

Important questions for

L E N T



Who is this King?

*Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 5, 2020
Full Script*



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Sun. 9:30am Worship

Welcome to Cross of Glory's online worship! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament, and we recognize that this can happen via technology as well as in a physical building. Thank the Lord for blessing us with the means to continue worshipping together in this way! As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power fill you.

Also 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.

Giving – Please continue to give your attention to the gifts God asks you to give to support his work. During the time of the offering, an encouragement will be given to give electronically. You can do so by clicking the menu icon (3 horizontal bars) in the upper left corner, next to where it says Cross of Glory Lutheran Church. Then click the word "Giving" to go to our Vanco page. You can also give by scanning the QR code in the bulletin with your phone's camera, or by mailing a check to us at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383. Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time!



God bless our time together in worship today!



We are ending our Lenten journey we began on Ash Wednesday, a journey of repentance and prayer, of remembrance and renewal of our baptism. Lent represents about 11% of the church year—why is it we focus that much time on this subject which represents a short period of time in Jesus's life? The answer is that the focus for Lent actually spans from the Garden of Eden and culminates in the empty tomb.

In this last Sunday in Lent we ask, "**Who is this King?**". To the world, there's a lot about this King that does not make sense. He doesn't live in a opulent palace, walks by foot throughout the land talking to individuals of every class, and rides into the capital city on a donkey. What kind of King is this? Today, through the words of Isaiah, we learn he is a King like no other: a King of glory, compassion, and salvation!

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Divine Service II

OPENING HYMN

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna (CW130) 3 Vs.

Hosanna, loud hosanna, The little children sang;
Through pillared court and temple The lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them, Close folded to his breast,
The children sang their praises, The simplest and the best.
From Olivet they followed Mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving And chanting clear and loud.
The Lord of saints and angels Rode on in lowly state
Nor scorned that little children Should on his bidding wait.
"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, The Lord of heav'n, our King.
Oh, may we ever praise him With heart and life and voice
And in his royal presence Eternally rejoice.

INVOCATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

CONFESSION and ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin. For faithless worrying and selfish pride, for sins of habit and sins of choice, for the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do, you should cast me away from your presence forever. O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

M: Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

(Sung to the tune of "Ride on, Ride On in Majesty" (CW133) Vs. 1-4)

**All glory be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we glorify;
We praise you for your peace and grace, Your favor towards our fallen race.
Our grateful thanks to you we bring, For your great glory, heav'nly King,
For all, O Father, you have done Through Jesus Christ, your only Son.
O Lamb of God, to you we pray, You take all human sin away;
Have mercy, Lord; receive our prayer; From God's right hand, your mercy share.
You, Christ, are holy-Lord alone; The Father's glory you made known.
We by your Spirit sing again: "All glory be to God!" Amen.**

SALUTATION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: ⁶Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! ⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (*John 12:23*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:1-11

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and at once you will find a donkey tied there, with her colt by her. Untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, say that the Lord needs them, and he will send them right away.” ⁴This took place to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet: ⁵“Say to Daughter Zion, ‘See, your king comes to you, gentle and riding on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.’” ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had instructed them. ⁷They brought the donkey and the colt and placed their cloaks on them for Jesus to sit on. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” ¹⁰When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, “Who is this?” ¹¹The crowds answered, “This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee.”



SERMON HYMN

The King of Glory Comes (*CW363*) 4 Vs.

Refrain:

The King of glory comes, the nation rejoices.

Open the gates before him; life up your voices.

Who is the King of glory? How shall we call him?

He is Immanuel, the promised of ages. [Refrain]

In all of Galilee, in city or village,

He goes among his people, curing their illness. [Refrain]

He gave his life for us, the lamb of salvation,
He took upon himself the sin of the nations. *[Refrain]*
He conquered sin and death, he truly has risen.
And he will share with us his heavenly kingdom. *[Refrain]*

Isaiah 50:4-9

The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed. ⁵The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. ⁶I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard; I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting. ⁷Because the Sovereign LORD helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore have I set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who then will bring charges against me? Let us face each other! Who is my accuser? Let him confront me! ⁹It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

CD recordings of sermons freely supplied for study or sharing. Please request on the Friendship Card.

