

# Honor the **TRUTH**

*Mark 6:1-6*



*Pentecost 8*  
*Sunday, July 18, 2021*  
**Full Script**



## **Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School**

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### **Jomax Campus**

10111 W Jomax Road,

Peoria, AZ 85383

**Sun. 9am and Mon. 7pm Worship**

### **Vistancia Campus**

Lake Pleasant Elementary School

31501 N. Westland Road

Peoria, AZ 85383

**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.

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God bless our time together in worship today!



In our sermon text today, Jesus returns to his home town, Nazareth. It is bad enough when Jesus is rejected by those who do not know him. But how painful to him, so much so that in his state of humiliation he is amazed by it, when those who should have been first to recognize him instead reject him. The world, even our own so richly blessed country, exchanges the Child in Bethlehem for Santa Claus and the Risen Christ for the Easter bunny. No surprise there.

But what of those in our own churches and families who think they know him so well that they no longer know him at all? He could do nothing there in Nazareth because in their unbelief; no one asked him to do anything. And in our midst? Were he still in his state of humiliation, would he be surprised at us who have had his Word for so long and still think so little of it? On the other hand, those who follow him in faithfulness have a stumbling block in their path: the unfaithfulness of those who should know better and then their ultimate hostility to the pure teaching and living of his Word. Only that Word and reliance on it gets us past that stumbling block; Jesus promised such rejection, and his Word even in that regard has proven true.

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## Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

### OPENING HYMN

The Head that Once Was Crowned | CW217 5 Vs.

The head that once was crowned with thorns Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns The mighty victor's brow.

The highest place that heav'n affords Is his, is his by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords And heav'n's eternal light.

To them the cross, with all its shame, With all its grace, is giv'n;  
Their name, an everlasting name; Their joy, the joy of heav'n.

They suffer with their Lord below; They reign with him above,  
Their profit and their joy, to know The myst'ry of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him;  
His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

### 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

*(Sung by Congregation)*

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

*Congregation Sings:*

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

*Ezekiel 2:1-7*

He said to me, “Son of man, stand up on your feet and I will speak to you.” <sup>2</sup>As he spoke, the Spirit came into me and raised me to my feet, and I heard him speaking to me. <sup>3</sup>He said: “Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me to this very day. <sup>4</sup>The people to whom I am sending you are obstinate and stubborn. Say to them, “This is what the Sovereign LORD says.’ <sup>5</sup>And whether they listen or fail to listen—for they are a rebellious people—they will know that a prophet has been among them. <sup>6</sup>And you, son of man, do not be afraid of them or their words. Do not be afraid, though briars and thorns are all around you and you live among scorpions. Do not be afraid of what they say or be terrified by them, though they are a rebellious people. <sup>7</sup>You must speak my words to them, whether they listen or fail to listen, for they are rebellious.

## PSALM 27

*(Sung responsively)*

### *Refrain:*



**The Lord is my light and my sal-  
va- tion of whom should I be a -  
fraid, of whom should I be a - fraid?**

*Minister sings Refrain*

***Congregation sings Refrain***

*M: The Lord is my light and my help; whom should I fear?*

*The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom should I shrink?*

***Congregation sings Refrain***

*M: There is one thing I ask of the Lord; for this I long:*

*to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

***Congregation sings Refrain***

*M: I believe I shall see the goodness of the Lord, in the land of the living;*

*Hope in him, and take heart, hope in the Lord!*

***Congregation sings Refrain***

## THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

### SECOND LESSON

*2 Timothy 2:1-13*

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. <sup>3</sup>Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. <sup>5</sup>Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor's crown except by competing according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this. <sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God's word is not chained. <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>Here is a trustworthy saying: If we died with him, we will also live with him; <sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us; <sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful, for he cannot disown himself.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

*(Spoken by Minister, Response sung by Congregation)*

M: Alleluia. The Word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart so you may obey it. Alleluia. *(Deuteronomy 30:14)*

*Congregation Sings:*

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

### SERMON HYMN

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | CW465 3 Vs.**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, All to leave and follow you.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, You on earth once suffered, too.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, All I've ever hoped or known;  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.  
Let the world despise and leave me; They have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; You are not, like them, untrue.  
And since you have smiled upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me -- Show your face, and all is bright.  
Go, then, earthly fame and treasure! Come, disaster, scorn, and pain!  
In your service pain is pleasure; With your favor loss is gain.  
I have called you Abba, Father! You my all in all shall be.  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather; All must work for good to me.

