

Easter 2 Sunday, April 28 Full Script



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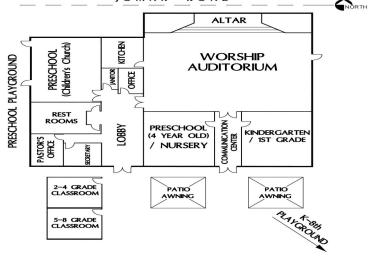
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

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, the 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





Last week, we immersed our thoughts on the price Jesus paid on the cross for our sins culminating in his glorious resurrection. Today, we focus on what's next. Our sermon text from Revelation paints a picture which exceeds all imagination of the eternal home that Jesus has won for us. Once dead, now alive forever and ever, the Son of Man triumphantly holds all power. As believers in Christ, this is what's next—eternal life in heaven..

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Service of Celebration and Reverence

OPENING HYMN

Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia (CWS719) 4 Vs.

Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise Him, alleluia.

For our Redeemer burst from the tomb, Even from death, dispelling its gloom.

Refrain: Let us sing praise to Him with endless joy;

Death's fearful sting He has come to destroy.

Our sins forgiving, Alleluia! Jesus is living, Alleluia!

For three long days the grave did its worst until its strength by God was dispersed He who gives life did death undergo; and in its conquest His might did show. [Refrain]

The angel said to them, "Do not fear! You look for Jesus who is not here See for yourselves the tomb is all bare; only the grave cloths are lying there. [Refrain]

"Go spread the news: He's not in the grave He has arisen this world to save. Jesus' redeeming labors are done even the battle with sin is won. [Refrain]

WE APPROACH GOD

(Spoken Responsively; Sung songs of response—"Triune God" and "Melodic Gloria)

- M: O Creator, to you darkness is light, and a thousand years is as a day. Before we speak, you know our thoughts.
- C: There is no place we can flee from your sight.
- M: O most holy Lord, our relationship with you requires a personal integrity we do not have. We are cut to the heart to realize that you judge every thought, word and action.
- C: We have been arrogant to challenge your laws. We have been foolish to excuse our lust for more as a basic human need. We have blamed our unhappiness on others. Our self-centeredness is the worst affliction on earth and we no longer deny it.
- M: O God of wisdom, we have wandered from your ways. We do not deserve leniency. The only thing we possess is our guilt.
- C: O Father, Son and Holy Spirit, we can speak your name only because you are the God of grace. Jesus came to be the sacrificial Lamb who has taken away the sin of the world. Because you have gathered all the lost, we plead: "Be our Shepherd."

(Sung by Congregation)

Triune God your love has found me; you have brought me to this place. And you promised you will lead me, safely home by your good grace.

Jesus sought me, a lost wanderer, cut off from the fold of God;

He to rescue me from danger, Bought me with his precious blood.

To your grace now I'm a debtor; daily I'm in need of you! Let your mercy like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to you. Prone to wander, such a sheep I am; prone to leave your shepherd's love. So I pray: "Please make me your lamb; heal me for the life above!"

M: The Triune God knows our needs. He remembers that we are dust. He gloried in doing for us what we do not deserve. Before we existed, the Father sent his one and only Son to trade places with a world of sinners. In the fullness of time, Jesus packaged his honor in humility and was born into our world. By His flawless life and innocent death, he ransomed the world from sin, Satan and damnation. The Holy Spirit raised him back to life to guarantee that we who trust these truths are God's children and heirs of heaven. Amen.

(Sung by Congregation)

Glory to the God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord.

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit in the glory of God, the Father.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

HOLY BAPTISM Carson Joseph Starr

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought this child to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ. **Carson Joseph Starr**, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

M: Brother and sisters in Christ: Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that **Carson** may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength

M: Let us pray: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life. Look with special favor on **Carson** and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Baptized in Water (CW297) 3 Vs.

Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: Heirs of salvation, Trusting his promise, Faithfully now God's Praise we sing. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Dead in the tomb with Christ our King: One with his rising, Freed and forgiven, Thankfully now God's Praise we sing. Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit, Marked with the sign of Christ our King:

PRAYER OF THE DAY (Spoken by Minister)

Born of one Father, We are his children; Joyfully now God's Praise we sing.

