



Who Is Jesus' Real Family?

Mark 3:20-35

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Full Script



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Sun. 9am Worship & Mon. 7pm Worship

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Sun. 9:30am Worship

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.

Welcome to Cross of Glory! 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.

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!



Worship focus

In our sermon text from Mark 3, the people of God hear a comforting message: each one of us becomes Jesus' brother or sister or mother —as though Jesus had only one, and you are that one!

The question then becomes: where are you in this circle of people in this gospel lesson? Are you **outside** of it, refusing submission to the law and therefore despising the grace in the gospel? “Unforgiven” is the dread verdict! Or are you **inside** of it, mourning over sin and rejoicing to be Jesus' dear brother, sister, mother? Ah, what grace!

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Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN

The Tree of Life | CWS754 4 V.s.

The tree of life with ev'ry good In Eden's holy orchard stood,
And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat.
Yet in this garden also grew Another tree, of which they knew;
Its lovely limbs with fruit adorned Against whose eating God had warned.
The stillness of that sacred grove Was broken as the serpent strove
With tempting voice Eve to beguile And Adam to by sin defile.
Oh, day of sadness when the breath Of fear and darkness, doubt and death,
Its awful poison first displayed Within the world so newly made.
What mercy God showed to our race, A plan of rescue by his grace;
In sending One from woman's seed, the One to fill our greatest need
For on a tree uplifted high his only Son for sin would die,
Would drink the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent's head!
Now from that tree of Jesus' shame flows life eternal in his name;
For all who trust and will believe, salvation's living fruit receive.
And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat,
To find within this cross of wood the tree of life with ev'ry good.

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 "I Know that My Redeemer Lives" | CW152 4 Vs)

**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: O God, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 3:8-15

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" ¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden,

and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.”¹¹ And he said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?”¹² The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”¹⁴ So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, “Cursed are you above all livestock and all wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life. ¹⁵ And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

PSALM 130

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;

C: O LORD, hear my voice.

M: Let your ears be attentive

C: To my cry for mercy.

M: If you, O Lord, kept a record of sins,

C: O LORD, who could stand?

M: But with you there is forgiveness;

C: Therefore you are feared.

M: I wait for the LORD in his Word I put my hope.

C: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait for the morning.

M: O, Israel, put your hope in the Lord,

C: For with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 20:1-6

And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key to the Abyss and holding in his hand a great chain. ²He seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil, or Satan, and bound him for a thousand years. ³He threw him into the Abyss, and locked and sealed it over him, to keep him from deceiving the nations anymore until the thousand years were ended. After that, he must be set free for a short time. ⁴I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony about Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. ⁵(The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. ⁶Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.

**Glorious in majesty, Holy in his praises, Jesus, our Savior and our King.
Born a man, yet God of old, Let us all adore him; Filled with his Spirit, let us sing.**

Refrain

**Living is to love him, Serving him to know his freedom,
Come along with us to join the praise of Jesus.
Come to Jesus now; Go to live his Word rejoicing.**

**Victory he won for us, Freeing us from darkness, Dying and rising from the dead.
Living with the Father now, Yet he is among us; We are the body, he the head.**

[Refrain]

**One in love, as family, Living with each other, Gladly we share each other's pain.
Yet he will not leave us so; Soon he is returning, Taking us back with him to reign.**

[Refrain]

SERMON

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His birth family? Satan's family? His adopted family!

Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. ²¹When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." ²²And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebul! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." ²³So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin." ³⁰He said this because they were saying, "He has an impure spirit." ³¹Then Jesus' mother and brothers arrived. Standing outside, they sent someone in to call him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him, and they told him, "Your mother and brothers are outside looking for you." ³³"Who are my mother and my brothers?" he asked. ³⁴Then he looked at those seated in a circle around him and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

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

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

(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

(Spoken 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: 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

In Christ, there is no East or West | CW539 4 Vs.

**In Christ there is no east or west, In him no south or north,
But one great fellowship of love Throughout the whole wide earth.**

**With God there is no tribe or race; In him we all are one.
He loves us as his children through our faith in his dear Son.**

**So, brothers, sisters, praise his name Who died to set us free
From sin, division, hate, and blame, From spite and enmity!**

**In Christ now meet both east and west; In him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him Throughout the whole wide earth.**

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.

Vistancia Events

Below 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)

Growth Group

New River Growth Group

Chosen (Not Meeting in July)

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

Contact Pastor John Ehlers

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 27th	July 4th	July 11th
Setup	Taylor/ Freeman	Taylor	Taylor/ Freeman
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	-	-

Construction Zone

On Monday, June 7, construction began in the west parking lot to connect Cross of Glory (Jomax) to city water. The workers hit caliche sooner than they expected. They have brought in some jackhammers to break it apart. Expect it to be noisy here during the week. **Please park in the east parking lot while construction is going on.**

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)

LOOKING AHEAD

July 4, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
July 4, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
July 4, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
July 4, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax Online)
July 5, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (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 27th	July 4th	July 11th
Counters	Wempner/ Brooks	Wempner/ Moline	Wempner/ Plitzuweit
Cleaners	Martins/ Ehlers	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar
Communion Setup	-	Shannon Gullerud	-
Ushers	Chris Patterson Caleb Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson	Cody Hall Lexi Foxen Tanner Plitzuweit	John Kull Kim Moline
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Sharon Wilson/ Shannon Gullerud	Jon Naber

Call Meeting Results

The congregation met on June 6 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 vacation Bible school is July 26-30. We've got over 170 registered! We have taken down the public registration link. If you would still like to register, please contact our office, and we'll see if we can find a spot for you.

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.

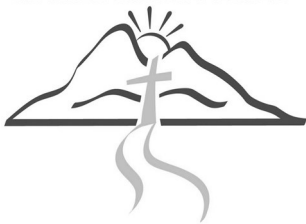
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

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.



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)