



Our walk of faith requires Christ's company

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Full Script



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Sun. 9am and Mon. 7pm Worship

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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!



Our journey through life can take a lot of twists and turns—many of which we feel unprepared to handle. We take refuge in the promise of Jesus to go with us, even if it means a journey to the cemetery. Do you wonder if he is too busy to be bothered? The example in our sermon text today about Jairus and his dying daughter gives us insight into the depth of Jesus' compassion who attends even to the smallest detail. He even ordered something for the little girl to eat. Is he any less concerned with you, especially when you need the comfort of him who triumphed over death for us and also for our believing loved ones? How very different our experience of suffering at the threat of death from the suffering of those who have no such victorious and infinitely loving comforter!

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Service of Scripture and Song

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

(Speak O Lord | CWS735)

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

C: Amen.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: sweeter than honey for my mouth.

Sung by Congregation:

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness

That the light of Christ might be seen today

In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.

Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Sung by Congregation:

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.

Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity,

Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.

Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

M: God gave his Word so “That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Sung by Congregation:

**Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.**

And by grace we'll stand in your promises.

And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak O Lord, as your Church is built and you fill the earth with your glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; 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

Lamentations 3:22-33

Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴I say to myself, “The LORD is my portion; therefore I will wait for him.” ²⁵The LORD is good to those whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; ²⁶it is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. ²⁷It is good for a man to bear the yoke while he is young. ²⁸Let him sit alone in silence, for the LORD has laid it on him. ²⁹Let him bury his face in the dust— there may yet be hope. ³⁰Let him offer his cheek to one who would strike him, and let him be filled with disgrace. ³¹For no one is cast off by the Lord forever. ³²Though he brings grief, he will show compassion, so great is his unfailing love. ³³For he does not willingly bring affliction or grief to anyone.

PSALM 30

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his;

C: Praise his holy name.

M: For his anger lasts only a moment,

C: But his favor lasts a lifetime;

M: Weeping may remain for a night.

C: But rejoicing comes in the morning.

M: To you, O Lord, I called:

C: To the Lord I cried for mercy.

M: Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me;

C: O Lord, be my help.

M: You turned my wailing into dancing,

C: That my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:7-15

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. ⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. ¹¹ For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. ¹² So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. ¹³ It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, ¹⁴ because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. ¹⁵ All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.



SERMON HYMN

Let us Ever Walk with Jesus | *CW 452 4 V.s.*

Let us ever walk with Jesus, Follow his example pure,
Flee the world which would deceive us And to sin our souls allure.
Ever in his footsteps treading, Body here, yet soul above,
Full of faith and hope and love, Let us do the Father's bidding.
Faithful Lord, abide with me. Savior, lead; I follow thee.

Let us suffer here with Jesus, To his image e'er conform;
Heaven's glory soon will please us, Sunshine follow on the storm.
Though we sow in tears of sorrow, We shall reap in heav'nly joy,
And the fears that now annoy Shall be laughter on the morrow.
Christ, I suffer here with thee; There, oh, share thy joy with me.

Let us also die with Jesus. His death from the second death,
From our soul's destruction, frees us, Quickens us with life's glad breath.
Let us mortify, while living, Flesh and blood and die to sin,
And the grave that shuts us in Shall but prove the gate to heaven.
Jesus, here I die to thee, There to live eternally.

Let us gladly live with Jesus; Since he's risen from the dead,
Death and grave must soon release us. Jesus, thou art now our head.
We are truly thine own members; Where thou livest, there live we.
Take and own us constantly, Faithful Friend, as thy dear brethren.
Jesus, here I live to thee, Also there eternally.