(Read Responsively)

M: The world claims everything evolved by accident. But what do Christians believe?

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

M: The world claims Jesus was only a noble and novel man. But what do Christians believe?

C: 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.

M: The world claims all people have an inborn, godly spirit. What do Christians believe?

C: 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.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises Robed in frail humanity
In our longing, in our darkness Now the Light of Life has come
Look to Christ, Who condescended Took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry He the perfect Son of Man
In his living, in His suff'ring Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam Come to save the hell-bound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment Of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory Grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him Praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliv'rance How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected As we will be when he comes.

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER*(Spoken by Minister)***THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH***(Spoken by Minister)***LORD'S PRAYER***(Spoken by All)*

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

Journey to the Cross

ANNOUNCEMENTS

****Please signup for Communion on Maundy Thursday On the signup in the weekly news. If you did not receive the weekly news please email Liz with your correct email to cog.secretary@crossofglory.org We are abiding by social distancing and limiting the amount of people to ten or less.

****On the 22nd we called Adam Glodowski to be our principal next year. Adam is currently serving as principal and teaching 7th-8th Grade at Trinity Lutheran in Kiel, WI. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as he deliberates.

****New to the website is a page of spiritual and educational [resources](#). Included are free Sunday School lessons for children.

**** New Secretary office hours! Elizabeth Simkauskas will be in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-2 and will also be available by phone during normal office hours as calls are forwarded. If you need to get in the office at a different time please call and let me know and I will coordinate with you. I am sorry if this is inconvenient. This is temporary as schools are closed for the rest of the school year and is subject to change.

**** Please check see web page for the most up to date information regarding Cross of Glory and the coronavirus/COVID-19.

**** Please go to Crossofglory.online.church to view our online services at the normal service times throughout the coronavirus crisis. The Sunday service will be available at 9am on Sunday morning. Holy Week services will be available as follows: Maundy Thursday at 7pm on April 9, Good Friday at 7pm on April 10, and Easter at 9am on April 12.

****We have canceled most of our Growth Groups for the moment. The Pastors will be having devotions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for you to watch and share. These will be posted to our Facebook pages. This gives an opportunity to share God's message to others that we know as well. We also have switched to Zoom video conference calls for other groups. If you would like to join one you just contact the person that is setting up the call and we will text or email you the link.

Special Opportunities for Synod-wide Worship

We want to highlight something that was announced in the latest issue of the Together newsletter (which you can find further down the newsletter).

First, President Schroeder will be addressing all WELS members in a special Palm Sunday message. You can tune in live at <https://vimeo.com/402639801> at 4pm Arizona time this Sunday.

Second, there will be a special Easter service at 4pm Arizona time on Easter Sunday. President Schroeder will lead the service, and Professor Earle Treptow, president of Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, will preach the message. The theme of the service will be "Together at the Empty Tomb." Go to <https://livestream.com/wls/live/togetherattheemptytomb> to that service at the proper time.

We encourage all our members to take part in these two special events. What an opportunity to celebrate our unity in faith even while we are forced to be physically apart!

Please note the many changes in Growth Groups as we are working on new ways to serve you during this time!

(All Groups in Red are either canceled or postponed during this time.)

Growth Groups

**Pastor Ehlers-Timely Topics,
Timeless Truths**

Thursdays at 6:30 pm
Michael Wenniger's House
Will resume after Easter.

