



Disciples of Christ Are Servants
Mark 10:32-45

Pentecost 21
Sunday, October 17, 2021



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Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9am and Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Meeting in
New River Kiwanis Clubhouse
48606 N.17th Ave.
New River, AZ 85087
Sun. 9:30am Worship

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.

God bless our time together in worship today!



Type the word “ambition” into Google. You might have to click through a number of pages before you find someone who has something negative to say about ambition. This world values ambition—getting ahead—being number one. Like the world, in our reading from Mark today, once again the disciples get it wrong. Jesus has just finished telling them of his coming Passion, and all they can think about is worldly ambition, which one of them should be first.

Just like he does when discussing family and wealth, Jesus turns everything upside down from the way that we by nature are inclined to look at things. In fact it is our ambition to be first and have our own way that wrecks family life and perverts the proper uses of wealth. Ah, but in Jesus’ way both family life and wealth become great blessings. For the ambition is to serve, not to be served. That service is ever asking: How can I help? instead of When is it my turn? Look who has led by example! The One who alone deserves to be served has served the lowliest of the low. He served me, even me, by coming to find, to rescue, to save me by giving his own life for my ransom.

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.

Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

OPENING HYMN

I Lay My Sins on Jesus | *CW372 4 Vs.*

I lay my sins on Jesus, The spotless Lamb of God;
He bears them all and frees us From the accursed load.
I bring my guilt to Jesus To wash my crimson stains
White in his blood most precious Till not a spot remains.

I lay my wants on Jesus; All fullness dwells in him.
He heals all my diseases; My soul he does redeem.
I lay my griefs on Jesus, My burdens and my cares;
He from them all releases; He all my sorrows shares.

I rest my soul on Jesus, This weary soul of mine.
His right hand me embraces; I in his arms recline.
I love the name of Jesus, Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
Like fragrance on the breezes His name abroad is poured.

I long to be like Jesus: Meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus, The Father's holy child.
I long to be with Jesus Amid the heav'nly throng
To sing with saints his praises, To learn the angels' song.

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

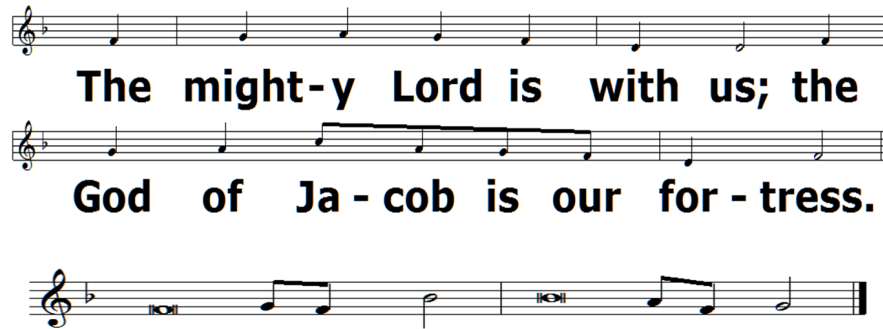
(Spoken by Minister)

M: Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 9:1-13

David asked, "Is there anyone still left of the house of Saul to whom I can show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" ²Now there was a servant of Saul's household named Ziba. They summoned him to appear before David, and the king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" "At your service," he replied. ³The king asked, "Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God's kindness?" Ziba answered the king, "There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet." ⁴"Where is he?" the king asked. Ziba answered, "He is at the house of Makir son of Ammiel in Lo Debar." ⁵So King David had him brought from Lo Debar, from the house of Makir son of Ammiel. ⁶When Mephibosheth son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came to David, he bowed down to pay him honor. David said, "Mephibosheth!" "At your service," he replied. ⁷"Don't be afraid," David said to him, "for I will surely show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan. I will restore to you all the land that belonged to your grandfather Saul, and you will always eat at my table." ⁸Mephibosheth bowed down and said, "What is your servant, that you should notice a dead dog like me?" ⁹Then the king summoned Ziba, Saul's steward, and said to him, "I have given your master's grandson everything that belonged to Saul and his family. ¹⁰You and your sons and your servants are to farm the land for him and bring in the crops, so that your master's grandson may be provided for. And Mephibosheth, grandson of your master, will always eat at my table." (Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants.) ¹¹Then Ziba said to the king, "Your servant will do whatever my lord the king commands his servant to do." So Mephibosheth ate at David's table like one of the king's sons. ¹²Mephibosheth had a young son named Mika, and all the members of Ziba's household were servants of Mephibosheth. ¹³And Mephibosheth lived in Jerusalem, because he always ate at the king's table; he was lame in both feet.

**Refrain**

M: My soul finds rest in God alone;

C: my salvation comes from him.

M: He alone is my rock and my sal-va-tion;

C: he is my fortress, I will never be sha-ken.

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

C: my hope comes from him.

Refrain

M: though your riches increase,

C: do not set your heart on them.

M: My salvation and honor de-pend on God;

C: he is my mighty rock, my re-fuge.