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON Acts 5:12,17-32

The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.¹⁷ Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸ They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹ But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰ "Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life." ²¹ At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²² But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³ "We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴ On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief

priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to. ²⁵Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." ²⁶At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them. ²⁷The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." ²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

PSALM 16 (Spoken Responsively)

M: Keep me safe, O God,

C: For in you I take refuge.

M: I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord:

C: Apart from you I have no good thing.

M: I have set the Lord always be-fore me.

C: Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

M: My heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

C: My body also will rest secure,

M: Because you will not abandon me to the grave,

C: Nor will you let your Holy One see decay.

M: You have made known to me the path of life;

C: You will fill me with joy in your presence.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister; Sung Response by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (John 20:29b)

(Sung by the Congregation)

Alleluia! Alleluia! Faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the Word of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." ²² And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." ²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." ²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." ²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." 30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹ But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns (CW341) 4 Vs.

Crown him with many crowns, The Lamb upon his throne; Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing Of him who died for thee,

And hail him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love -- Behold his hands and side,

Rich wounds, yet visible above, In beauty glorified.

No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,

But downward bends his wond'ring eye At mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, Who triumphed o'er the grave

And rose victorious in the strife For those he came to save.

His glories now we sing Who died and rose on high,

Who died eternal life to bring And lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, Enthroned in worlds above;

Crown him the King to whom is giv'n The wondrous name of Love.

Crown him with many crowns As thrones before him fall;

Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns For he is King of all.

John, To the seven churches in the province of Asia: Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. 7 "Look, he is coming with the clouds," and "every eye will see him, even those who and all peoples on earth "will mourn because of him." So shall it be! Amen. 8"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." 9 I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ On the Lord's Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, 11 which said: "Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea." 12 I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. 15 His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance. ¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

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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.

This Joyful Eastertide (CW160) 3 Vs.

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow:

Refrain:

Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain; but now is Christ arisen, Arisen, arisen; but now is Christ arisen!

Death's flood has lost its chill since Jesus crossed the river; Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver: [Refrain]

My flesh in hope shall rest and for a season slumber
Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number: [Refrain]

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

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.

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.



Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, Truly I'd serve thee, Light of my soul, my Joy, my Crown.

Fair are the meadows, Fair are the woodlands,

Robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorr'wing spirit sing.

Fair is the sunshine, Fair is the moonlight, Bright the sparkling stars on high; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, Than all the angels in the sky.

Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine!



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, had major surgery and it was successful. He still recovering at home. Thank you for all your prayers.

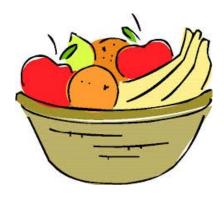
MILITARY

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 28	May 5	May 12
Refreshments	Laurel Bollmeier/ Connie Sauer	Margaret Walker/ Sheri Garver	Rachel Plitzuweit/ Maria Kelley
Greeters	Yauck	Wempner	Kugler
Church Cleaning			Cornell/Ebel
Counters	Counters Wempner/Cornell		Sasse/Brooks
Communion - Set-Up		Lynn Wempner	-
Ushers	Steven Julian/ Bill Grams/ John Kull/ Paul Pappenfuss	Bill Brooks/ Brian Ehinger/ Jake Ehinger/ Trey Ehinger/ Jon Yauck	Gary Jeffers/ Grant Stern/ John Wempner/ Kelly Simpson
Vistancia 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



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!



ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Fiesta Night May 3rd at 6:00 pm

Come & enjoy music, dancing & fellowship.

