

The Sabbath Law was Given for Mankind
Mark 2:23-3:6



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

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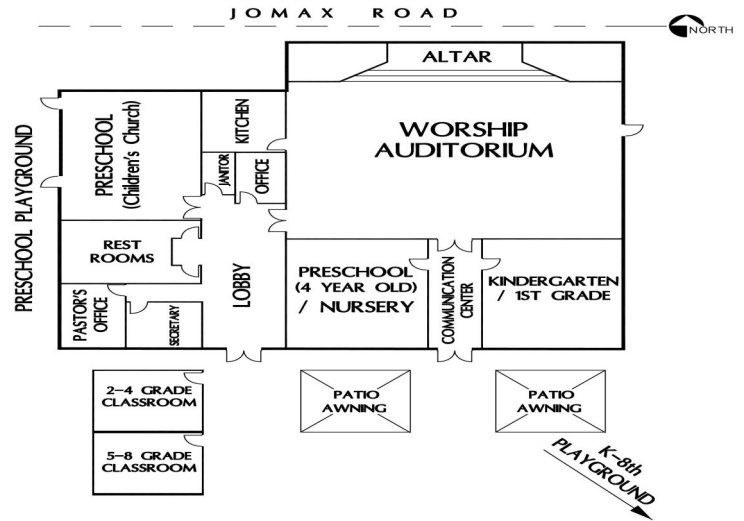
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4th grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. At the indicated time, children can hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher.
- Seats with armrests available.



Worship focus

It may be that the third commandment “Remember the Sabbath Day...” makes many think that observing the Sabbath and the act of worship is all law—perhaps we might even start thinking that coming to church to worship is something we are doing for God. In our sermon text today Jesus declares the true intent of the Sabbath law (the word Sabbath means rest). It was God's gift, not for God's benefit, but for our benefit.

Its true and lasting rest is found in Christ and in his work; thus the worship of the New Testament is chiefly a worship not of doing but of receiving what God has done for us in his Word and sacraments. Even the Old Testament ceremonial law had the gift of the Sabbath as its cornerstone and connecting thread; thus even details of the ceremonial law could be violated in the interests of the blessings God wanted to give to man through the law. God gives the law for our benefit; our obedience to it benefits us and our neighbor, not God. The chief benefit of the rest day for us is the opportunity it affords the Holy Spirit to work faith in us by the preaching of his Word.

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Service of Celebration and Reverence

OPENING HYMN

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies | *CHS782- Melody: CW83 3 Vs.*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true and only Light,
Sun of righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shade of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by you;
joyless is the day's return, till your mercy's beams I view,
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
Visit then this soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief;
more and more yourself display, shining to the perfect day.

WE APPROACH GOD

(Spoken Responsively; Sung songs of response—"Triune God" and "Melodic Gloria)

M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.

C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.

M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.

C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.

M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.

C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)

Triune God your love has found me; you have brought me to this place.

And you promised you will lead me, safely home by your good grace.

Jesus sought me, a lost wanderer, cut off from the fold of God;

He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with his precious blood.

To your grace now I'm a debtor; daily I'm in need of you!

Let your mercy like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to you.

Prone to wander, such a sheep I am; prone to leave your shepherd's love.

So I pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life above!"

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven.
Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)

**Glory to the God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

CATECHISM REVIEW The Power and Reception of Holy Communion *(Spoken Responsively)*

M: *How can eating and drinking do such great things?*

C: It is certainly not the eating and drinking that does such things, but the words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." These words are the main thing in this sacrament, along with the eating and drinking. And whoever believes these words has what they plainly say, the forgiveness of sins.

M: *Who, then, is properly prepared to receive this sacrament?*

C: Fasting and other outward preparations may serve a good purpose, but he is properly prepared who believes these words, "Given and poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." But whoever does not believe these words or doubts them is not prepared, because the words "for you" require nothing but hearts that believe.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, the strength of all who trust in you, mercifully hear our prayers. Be gracious to us in our weakness and give us strength to keep your commandments in all we say and do; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 5:12-15

“Observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy, as the LORD your God has commanded you. ¹³ Six days you shall labor and do all your work, ¹⁴ but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your ox, your donkey or any of your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your

towns, so that your male and female servants may rest, as you do. ¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and that the LORD your God brought you out of there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm. Therefore the LORD your God has commanded you to observe the Sabbath day.

PSALM 62

(Spoken Responsively)

M: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: My salvation comes from him.

M: He alone is my rock and my salvation;

C: He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

M: Find rest, O my soul, in God alone;

C: My hope comes from him.

M: Though your riches increase,

C: Do not set your heart on them.

M: My salvation and honor depend on God;

C: He is my mighty rock, my refuge.

M: Trust in him at all times, O people;

C: Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Colossians 2:13-17

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, ¹⁴ having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵ And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. ¹⁶ Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia. *(2 Corinthians 5:19)*

(Sung by the Congregation)

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message,
and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Let me be yours forever, My faithful God and Lord;
Let me forsake you never Nor wander from your Word.
Lord, do not let me waver But give me steadfastness,
And for such grace and favor Your holy name I'll bless.

