

**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.



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!



***About the service this evening.*** To impress on the minds and hearts of believers the awful consequences of sin and the magnitude of the Savior's sacrifice, the ancient church held a special service called ***Tenebrae***, during the last days of Holy Week. The name means "Darkness" or "Shadows".

In this adaptation of the medieval Tenebrae, we will be witnesses to the deepest sorrow of our Savior. Step after relentless step, Jesus walks the Way of Sorrows. One after another, all forsake him until ultimately he stands in the God-forsakenness of hell itself.

The extinguishing of the candles and growing darkness of the church, symbolizes the deepening sorrow. When the Lord breathes his last, the Christ Candle is extinguished, symbolizing our Lord's death and burial. The "strepitus" is heard, a hard noise indicating the closing of the tomb. Then the Christ Candle is relit in anticipation of the Lord's resurrection.

The day our Lord died is the most solemn day of the church year. Tonight we remember: God laid on him "the iniquity of us all." The service is solemn, reverent, and filled with devotion. The worshipers enter the church in silence, meditating the great sacrifice the Savior made.

As we entered the church this evening, we were all given a nail. As we hold the nail during the service, may it remind us of the burden of our sins. As we silently exit this evening (side exit), we place the nail in the cross, symbolizing that Jesus removed all our guilt and sin when he suf-

That I may die unfearing. And in its narrow chamber keep  
My body safe in peaceful sleep Until your reappearing.  
And then from death awaken me That my own eyes with joy may see,  
O Son of God, your glorious face, My Savior and my Fount of grace.  
Lord Jesus Christ, My prayer attend, my prayer attend,  
And I will praise you without end.

*The ministers exit the chancel. placing nail on the cross and dispersing quietly.*

**C: and the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together

**C: against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

M: “Let us break their chains,” they say,

**C: “and throw off their fetters.”**

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

**C: The Lord scoffs at them.**

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

**C: “I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

**C: He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**

M: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,

**C: The ends of the earth your possession.**

M: You will rule them with an iron scepter;

**C: You will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

M: Therefore, you kings, be wise;

**C: Be warned, you rulers of the earth.**

M: Serve the LORD with fear

**C: and rejoice with trembling.**

M: Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way, for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

**C: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

M: (*Antiphon*) The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One.

 **HYMN**

**Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted (CW127) 3 Vs.**

**Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, See him dying on the tree!**

**‘Tis the Christ, by man rejected, Yes, my soul, ‘tis he, ‘tis he.**

**‘Tis the long-expected Prophet, David’s Son, yet David’s Lord:**

**Proofs I see sufficient of it. ‘Tis the true and faithful Word.**

**If you think of sin but lightly Nor suppose the evil great,**

**Here you see its nature rightly, Here its guilt may estimate.**

**Mark the sacrifice appointed; See who bears the awful load**

**‘Tis the Word, the Lord’s Anointed Son of Man and Son of God.**

**Here we have a firm foundation, Here the refuge of the lost;**

**Christ’s the rock of our salvation, His the name of which we boast,**

**All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

**M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet. *Lamentations 1:6-9***

All the splendor has departed from the Daughter of Zion. Her princes are like deer that find no pasture; in weakness they have fled before the pursuer.

In the days of her affliction and wandering, Jerusalem remembers all the treasures that were hers in days of old. When her people fell into enemy hands there was no one to help her. Her enemies looked at her and laughed at her destruction.

Jerusalem has sinned greatly and so has become unclean. All who honored her despise her nakedness; she herself groans and turns away.

Her filthiness clung to her skirts; she did not consider her future. Her fall was astounding; there was none to comfort her. "Look, O LORD, on my affliction, for the enemy has triumphed."

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

**C: Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.  
All sins you carried for us, else had despair reigned o'er us:  
Have mercy on us, O Jesus!**

**M: A reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah the prophet. *Lamentations 1:10-14***

The enemy laid hands on all her treasures; she saw pagan nations enter her sanctuary—those you had forbidden to enter your assembly.

All her people groan as they search for bread; they barter their treasures for food to keep themselves alive. "Look, O LORD, and consider, for I am despised.

"Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look around and see. Is any suffering like my suffering that was inflicted on me, that the Lord brought on me in the day of his fierce anger?"

"From on high he sent fire, sent it down into my bones. He spread a net for my feet and turned me back. He made me desolate, faint all the day long.

"My sins have been bound into a yoke; by his hands they were woven together. They have come upon my neck and the Lord has sapped my strength. He has handed me over to those I cannot withstand."

M: Jerusalem, Jerusalem, return to the Lord your God!

**C: Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross did suffer,  
Ever patient and lowly, yourself to scorn did offer.**

**C: though war break out against me, even then will I be confident.**

M: One thing I ask of the LORD, this is what I seek:

**C: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.**

M: For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling;

**C: he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

M: Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me;

**C: at his tabernacle will I sacrifice with shouts of joy; I will sing and make music to the LORD.**

M: Hear my voice when I call, O LORD;

**C: be merciful to me and answer me.**

M: My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

**C: Your face, LORD, I will seek.**

M: Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper.

**C: Do not reject me or forsake me, O God my Savior.**

M: Though my father and mother forsake me,

**C: the LORD will receive me.**

M: Teach me your way, O LORD;

**C: lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors.**

M: Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes,

**C: For false witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.**

M: I am still confident of this:

**C: I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.**


M: Wait for the LORD;

**C: be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.**

M: (*Antiphon*) False witnesses rise up against me, breathing out violence.

**SOLO**

**Magnificat**

 *The fourth candle is extinguished.*

*Silence for meditation.*

**SEEK THE LORD (QUAERITE DOMINUM)**

*(Sung by Congregation—Tune CW108  
"Jesus Refuge of the Weary" 3 V.s.)*

**Seek the Lord who now is present, pray to One who is at hand.**

**Let the wicked cease from sinning, evildoers change their mind.**