M: Trust in him at all times, O peo-ple;

C: pour out your hearts to him, for God is our re-fuge.

All:

Glory be to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spi-rit,

As it was in the be-gin-ning,

Is now, and will be forever. A-men

Refrain**THE CHILDREN'S SERMON**

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

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23

Who serves as a soldier at his own expense? Who plants a vineyard and does not eat its grapes? Who tends a flock and does not drink the milk? ⁸Do I say this merely on human authority? Doesn't the Law say the same thing? ⁹For it is written in the Law of Moses: "Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain." Is it about oxen that God is concerned? ¹⁰Surely he says this for us, doesn't he? Yes, this was written for us, because whoever plows and threshes should be able to do so in the hope of sharing in the harvest. ¹¹If we have sown spiritual seed among you, is it too much if we reap a material harvest from you? ¹²If others have this right of support from you, shouldn't we have it all the more? But we did not use this right. On the contrary, we put up with

anything rather than hinder the gospel of Christ.¹⁹ Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. ²⁰ To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. ²¹ To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. ²³ I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister, Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia. *(Isaiah 25:9b)*

Congregation Sings:

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

 **SERMON HYMN**

I Gave My Life for Thee | CW454 5 Vs.

**I gave my life for thee; My precious blood I shed
That thou might'st ransomed be And quickened from the dead.
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thyself to me!
My Father's home of light, My rainbow-circled throne,
I left for earthly night, For wand'rings sad and lone.
I left it all for thee; Come now and follow me!
I spent long years for thee In weariness and woe
That an eternity Of joy thou mightest know.
I spent long years for thee; Come, spend thy years for me.
I suffered much for thee, More than my tongue may tell,
Of bitt'rest agony, To rescue thee from hell.
I suffered much for thee; Come, bear thy cross with me.
Oh, let thy life be spent, Thy years for me be giv'n,
As I for thee was sent To bear thee home to heav'n.
I gave my life for thee; Come, give thy life to me.**

SERMON

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They were on their way up to Jerusalem, with Jesus leading the way, and the disciples were astonished, while those who followed were afraid. Again he took the Twelve aside and told them what

was going to happen to him. ³³“We are going up to Jerusalem,” he said, “and the Son of Man will be delivered over to the chief priests and the teachers of the law. They will condemn him to death and will hand him over to the Gentiles, ³⁴ who will mock him and spit on him, flog him and kill him. Three days later he will rise.” ³⁵ Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. “Teacher,” they said, “we want you to do for us whatever we ask.” ³⁶ “What do you want me to do for you?” he asked. ³⁷ They replied, “Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory.” ³⁸ “You don’t know what you are asking,” Jesus said. “Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?” ³⁹ “We can,” they answered. Jesus said to them, “You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. ⁴² Jesus called them together and said, “You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. ⁴³ Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

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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.

Let the glory of the Lord forever be our joy;
May redemption be the theme of our song.
For by grace we have been saved and by grace we shall proclaim
To the corners of the earth that Christ is come.

Refrain:

Let the nations be glad, Let the people rejoice;
For salvation belongs to our God. Let the whole earth be filled
With the praises of the Lord; For salvation belongs to our God.
Let the nations be glad!

Through the ages gone before, through the trial and the sword,
Many saints and martyrs conquered, though they died.
Still we, holding out the cross, crossing oceans, suffering loss,
Shall endure all things to win the crown of life. *[Refrain]*

As Your holy church goes forth in the Holy Spirit's power,
With the glories of the gospel to exclaim; Now we pray
“Your Kingdom come”, and we pray “Your will be done”,
for the honor and the glory of Your name. *[Refrain]*

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)

(Spoken by Minister)



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.*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**

What Grace is This? | CWS715 4 Vs.

**What grace is this! My Lord and King has set his face to suffering.
My God eternal dies to bring Eternal life to me.**

**What grace is this- That very God would stoop to lift a cross of wood
And walk a road of rock and blood, A sinner's road, for me.**

**What grace is this Rude agonies! With common thieves he hangs and bleeds.
The sinless Son bears each misdeed. He pays for all, for me.**

**What grace is this? How can it be? He wears this raw humility
To lift me to eternity. Such grace-sweet grace- for me.**

Offerings

We have now returned to collecting offerings during the service. Offerings can also be made online by visiting crossofglory.org in your browser, clicking on the menu on the upper right corner (3 horizontal lines) and selecting “**Giving**” from the menu. You can also scan the QR code with your phone’s camera. This will take you directly to the offering page. In addition, you may also mail your offerings to Cross of Glory at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



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Council Positions Available

We are looking for a head trustee and an evangelism chairman. Those interested can talk with one of the pastors or church president.

Cross of Glory VTO Review

On Saturday, November 6, from 8:30-11:30 in the morning, Cross of Glory leaders will be reviewing our long range planning document, the VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer). Anyone else who is interested in providing input into this promise is encouraged to attend as well. All are welcome to take part in this important planning process!

New Hymnals are Here!