The God who saves me
Secreta Baptism
Close Communion

The world around me
Broke to Bankrupt

**Women's Bible Study— God the
Ultimate Humanitarian**

Tuesdays at 9:30 am (Postponed)
Karen Jurado's House

**Sunday Morning Bible Class-Timely Topics,
Timeless Truths (TBA)**

Sunday at 10:30 Jomax Campus

Mom's Group- Ally Kelley-Romans
Every Wednesday 2:00pm Via Zoom

Tim Grams - The Book Galatians

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
4.15.2020-5.6.2020
Grams' House

**Pastor Freeman—
People of the Bible (Canceled)**

COG Golden Agers (Canceled for April)

Please join for brunch and fellowship on first Thursday of every month, at 9:30am. Held at The Five and Diner Delux, 11340 W Bell Road, #125, Surprise, Az. Please RSVP to Judy Sasse, email or phone, sasseja43@aol.com or 602-618-6967.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April 1st 2:00pm
 April 1st 7:00pm
 April 5th 9:00am
 April 5th 6:00pm

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
 Lenten Service (Online)
 Worship Service (Online)
 Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

April 8th 2:00pm
 April 9th 8:00am– 9:00pm
 April 9th 7:00pm
 April 10th 7:00pm
 April 12th 9:00am
 April 12th 6:00pm

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
 Communion
 Maundy Thursday Service (Online)
 Good Friday Service (Online)
 Easter Service (Online)
 Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

Jomax

Jomax Worship Volunteers	April 5th	April 12th	April 19th
Counters	Wempner	Wempner	Wempner

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX
CAMPUS - NEWS

VISTANCIA
CAMPUS - NEWS

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
 Wednesday April 8th, 2:00pm
 (Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)



Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)
 Sunday April 5th 6:00pm
 (Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

Youth Summer Opportunities

Cross of Glory's VBS Registration is now open. This years theme is Mystery Island, Tracking Down the One True God. Please Register at crossofglory.org. VBS is June 1st-5th. Be aware that we may postpone the event

A SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITY - GOOD SHEPHERD BIBLE CAMP

You may be interested in this opportunity for your kids to have some fun in a Christian summer camp in July. The camp is run by WELS congregations in California. Here is a little info about the camp:

For over 40 years, Good Shepherd Bible Camp (GSBC), has been providing the perfect blend of outdoor adventure and Christian fellowship to kids from 4th to 10th grade. It's a full week (6 nights/days) of fun in the California mountains during July. You'll experience the chance to have fun with old friends and make plenty of new ones while you apply God's word to your life.

Spend the week growing in your faith, while you also play countless games, eat amazing food, swim, canoe, become the perfect archer, sing exuberantly around a campfire, play basketball/volleyball and anything else involving a ball, run around in the infamous "gaga" pit, build forts, unleash your creative side in some arts and crafts, and of course explore God's beautiful creation through a little hiking.

If you'd like to take part in the camp, here are things to do: 1) get dates (July 12-18) on your calendar to include it in your summer plans, whether as a camper or as staff, and 2) start setting aside the funds to save up for it! Visit the new website for more information and find out why so many love GSBC: www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com.

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.

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.

Linda Stern, as she undergoes treatment for breast cancer.

Judy Sasse, as she undergoes radiation for cancer.

Glen Pedersen, the son-in-law of Don and Laurel Bollmeier, who was diagnosed with cancer.

Juanita Word, who is recovering at home after a broken leg.

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

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

MILITARY

E4 Specialist Alice Henderson, granddaughter of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at San Antonio, TX Ft. Sam Houston Army base in Medical Institute of Surgery Research: Burn Unit.

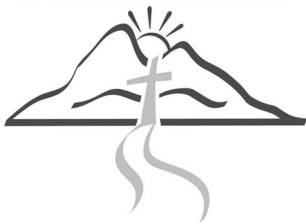
E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.

Major JD Larson, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

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

Sgt. Blake Andrew Nelsen, son of Rick & Karyn Nelsen and brother of Seri & Lilli, USMC.

Ben Weyer, serving in the military, Currently deployed to the Persian Gulf. Please pray that our Heavenly Father keeps him safe in his journey.



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 6pm (Jomax)

Sunday Worship at 9am (Jomax) 10:30am (Vistancia)

Family Bible Study 9:30am (Vistancia) Bible Study Session 10:30am (Jomax)