SERMON **Our Walk of Faith Requires Christ's Company** *Mark 5:21-24a, 35-43*

²¹ When Jesus had again crossed over by boat to the other side of the lake, a large crowd gathered around him while he was by the lake. ²² Then one of the synagogue leaders, named Jairus, came, and when he saw Jesus, he fell at his feet. ²³ He pleaded earnestly with him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hands on her so that she will be healed and live." ²⁴ So Jesus went with him. ³⁵ While Jesus was still speaking, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," they said. "Why bother the teacher anymore?" ³⁶ Overhearing what they said, Jesus told him, "Don't be afraid; just believe." ³⁷ He did not let anyone follow him except Peter, James and John the brother of James. ³⁸ When they came to the home of the synagogue leader, Jesus saw a commotion, with people crying and wailing loudly. ³⁹ He went in and said to them, "Why all this commotion and wailing? The child is not dead but asleep." ⁴⁰ But they laughed at him. After he put them all out, he took the child's father and mother and the disciples who were with him, and went in where the child was. ⁴¹ He took her by the hand and said to her, "*Talitha koum!*" (which means "Little girl, I say to you, get up!"). ⁴² Immediately the girl stood up and began to walk around (she was twelve years old). At this they were completely astonished. ⁴³ He gave strict orders not to let anyone know about this, and told them to give her something to eat.

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THE 2nd Article OF THE APOSTLE'S CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: 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.

C: **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.**


M: *What does this mean?*

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, pre-

cious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

 **SONG OF THE SEASON**

O Breath of God | 4 Vs.

Ensemble will sing Vs. 1 & 2 and Congregation will join for Vs. 3 & 4

*O breath of God, come fill this place; Revive our hearts to know Your grace;
And from our slumber make us rise That we may know the Risen Christ.*

*O Word of God, so clear and true, Renew our minds to trust in You;
And give to us the bread of life That we may know the Risen Christ.*

O love of God, so unrestrained, Refresh our souls in Jesus' name.

Let us reflect Your sacrifice That we may know the Risen Christ.

May God the Father, God the Son, And God the Spirit make us one.

In holiness let us unite That we may know the Risen Christ.

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.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

Ensemble will sing Vs. 1 and Congregation will join for Vs. 2 & 3

I run to Christ when chased by fear And find a refuge sure.

“Believe in me,” His voice I hear; His words and wounds secure.

I run to Christ when torn by grief And find abundant peace.

“I too had tears,” He gently speaks; Thus joy and sorrow meet.

I run to Christ when worn by life And find my soul refreshed.

“Come unto Me,” He calls through strife; Fatigue gives way to rest.

I run to Christ when vexed by hell And find a mighty arm.

“The Devil flees,” the Scriptures tell; He roars, but cannot harm.

I run to Christ when stalked by sin And find a sure escape.

“Deliver me,” I cry to Him; Temptation yields to grace.

I run to Christ when plagued by shame And find my one defense.

“I bore God’s wrath,” He pleads my case—My Advocate and Friend.

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.

Super Soaker with City of Peoria– Thursday, July 15, 11:00-1:00 (Mountain Vista Club Pool)
 National Hot Dog Day– Thursday, July 15, 4:00-6:00 (Vistancia Event in Mystic)

New River Growth Group

Chosen

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	July 18th	July 25th	August 1st
Setup	Freeman	Taylor	Taylor
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

July 15, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
July 18, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
July 18, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
July 18, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
July 18, 2:00 p.m.	Worship service (Jomax Online)
July 19, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

July 25, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
July 25, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
July 25, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
July 25, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax Online)
July 26, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

Vacation Days

July 2nd– July 23rd	Pastor Ehlers
July 16th– July 21st	Principal Aguilar

Jomax Worship Volunteers	July 11th	July 18th	July 25th
Counters	Wempner/ Plitzuweit	Wempner/ Cornell	Wempner/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	-	Liz Simkauskas	-
Ushers	John Kull Kim Moline	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger
Sunday Refreshments	Jon Naber	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras	Paula Considine

Special Voters' Meeting

At the voters meeting Sunday, June 27th, the voters selected Platinum Builders (Matthew Randall) as the contractor for the upcoming building project and approved the terms of the Church Extension Fund (CEF) loan, which were approved by the CEF committee last week.

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 180 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.

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)