



**REMEMBER
JESUS CHRIST
He is Risen!**

Easter Festival Service
Sunday, April 21, 2019
Full Script



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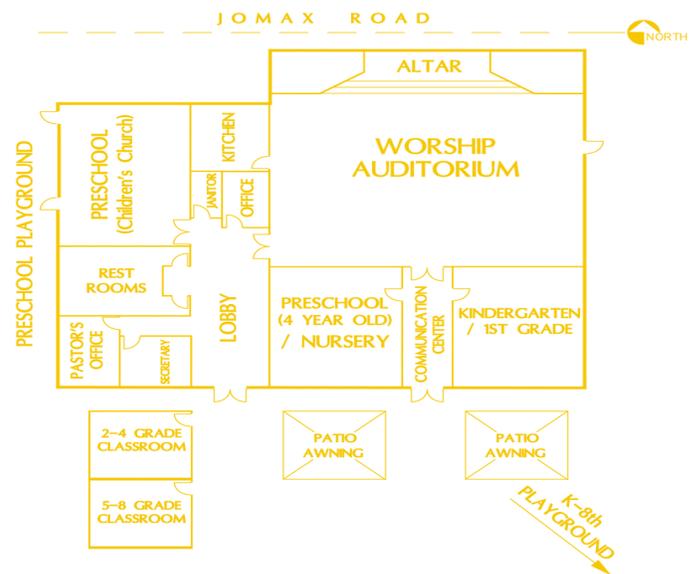


Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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. If parents wish,

children can then sit in the area set up for them at the front-right section of the worship hall, where they will find age-appropriate and spiritually focused activities to work on during the regular sermon. At the time of the offering, children return to sit with their parents. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available



Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Because of our sin, the grave should be the place of ultimate defeat for us. Yet on this day, Jesus did all what we could not. Bearing our guilt and suffering our verdict, the Son of Man died, but three days later he rose in glory. As a result, our fear is gone, we are redeemed, and Christ calls us his own brothers.

Easter Festival Service

YOUTH CHOIR

Celebrate the Empty Tomb

EASTER ACCLAMATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: People of God – Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: I will not die, but live,

C: And proclaim what the Lord has done!

M: This is the day the Lord has made.

C: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

M: Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!



OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today (CW157) 4 Vs.

Alleluia Banner is processed into the church

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!

Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!

Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!

Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!

Unto Christ, our heav'nly King, Alleluia!

Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!

Sinners to redeem and save, Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!

Our salvation has procured, Alleluia!

Now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!

Where the angels ever sing, Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia!

Praise eternal as his love, Alleluia!

Praise him, all you heav'nly host, Alleluia!

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

CONFESSION OF SINS

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.

C: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid.

Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.

M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!

C: When I was in great need, he saved me.

M: The Lord is my strength and my song;

C: He has become my salvation.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(This is the Feast of Victory (CW265) 4 Vs.

Minister sings 1st Refrain and Verses, Congregation sings the following refrains)

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

***Refrain:* This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. [Refrain]

Power, riches, wisdom and strength, and honor, blessing and glory are his. [Refrain]

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation. [Refrain]

For the Lamb who was slain Has begun his reign. Alleluia! [Refrain]

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:1-11

“I will sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. Both horse and driver he has hurled into the sea. “The Lord is my strength and my defense; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The Lord is a warrior; the Lord is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, Lord, was majestic in power. Your right hand, Lord, shattered the enemy. “In the greatness of your majesty you threw down those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood up like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will

draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, Lord? Who is like you— majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?

CHOIR

Resurrection Victory

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Response Sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia. *(Psalm 118:24)*

Sung by Congregation:

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! These words are written that we may believe
That Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’ ” Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

SERMON HYMN

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness *(CW156) 3 Vs.*

**Awake, my heart, with gladness! See what today is done;
Now, after gloom and sadness, Comes forth the glorious sun.
My Savior there was laid Where our bed must be made
When to the realms of light Our spirit wings its flight.
The Foe in triumph shouted When Christ lay in the tomb.
But lo, he now is routed; His boast is turned to gloom.
For Christ again is free; In glorious victory
He who is strong to save Has triumphed o'er the grave.**

This is a sight that gladdens-- What peace it does impart!
Now nothing ever saddens The joy within my heart.
No gloom shall ever shake, No foe shall ever take
The hope which God's own Son In love for me has won.

SERMON

Remember Jesus Christ: He is Risen!

2 Timothy 2:8

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel.