Lord Jesus, my salvation, My light, my life divine,
My only consolation, To you I all resign,
For you have dearly bought me With blood and bitter pain.
Let me, since you have sought me, Eternal life obtain.

O gracious Holy Spirit, My comforter and guide,
Grant that in Jesus' merit I always may confide,
Him to the end confessing Whom I have known by faith.
Give me your constant blessing And grant a Christian death.

SERMON

The Sabbath Law was Given for Mankind*Mark 2:23-3:6*

It was given to serve human needs. It was given to point to a Savior for humans.

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, “Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?”²⁵ He answered, “Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? ²⁶In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions.”²⁷ Then he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath.”**3** Another time Jesus went into the synagogue, and a man with a shriveled hand was there. ²Some of them were looking for a reason to accuse Jesus, so they watched him closely to see if he would heal him on the Sabbath. ³Jesus said to the man with the shriveled hand, “Stand up in front of everyone.”⁴ Then Jesus asked them, “Which is lawful on the Sabbath: to do good or to do evil, to save life or to kill?” But they remained silent.⁵ He looked around at them in anger and, deeply distressed at their stubborn hearts, said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” He stretched it out, and his hand was completely restored. ⁶Then the Pharisees went out and began to plot with the Herodians how they might kill Jesus.

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APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken in Unison)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the**

dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

 **SONG OF THE SEASON**

All Praise to Him | 3 *Vs.*

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!

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *and* LORD'S PRAYER

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 3 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]*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our joy and our wonder when Jesus we see. *[Refrain]*

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.

Bomb Pop Day - Thursday, June 24, 12:00-5:00 (Mystic Club House)

Super Soaker with City of Peoria– Thursday, July 15, 11:00-1:00 (Mountian Vista Club Pool)

National Hot Dog Day– Thursday, July 15, 4;00-6:00 (Vistancia Event in Mystic)

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 20th	June 27th	July 4th
Setup	Freeman/ Taylor	Taylor/ Freeman	Taylor
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	Ed Taylor	-	-
Refreshments	Ed Taylor	-	-

Construction Zone

On Monday, June 7, construction will begin in the west parking lot to connect Cross of Glory (Jomax) to city water. It may be preferable to park in the east parking lot while construction is going on.

Latest: The workers hit caliche sooner than they were hoping to. They will be bringing in some jackhammers next week to break it apart. Expect it to be noisy here during the week!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

June 17, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
June 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
June 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
June 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
June 20, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
June 21, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

June 26, 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
June 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
June 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
June 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
June 27, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
June 28, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

Vacation Days

June 21st	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
June 11th– July 2nd	Pastor Foxen
July 2nd	Secretary (Liz Simkauskas)
July 2nd– July 23rd	Pastor Ehlers
July 16th– July 21st	Principal Aguilar

Jomax Worship Volunteers	June 20th	June 27th	July 4th
Counters	Wempner/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Moline
Cleaners	Ebel/ Koutia	Martins/ Ehlers	Kelley/ Grams
Communion Setup	Sharon Kull	-	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	Cody Hall Lexi Foxen Tanner Plitzuweit
Sunday Refreshments	Liz Simkauskas/ Ally Kelley	Rene Koutia	Sharon Wilson/ Shannon Gullerud

Call Meeting Results

The congregation met last Sunday to issue two part-time one-year calls. Kim Pappenfuss was called to teach departmentalized language arts and art in grades 5-8. She will be providing a good amount of the release time for our new principal. The second call was issued to Becky Foxen to teach music in grades 1-8. These calls were issued in agreement with the budget that the voters passed at their meeting last April.

Please keep these two women in your prayers as they consider the calls they have received!

Important Worship News For Jomax

First, regarding communion, the elders have decided to continue for now with a dismissal prior to celebrating the sacrament. This is being done on a trial basis, and the elders will re-evaluate in their July meeting.

Second, it has been decided that we will be moving our Saturday night service to Monday night. This change will take hold the weekend of June 20 so that there is time to communicate the change a number of times. **This means the last Saturday evening service will take place this Saturday, June 12th, at 6:00 pm. There will not be a Saturday service on June 19th. The first Monday service will take place on June 21st at 7:00 pm.**

The main reason for this change is to make a worship service available to those who are gone for the weekend. As with all changes, we will monitor how things go with this and re-evaluate if need be.

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.

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 4. grade through the 10. grade next Fall. Staff are welcome from the 11. grade and up.

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.

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.

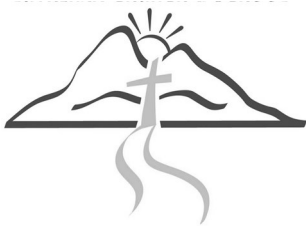
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

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.



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.