lord of life Creator of the Heavens
The earth, the sea, the sky And we believe in Jesus The only son of God
Born of the virgin Mary Who lived as one of us.**

Refrain:

**We believe in one true God Father, Spirit, Son
One Church, one faith, one Lord of all, His kingdom come.**

**We believe that Jesus suffered Was beaten, crucified
He died and he was buried Entombed in darkest night
The third day rose victorious Ascended into Heav’n.
Will one day come to judge us The living and the dead. [Refrain]**

**We believe in God the Spirit One church, empowered by Him
Communion of God’s people Forgiveness of our sin;
Our bodies resurrected To everlasting life
To worship, love and wonder Before the throne of Christ. [Refrain]**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

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.

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** (*Song of the Season*)

All Praise to Him | 3 V's.

All praise to Him, the God of light, Who formed the mountains by His might.

All praise to Him Who names the stars That sing His fame in skies afar.

**All praise to Him Who reigns in love, Who guides the galaxies above,
Yet bends to hear our every prayer With sovereign pow'r and tender care.**

**All praise to Him whose love is seen In Christ the Son, the Servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne To pay the ransom for His own.**

**All praise to Him Who humbly came To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame,
Who lived to die, Who died to rise, The all-sufficient sacrifice.**

**All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts The love of God within our hearts,
The Spirit of all truth and peace The fount of joy and holiness**

To Father, Son, and Spirit now Our souls we lift, our wills we bow,

To You, the triune God, we raise With hearts of love our song of praise!

Vistancia Events

Below are three outreach events geared to getting to know people in the new Mystic neighborhood in Vistancia. Pastor Ehlers is looking for two people to help out at each event. Please let Pastor Ehlers or Liz know if you are able to help.

Hamburger Day - Friday, May 28, 11:30-2:30

Donut Day - Friday, June 4, 8:00- 10:30

Bomb Pop Day - Thursday, June 24, 12:00-5:00

Vistancia News

Our first Month in New River went well. We had visitors that want to continue worship with us. We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis park for the time being as we won't have a place to worship in Vistancia until August. If you are interested in joining us, the address is 48606 N 17th Ave, New River, Az. When using navigation, Google maps is the best choice, Apple may get you lost. Our service time is 9:30 a.m.

Please let Pastor Ehlers or Liz know when you are able to volunteer in the areas of setting up worship, greeting/ushering, piano playing, Midi/PowerPoint/sound system, and refreshments.

Communion will be at 9:00 a.m. on Communion Sundays in New River.

Vistancia Worship Volunteers	June 6th	June 13th	June 20th
Setup	Taylor/ Freeman	Taylor/ Freeman	Freeman
Usher/ Greeter	Ed Taylor	Ed Taylor	-
Piano Player	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	Ed Taylor	Ed Taylor	Ed Taylor
Refreshments	-	Maxine Freeman	Ed Taylor

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

June 3, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
June 5, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
June 5, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
June 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
June 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Online)
June 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
June 6, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
June 6, 11:30 a.m.	Call Meeting
June 12, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
June 12, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
June 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
June 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Online)
June 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 17, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
June 19, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
June 19, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
June 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
June 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Online)
June 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)

Vacation Days

June 1st	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
June 18th	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
June 19th– July 2nd	Pastor Foxen
July 2nd	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
July 2nd– July 23rd	Pastor Ehlers
July 16th– July 21st	Principle Aguilar

Call Meeting

At our recent voters' meeting, we approved a school budget that provided funding for a release time teacher for our new principal as well as a music teacher. These are both part-time positions that we need to issue calls for. At its most recent meeting, the Church Council set a call meeting for **Sunday, June 6, at 11:30 am**. A couple of names have also been recommended by the Board of Education and Church Council to fill these positions - Kim Pappenfuss for the release teacher, and Becky Foxen for the music teacher. Other names may also be put forward. If you'd like to do so, please submit the name in writing to one of the pastors so it can be sent on to our district president, who creates our call lists.

Meditations & Used Meditations

New *Meditations* are in your box if you ordered them, or you can find a copy in the entry on the bookshelf. Please let us know if you desire to be on the list to receive quarterly *Meditations*. Each subscription costs \$20 per year. This cost is not a line item in our budget, so a designated donation through your regular offering or by bringing a check to the office is appreciated. We still have time to order more. Please let Liz know by e-mailing cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

When you pick up your next quarter's *Meditations*, drop off your used copy from the last quarter. There is a box next to the new *Meditations*. The WELS Prison Ministry appreciates this donation and distributes *Meditations* to prisoners who are always anxious to receive them. Thank you.

Vacation Bible School

This year VBS is July 26th-30th. If you are able to help please sign up in link from weekly news or let Liz or Pastor Foxen know. If you are wanting to register your child the link is available in the weekly news.

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.

Good Shepherd Bible Camp(GSBC) Registration

Good Shepherd Bible Camp is returning this summer! Join us in celebrating our 50th Anniversary this July 11 -17!

Register TODAY on our website <https://goodshepherdbiblecamp.com>

GSBC is open to all students entering the 4th grade through the 10th grade next Fall. Staff are welcome from the 11th grade and up.

Counters

We need a few more volunteers for counting offerings after church on Sundays. If you are interested in helping count please contact John Wempner at jandlwempner@gmail.com.

Fellowship and Refreshments

We are thrilled that we will resume refreshments and fellowship following the service on Sunday, May 30. If you are interested in getting on the schedule to provide refreshments and clean up afterward, please contact Clara Naber at cnaber42@gmail.com.

Communion Setup and Altar Guild Leader

We need volunteers to help on the Communion set-up rotation and an Altar Guild leader to spearhead the changing of paraments. If you are interested in helping, please contact Lynn Wempner.

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.

Finance Manager Position

We are receiving applications for a finance manager. The deadline for applications has been extended. If you're interested in the position, you can get a full description from the office. Applications can be picked up at the office.

This position requires proficiency in MS Office and accounting software such as QuickBooks. The responsibilities include church/school accounting and billing; providing monthly reports for the treasurer, pastors and principal; and ability to learn new programs such as TADS and Realm. This person will be working directly with the treasurer to make sure all financial activity is organized and searchable.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	June 6th	June 13th	June 20th
Counters	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Coates/ Simkauskas	Patterson/ Pappenfuss	Ebel/ Koutia
Communion Setup	Lynn Wempner	-	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelley Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud
Sunday Refreshments	Rachel Plitzuweit	Paula Considine	Liz Simkauskas/ Ally Kelley

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.

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)