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

Ascension Worship Service

Please join us for our joint Worship Service at the Vistancia Campus! June 2nd at 9:30 am

Vistancia Campus located at:

Lake Pleasant Elementary School 31501 North Westland Road Peoria, Arizona 85383



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.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April	29	6:30 pm	Growth Group with Gary Jeffers
May	1	9:00 am	Mornings with Mommy
May	1	5:00 pm	Catechism Class
May	1	6:30 pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
May	1	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
May	2	9:30 am	COG Golden Agers Brunch
May	3	6:00 pm	Fiesta Night
May	4	9:00 am	Elders Meeting
May	4	6:00 pm	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
May	5	9:00 am	Worship Service w/Communion at Jomax
May	5	9:30 am	Worship Service w/Communion at Vistancia

LOOKING AHEAD INCLUDING SCHOOL

May	6	6:30 pm	Growth Group with Gary Jeffersl
May	8	9:15 am	Mothers Growth Group
May	8	5:00 pm	Catechism Class
May	8	6:30 pm	Growth Group with Pastor Ehlers
May	8	7:00 pm	Choir Practice
May	11	8:30 am	ALA Solo Ensemble Event
May	11	6:00 pm	Worship Service at Jomax
May	12	9:00 am	Worship Service at Jomax
May	12	9:30 am	Worship Service at Vistancia



Please join COG Golden Agers for brunch and fellowship on

Thursday, May 2nd @ 9:30 am

Held at The Five and Diner Delux, 11340 West Bell Road, #125, Surprise, AZ Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone



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Growth Groups

Here's a list of the various groups that we have active. You have the opportunity to sign up for them on our <u>website</u> or by getting in touch with the leaders of the group. Enjoy!

Men's Group

They are done meeting for now and will meet later in the year.

Women's Bible Study Group

This group is done for now and will resume in October 2019

Book Study: Is Genesis History?

Led by Gary Jeffers, this group meets on Mondays from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Mothers' Growth Group for Moms and Kids

Led by Ally Kelley and Liz Simkauskas every other Wednesday from 9:15 - 11:45 am. The moms are studying a book titled *Ladies of Legacy*, which takes a look at women from the Bible.

Book Study: The Study of World Religion

Led by Pastor John Ehlers on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. There will be a new time & date change will occur on March 4th from 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm.

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:30 am: Civil Government, Gods other Kingdom. There is a book that you can purchase thru NPH, but it is not necessary to have.



Did you know that two of our own members are performing in this play at ALA?

Congratulations to:

Caleb Patterson

&

Natalie Ebel

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOOL

June 3 - 7 9:00 am to 11:30 am



Registration is open on our website and is filling up quickly!

REGISTER TODAY!



The Befriend a Mission Program (BAM) is a specific mission arm of LWMS. This program has four specific goals:

- 1. It connects us personally with two or three specific missions and the missionaries serving them. We learn where and what the ministry is, who the missionary and his family are-their specific needs, joys, and challenges.
- 2. It asks first and foremost that we PRAY for our assigned missions. Anyone can pray—everyone should be praying. It is the most frequently mentioned "wish" that missionaries ask of us.
- 3. It also gives us opportunities to write on special occasions and send words of ENCOURAGEMENT. (Many missionaries say these notes arrive just when they are most needed--when they are feeling discouraged in the ministry or facing special challenges.)
- 4. BAM also enables us to provide for the needs and desires of the mission and missionary families by sending packages or GIFTS of money.

So, how does BAM work? The 60 circuits plus the non-circuit member congregations receive the missions to be friend for the next two years. Our circuit received the three missions listed below. Once the circuit receives the list, all congregations in that circuit take a month during the year to focus on those missions and the missionaries serving. Here at Cross of Glory we have the month of May. During the month of May, we encourage you to pray for them and if you would like you could also send them a card with words of encouragement. There will also be a card for each missionary in the entryway of church that can be signed.

Pastor John Vieths – Serving at Grace Lutheran Church in Norman, OK Address: 1601 Central Parkway, Norman, OK 73071

Rev. Steven Prahl – Serving at Foundation Lutheran Church in Peyton, CO Address: 10387 Mount Evans Drive, Peyton, CO 80831

Darren and Ruth Vogt (teachers) – Serving at East Fork Lutheran School in White River, AZ

Address: P.O. Box 489 White River, AZ 85941

Information sheets we received for each of them will be next to the cards.



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) 10:30am (Vistancia)