

KEEP WATCH!

Mark 13:26-37



Christ the King Sunday
Sunday, November 21, 2021
Full Script



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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

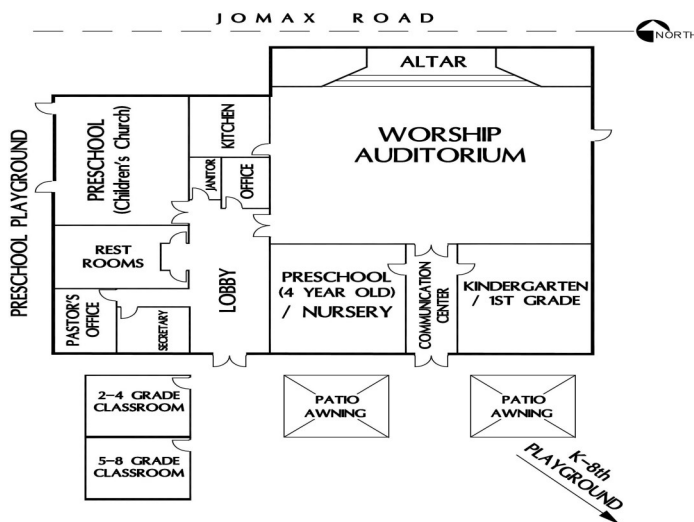
Vistancia Campus
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9:30am Worship

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.

Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4th grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special

children’s message at the feet of the pastor. Let’s work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



We have reached the last Sunday of the church year where we celebrate Christ the King. Never could there be a king like Christ, our king. Beyond all comparison is the rule he exercises in time and in eternity. Incomparably great therefore is also our joy in worshipping him even now as we await his triumphant return to transform our worship in faith and under the cross to worship in sight and in glory.

In our sermon text today from Mark, we are urged to be alert and watch for our King to return. Just as we would anticipate the arrival of an honored guest, we prepare and wait anxiously. Let this thought linger in our minds as we enter the season of Advent next week, when we mirror the waiting for the birth of the Savior to Christ’s second coming. May we ever be on our guard and ready for that blessed day.

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 Scripture and Song with Lord's Supper

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: Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 51:4-6

“Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation: Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations. ⁵ My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations. The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies. But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

CHOIR

Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SECOND LESSON

Jude 20-25

But you, dear friends, by building yourselves up in your most holy faith and praying in the Holy Spirit, ²¹ keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life. ²² Be merciful to those who doubt; ²³ save others by snatching them from the fire; to others show mercy, mixed with fear—hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh. ²⁴ To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious pres-

ence without fault and with great joy—²⁵ to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

 **SERMON HYMN**

Lo, He Comes with Cloud Descending | *CW29 4 Vs.*

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending, Once for ev'ry sinner slain.
Thousand, thousand saints attending Swell the triumph of his train.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ reveals his endless reign.**

**Ev'ry eye shall now behold him Robed in glorious majesty;
Those who ridiculed and sold him, Pierced and nailed him to the tree,
Deeply wailing, Deeply wailing, Shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion Still his dazzling body bears,
Cause of endless exultation To his ransomed worshipers.
With what wonder, With what wonder, Gaze we on those glorious scars.**

**Yea, Amen, let all adore you High on your eternal throne.
Ev'ry knee shall bow before you; Come and take your people home!
Alleluia, Alleluia! You shall reign and you alone!**

SERMON

Keep Watch!

Mark 13:26-37

See the signs...Act appropriately

“At that time people will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory.²⁷ And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens.²⁸ “Now learn this lesson from the fig tree: As soon as its twigs get tender and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near.²⁹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that it is near, right at the door.³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened.³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.³³ Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.³⁴ It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.³⁵ “Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn.³⁶ If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping.³⁷ What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

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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

Jesus is Lord | 4 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs. 1 & 2 and Congregation joins for Vs. 3 & 4

*“Jesus is Lord”—the cry that echoes through creation; Resplendent pow’r, eternal Word, our Rock.
The Son of God, the King whose glory fills the heavens,
Yet bids us come to taste this Living Bread.*

*“Jesus is Lord”—whose voice sustains the stars and planets, Yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown.
Jesus the Man, who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,
Became a curse to bring salvation’s plan.*

**“Jesus is Lord”—the tomb is gloriously empty!
Not even death could crush this King of love!
The price is paid, the chains are loosed, and we’re forgiven,
And we can run into the arms of God.**

**“Jesus is Lord!”—a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,
As He returns, and every knee bows low.
Then every eye and every heart will see His glory;
The Judge of all will take His children home.**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)



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.