The new hymnals have arrived. If you ordered one in advance, you may pick it up at the office. The hymnals are labeled with the purchaser's name. The cost for each hymnal is \$24. Please place the payment in the provided envelope and cross off your name on the envelope.

Extra hymnals were ordered. If you are interested in receiving one, you may also pick one up from the office at this time. Please sign up [here](#) to let Liz know, and she will place your name on a hymnal in the office. Pastors are encouraging members to have their copy for home devotional use, as there is a lot of content in the hymnal for personal spiritual growth.

Church Directory

I am working on updating the Church Directory. Please view it at the entry of church and make correction or email me at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org with any corrections or an updated picture.

Men's Conference in Phoenix

Men of His Word is a gathering of WELS pastors and lay leaders who have been holding yearly conferences in Minnesota and Wisconsin for over a decade. The group is now expanding to Arizona under the guidance of a local team of volunteers. The first conference for *Men of His Word-Arizona* will be held on Saturday, **January 22, 2022, in Phoenix, AZ**. The conference is open to all men who would like to grow spiritually, be inspired by God's Word, and fellowship with Christian brothers from the Southwest. For more information, visit MenofHisWord.org/Phoenix/ and click on the Early Bird Registration button. Registering will give you regular updates about the conference, but does not obligate you to attend.

COG T-shirts

We have a few more 2021-2022 school T-shirts available in the office. If you would like a school shirt, please email Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org. The T-shirts are \$8 each.

Pastors' Conference & Monday Service Canceled

The pastors will be out of town for a pastors' conference October 18-20. Monday night service will be canceled on the 18th.

Reformation Services

Cross of Glory will be having a joint Jomax/Vistancia/New River Reformation service at the Jomax campus on October 31 at 9:00 a.m. There will be a "Finish the Race" presentation at 10:00, a voters' meeting at 10:30, and lunch to follow.

The westside joint Reformation service will be held at Grace, Glendale, on October 31 at 4:00 p.m. The celebration will focus on the 500th anniversary of the Diet of Worms and Luther's infamous "Here I stand!"

Trunk or Treat Sign-Up

Put your creative skills to work and come join the fun at our annual "trunk or treat" event. This year the event will be held both at the Jomax campus and in New River on October 30. It is really easy to do. Come up with your theme, and decorate your trunk. Do you have a hobby or favorite sports team? Make that your trunk! We request no violent, scary, ghostly, witch, or horror themes. (Holy Spirit would be allowed.) If no ideas come to mind, just Google "trunk theme for trunk or treat." If you come up with a theme that requires electrical hookup, please indicate in the sign-up.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	October 24th	October 31st	November 7th
Counters	Wempner/ Moline	Wempner/ Voigt	Wempner/ Cornell
Cleaners	Ebel/ Koutia	Patterson/ Pappenfuss	Foxens
Communion Setup	-	-	Sharon Kull
Ushers	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Tanner Plitzuweit	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Joel Ditter
Sunday Refreshments	Clara Naber	Ally & Liz	Wilson & Gullerud
A/V	Pedro Contreras/ Gus Koutia, Isaac Patterson	Titus Patterson/ Rene Koutia	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

October 19, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
October 20, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
October 20, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 21, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
October 21, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
October 21, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
October 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia at New River)
October 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
October 24, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
October 24, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 25, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
October 25, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

October 27, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
October 27, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
October 28, 7:00 p.m.	BIC with Pastor Foxen
October 28, 7:00 p.m.	Zoom Growth Group with Pastor Rich Kugler
October 29, 6:00 p.m.	Hallowscream (Vistancia)
October 30, 3:30 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (Jomax)
October 30, 5:00 p.m.	Trunk or Treat (New River)
October 31, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Joint Service Jomax)
October 31, 10:00 a.m.	Finish the Race Presentation
October 31, 10:30 a.m.	Voters Meeting
October 31, 11:30 a.m.	Reformation Meal
October 31, 2:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Online)
October 31, 4:00 p.m.	West Side Joint Reformation (Grace Glendale)
November 1, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
November 1, 7:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)

Vistancia News

We give thanks to God that we will be able to worship again at Lake Pleasant Elementary School. Our intent is to worship there this Sunday, October 17, at 9:30, but we have not received the official signature of the Peoria school district supervisor. We will let everyone know by 3:00 on Friday if we are able to worship at the school or if we will need to worship in New River one more week. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Reminder: We are worshipping jointly at the Jomax campus on October 31 for the Reformation service.

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

Worship at New River

We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. We will be asking the mission board to discuss making New River a mission start-up. 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.

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 Worship Volunteers	October 24th	October 31st	November 7th
Setup	Taylor	Taylor	Taylor
Usher/ Greeter	-	-	-
Piano Player/Music	-	-	-
Midi/Powerpoint/ Sound System Operator	-	-	-
Refreshments	-	-	-

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.

Jerry Stern, the Brother of Grant Stern, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoing treatment

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and undergoes treatments.

Father of Chris Hansen, was Diagnosed with ALS

Nancy, aunt of Keri Patterson who is struggling with pancreatic cancer.

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.