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APOSTLES' CREED

(Spoken in Unison)

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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. 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.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

 **HYMN**

His Battle Ended There (CW146) 4 Vs.

Ensemble will sing the Vs. 1-3 and congregation will join on the refrains and Vs. 4

His battle ended there, death was overcome. Jesus, alive again, wore the victor's crown.

Clearly sin had failed; Goodness had prevailed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dread powers of death and sin had him in their hold. When Jesus rose again all their plans were foiled. Jesus lived again, Triumphed over sin. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dead in the grave he lay, mourned by ev'ry friend. Those dark and fearful days then did reach their end. God raised him to life, Victor in the strife. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He burst the chains of sin, opened death's dark jail.

God filled him with new life, life that could not fail.

Right before their eyes Jesus did arise.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may be offered here.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken in Unison)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

CLOSING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

(Spoken by Minister)

M: 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.

ENSEMBLE

Redemption Story

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IN OUR 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.

Charles Klar, a friend of James & Cristy Meringer was diagnosed with acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML). He is under going the bone marrow transfusion next week. Please keep him in your prayers as he goes through this process.

Phyllis Beeson, friend of Shawn Novak diagnosed with cancer in Hospice care.

April Johnson, keep her in your prayers as she recovers at home.

Teresa, Linda Stern's mom is going thru aome major health issues. Please keep her in your prayers.

Carlos Arguda, cousin of Jim & Cristy Meringer, he is having major surgery on an artery in the back of his neck this week. Please keep him & his family in your prayers.

MILITARY

Major JD Larson, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirtland 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 and Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri and Lilli, USMC.

Major Nick Borns, son-in-law of Rich and Linda Kugler, logistics officer at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

Ben Weyer, serving in the military. Please pay that heavenly father keeps him safe in his journey.

Worship Volunteers	April 21	April 28	May 5
Refreshments	Easter	Laurel Bollmeier/ Connie Sauer	-
Greeters	Kennedy	Yauck	-
Church Cleaning	Pappenfuss	P. Foxen/Cornell	Plitzuweit/ Alcoba/Peterson
Counters	Sasse/Cannon	Wempner/Cornell	Wempner/Voigt
Communion Set-Up	-	-	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Steven Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steven Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck
Vistancia Ushers	Adam Beilke/ Payton Beilke/ Owen Beilke/ Zach Plitzuweit/ Tanner Plitzuweit	Steven Julian/ Al Alcoba/ Rich Kugler/ Kelly Simpson	Steven Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss

WE NEED REFRESHMENT VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SUMMER MONTHS

Can you bring refreshments one Sunday during the summer?

Please email Clara Naber at
cnaber42@gmail.com, if you can volunteer!

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April	22		No School - Easter Monday
April	22	6:30 pm	Growth Group with Gary Jeffers
April	23	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study Group
April	23	6:00 pm	Pleasant Valley HOA Meeting
April	23	6:30 pm	Board of Ed
April	24	9:15 am	Mothers Growth Group
April	24	5:00 pm	Catechism Class
April	24	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
April	24	7:00 pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
April	27	7:30 am	Growth Group with Al Alcoba
April	27	6:00 pm	Worship Service at Jomax
April	28	9:00 am	Worship Service at Jomax
April	28	9:30 am	Worship Service at Vistancia

LOOKING AHEAD INCLUDING SCHOOL

April	29	6:30 pm	Growth Group with Gary Jeffers
April	30	9:30 am	Women's Bible Study Group
May	1	9:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
May	1	5:00 pm	Catechism Class
May	1	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
May	1	7:00 pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
May	3	6:00 pm	Fiesta Night
May	4	7:30 am	Growth Group with Al Alcoba
May	4	9:00 am	Elders Meeting
May	4	6:00 pm	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
May	4	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
May	4	9:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion at Vistancia



Men's Group Top Golf

www.topgolf.com/us/glendale.com

6101 N. 99th Avenue in Glendale, Arizona

Tuesday, April 30th starting at 6:30.

All COG men are invited & children are welcomed.



ONE CHURCH...TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Fiesta Night
May 3rd at 6:00 pm

Come & enjoy music, dancing & fellowship.

There will also be:

Salsa Contest / Games / Piñatas/ Coloring Contest

And of course great food!



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

SUMMER KICK-OFF PARTY

Thursday, May 23rd from 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Location: MVC Pool



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 6:00 am (Jomax)
Sunday Worship at 9:00am (Jomax) 9:30am (Vistancia)
Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)