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup>When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. “Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing?” <sup>3</sup>Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup>Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” <sup>5</sup>He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup>He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village.

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## NICENE CREED

*(Spoken in Unison)*

**C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**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.**

**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

**O Breath of God | 4 V.s.**

**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**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

**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.**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**THE SALUTATION**

*(Spoken Responsively)*

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

**C: So that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)**

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

**C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?**

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

**C: For we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)**

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

**C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)**

**COMMUNION CANTICLE**

*(Sung by Congregation)*

**Just as I am, without one plea  
But that thy blood was shed for me  
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come I come.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *(Spoken by Minister)* **AND RESPONSE**

*(Sung by Congregation)*

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in

remembrance of me. ~

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

*Congregation Sings:*

**What is this bread? Christ's body risen from the dead:  
This bread we break, This life we take,  
Was crushed to pay for our release. O taste and see the Lord is peace.**

**What is this wine? The blood of Jesus shed for mine;  
The cup of grace Brings His embrace  
Of life and love until I sing! O taste and see the Lord is King.**

**Is this for me? I am forgiven and set free! I do believe That I receive  
His very body and His blood. O taste and see the Lord is good.**

#### **DISTRIBUTION OF SACRAMENT**

*(Please refer to "Worship Welcome" in chair pocket)*

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

#### **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**How Firm a Foundation | CWS768**

**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?  
"Fear not! I am with you. Oh, be not dismayed;  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not, desert to his foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!**

**"When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace all-sufficient shall be your supply.  
The flames will not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

“Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
My sov’ reign, eternal, unchangeable love,  
And then, when gray hair shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still on my shoulders be borne.”

**SONG OF SIMEON**

*(Sung by Congregation)*

In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your servant now depart according to your word,  
For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev’ry people, a  
light to lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. In peace, in peace.

**CLOSING PRAYER**

*(Spoken by Minister)*

M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through Him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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**

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken | CW465 1-2Vs.

1<sup>st</sup> Verse sung by soloist – *(Words by Henry Lyte, Music by Mozart(alt by Bill Moore)*

Man may trouble and distress me; ’Twill but drive me to Thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, ’tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;  
Oh, ’twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee.

(2<sup>nd</sup> Verse congregation may join)

Haste, my soul, from grace to glory, Armed by faith and winged by prayer.  
All but heav'n is transitory; God's own hand shall guide you there.  
Soon shall end this earthly story; Swift shall pass the pilgrim days,  
Hope soon change to heav'nly glory, Faith to sight and prayer to praise.

## 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	-	-	-

## Voters' Meeting

The next voters' meeting will be **July 25 at 11:30 a.m.** Please join us as we discuss and make decisions for our congregation! One of the items on the agenda is a proposal from the council to begin another capital fund drive. The goal is to encourage members to consider giving to the fund drive to decrease the amount of money the church will need to borrow for the building project. This was announced as part of the plan when the loan amount was increased after prices went up.

## Vacation Bible School

This year vacation Bible school is July 26-30. We've got over 190 registered! What a blessing to be able to reach so many children with God's Word. **We could always use more helpers, if you are interested please contact Pastor Foxen. We could also use help setting up after church on the 25th and if you have any house plants we could borrow for the week it would help with decorations.**

## 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 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)

### LOOKING AHEAD

August 1, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
August 1, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia at New River)
August 1, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
August 1, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
August 2, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)

### Vacation Days

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

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

# 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.*

## 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.



## **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.