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)

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

Draw Near | CWS740

Ensemble sings Verses and Congregation sings Refrain

Refrain:

**Draw near, draw near! Take the body of your Lord.
Draw near, draw near! Drink the blood for you outpoured!**

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 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

You are My King

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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| November 22, 6:00 p.m. | Group with Tim Grams |
| November 22, 7:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| November 23, 9:30 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| November 24, 7:00 p.m. | Thanksgiving Service |
| November 27, 4:00 p.m. | Church Decorating & White Elephant |
| November 28, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| November 28, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary) |
| November 28, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia) |
| November 28, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (New River) |
| November 28, 11:00 a.m. | Quarterly Voters Meeting |

LOOKING AHEAD

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| November 29, 6:00 p.m. | Growth Group with Tim Grams |
| November 29, 7:00 p.m. | Worship Service (Jomax) |
| November 30, 9:30 a.m. | Women's Bible Study |
| December 1, 9:00 a.m. | Mornings with Mommy |
| December 1, 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice |
| December 2, 6:30 p.m. | New River Growth Group |
| December 4, 3:00 p.m. | Santa's Village & 1st Annual Tree Lighting |
| December 4, 3:00 p.m. | Live Nativity |
| December 5, 9:00 a.m. | Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax) |
| December 5, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary) |
| December 5, 9:30 a.m. | Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia) |
| December 5, 3:00 p.m. | Advent by Candlelight |

Church Directory

I am working on updating the Church Directory. Please view what I have attached and email me at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org with any corrections or an updated picture.

Live Nativity

We are excited to announce that we are going ahead with the live nativity again December 4, from 3:00-5:00. If you desire to participate in this event, please [sign-up](#) online with link in the news letter.

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.

Ushers Needed

We are looking for a few more ushers to be on rotation. Men and women are welcome to usher. It's also a great way for families to serve together! Please let Verl Naber know if you are willing to serve in this way. You may email him at nabersplace@cox.net or speak to him at church.

Worship Survey

Please take a few moments to let us know how we are doing. We 're gathering feedback about our worship at each site.

Prayer Circle

The Cross of Glory Prayer Circle will be starting soon. Please send an email to prayercircle@crossofglory.org you are interested in being a part of the prayer circle or have a prayer request. Circle emails will be sent out on a weekly basis.

Meditations

If you are interested in getting *Meditations* quarterly, consider ordering through Cross of Glory. We can order them in bulk to save you money on shipping costs. Please let Liz know. Also give her payment for the subscription.

Cross of Glory VTO Review

The Cross of Glory VTO (Vision/Traction Organizer) review scheduled for last Saturday has been rescheduled for Saturday, January 8, from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Cross of Glory leaders are encouraged to attend this important meeting when the long-range planning document will be reviewed. Anyone else who is interested in providing input into this promise is encouraged to attend as well.

Refreshment Volunteers

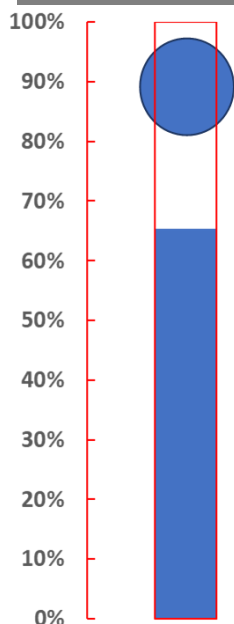
We are looking for more volunteers for refreshments to space out how often you have to serve. Please contact Clara Naber at vcnaber@cox.net.

Women's Service Group Meeting

There will be a Women's Service Group meeting on November 19th, 6:00 p.m. at the Foxen's House. 11716 W Foothill Ct. Sun City, AZ 85373-5475

| Jomax Worship Volunteers | November 24th | November 28th | December 5th | December 12th |
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| Counters | - | Wempner/ Brooks | Wempner/ Moline | Wempner/ Voigt |
| Cleaners | - | Kelley/ Grams | Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar | Foxen/ Pappenfuss |
| Communion Setup | - | - | Liz Simkauskas | - |
| Ushers | Jon Naber Rich Kugler | Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger | Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud | Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Tanner Plizuweit |
| Sunday Refreshments | - | Rene Koutia | Clara Naber | Ally Kelley Liz Simkauskas |
| A/V | Titus Patterson Chris Patterson | Rene Koutia/ Gus Koutia | Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud | Pedro Contreras Isaac Patterson |

Update: "Finish the Race" Capital Fund Drive



Please return your commitment card for
"Finish the Race" at your earliest opportunity.

"Finish the Race" goal = \$300,000
Total commitments received = \$196,045
(from 32 of 99 families)
% of commitments vs. goal = 65%

With more families participating, our "Finish the Race" goal is achievable. Please consider what you can do to help.

More commitment cards may be found on the table at the back of the church.

You may return the commitment card to the church by mail at 10111 W. Jomax Road, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Or, return the commitment card to the specially marked box at church.

Or, digitally make your commitment from the Cross of Glory newsletter under the "Finish the Race" article.

Vistancia News

We give thanks to God that we are able to once again worship at Lake Pleasant Elementary School. We were able to get all the information to the Peoria School District, making it possible for us to use the facility. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

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

Sunday Setup

Vistancia is in need of volunteers to setup Sunday mornings at 7:30. Please contact Liz or Pastor Ehlers if you are able to assist. cog.secretary@crossofglory.org

Caroler Volunteer

Carolers are needed for the tree lighting at the Mountain Vista Club December 4th from 6-8p.m. Cross of Glory will be Caroling and handing out cookies.

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.

Pat Powell, as she recovers from back issues.

Juanita Word, as she recovers from surgery and battles 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.

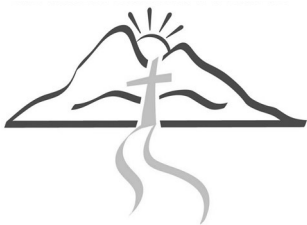
Sara (Dan) McArdle, daughter of Martha (Scott) Wofford, Air Force Pilot, based in Little Rock, Arkansas.

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.

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.



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.