



Easter 2
Sunday, April 19, 2020



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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10111 W Jomax Road,
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Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

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Sun. 9:30am Worship



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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.

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!



In the face of doubt, Christ gives us proof and peace. To the doubting disciples, he gave certain proof that led to certain peace. Through his Word and sacraments, Jesus gives the same proof to all people of all time. "Peace be with you," said our Lord. Then he sent his people forth with this message of peace based on the proof of his resurrection.

Service of Word & Sacrament

OPENING HYMN

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight (CWS756) 4 Vs.

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side Nor follow where he trod,
But in his promise we rejoice And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound
To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.

For you, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine:
Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light,
We may behold you as you are With full and endless sight.

GREETING

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

(Spoken/ Sung Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord:

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

C: *(Congregation Sings)*

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

Almighty God, merciful Father, you crown our life with your love.

You take away our sin; you comfort our spirit;

you make us pure and holy in your sight.

You did not spare your only Son, but gave him up for us all.

O Lord our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

O Son of God, eternal Word of the Father, you came to live with us,

you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.

You are the King of glory; you are the Lord!

O Lord, our Lord, how glorious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Let us pray.

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.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: ²²“Fellow Israelites, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. ²³This man was handed over to you by God’s deliberate plan and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. ²⁴But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. ²⁵David said about him: “I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. ²⁶Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest in hope, ²⁷because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead, you will not let your holy one see decay. ²⁸You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.” ²⁹“Fellow Israelites, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was bur-

ied, and his tomb is here to this day. ³⁰ But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. ³¹ Seeing what was to come, he spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, that he was not abandoned to the realm of the dead, nor did his body see decay. ³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it.

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 before 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)

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:3-9

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. ⁷ These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, ⁹ for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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 Congregation)

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

 **SERMON HYMN**

O Sons and Daughters of the King *(CW165) 6 V.s.*

**O sons and daughters of the King, Whom heav'nly hosts in glory sing,
Today the grave has lost its sting! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**That night th' apostles met in fear; Among them came their Lord most dear
And said: "Peace be unto you here." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**When Thomas afterwards had heard That Jesus had fulfilled his word,
He doubted that it were the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thomas, behold my side," said he, "My hands, my feet, my body see;
And doubt not, but believe in me." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**No longer Thomas then denied; He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Blessed are they that have not seen And yet whose faith has constant been;
In life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SERMON

He lives to give me proof and peace

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." ²⁴ Now 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.

THE NICENE CREED

(Read 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

His Mercy is More 3 Vs.

The Soloist will sing Vs. 1 and the Congregation will join for Vs. 2 & 3

*What love could remember no wrongs we have done;
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum;
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.*

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord His mercy is more Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more.**

**What patience would wait as we constantly roam,
What Father, so tender, is calling us home.
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor,
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. [Refrain]**

**What riches of kindness he lavished on us,
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more. [Refrain]**

THE OFFERING *and* OFFERING PRAYER

(Prayed by Minister)

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

(Spoken by Minister)

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken by Congregation)

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.

CLOSING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives *(CW152) 2 Vs.*

I know that my Redeemer lives; What comfort this sweet sentence gives!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead; He lives, my ever-living Head!

He lives triumphant from the grave; He lives eternally to save.

He lives all-glorious in the sky; He lives exalted there on high.

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Announcements

****Due to COVID-19, the church council has decided that it will postpone our regular April voters' meeting. The tentative plan is to hold the meeting on May 17, in the hope that President Trump lifts the federal restrictions on public gatherings which are currently set to expire at the end of April. The church and school budgets will be the main topics of discussion, as well as possible call for principal. Thank you for making this meeting a priority!

****Are you or anyone you know in need of meal delivery at this time? If so, please contact us at the office to let us know. We have a member who would like to be of help to you.

**** On Easter Monday our Lord called our member April Johnson to her eternal home in heaven. We pray that the Lord would comfort her family with the knowledge that she is now in heaven free of pain and worshipping her Lord. The family has chosen not to have a memorial service for her.

****We are adapting and have many ways to learn about our Savior. The Pastors will have Facebook devotions on Tuesday and Thursday evenings for you to watch and share. This gives an opportunity to share God's message to others that we know as well.

****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 our webpage for the most up to date information regarding Cross of Glory and the coronavirus/ COVID-19.

**** 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.

New Bible Study Opportunity

What's the biggest problem in the world? If we took a poll, I'm sure we'd hear a lot of different answers. I wonder how many people would answer by saying, "me." It's very easy to see the problems out there in the world and place blame at others' feet for all the things that go wrong. It's a rare thing when someone puts the blame at their own feet. That's sinful human nature. That's the sinful human ego. It thinks only about how to make itself look better in others' eyes.

What if things were different? What if people could quiet their egos and not worry so much about self? What if our first thoughts were always of others? That would be revolutionary. That would be world-changing. That would be... Christ-like. Join us on **Thursdays at 7:00pm, starting April 16th** as we take a look at Tim Keller's book, "The Freedom of Self-Forgetfulness." As we discuss this short booklet, we'll have a chance to analyze our own tendencies to stroke our ego. We'll also see God's solution to it all, and what that solution enables us to do.

You're encouraged to purchase and read the book for yourself (it's very short—you can finish it in one sitting). It's available for \$5 new on Amazon. You can also find copies for cheaper than that. Feel free to join in without the book, too!

You can join the Zoom meeting with the info below:

Meeting ID: 474 775 761

Password: 007970

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April 22nd 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
April 22nd 6:30pm	Growth Group Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)
April 23rd 7:00pm	Bible Study- Pastor Foxen
April 25th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Service
April 26th 9:00am	Worship Service(Online)
April 26th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

LOOKING AHEAD

April 28th 6:30pm	Board of Ed
April 29th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
April 29th 6:30pm	Growth Group Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)
April 30th 7:00pm	Bible Study- Pastor Foxen
May 2nd 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Service
May 3rd 9:00am	Worship Service(Online)
May 3rd 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX CAMPUS - NEWS

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
Wednesday April 22th, 2:00pm
(Please let Liz know if you would like to attend)

Voters Meeting
Sunday, May 17th, 10:30am



VISTANCIA CAMPUS - NEWS

Weekly Devotion (Via Zoom)
Sunday April 19th 6:00pm
(Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

Voters Meeting
Sunday, May 17th, 10:30am

Youth Summer Opportunities

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.

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.

April Johnson's Family, as they grieve the loss of her.

Linda Stern, as she undergoes treatment for breast 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.

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.

Growth Groups

Vistancia Weekly Devotion

Sundays 6:00 pm via ZOOM

(if interested in joining contact Pastor Ehlers)

Thursday Evening Bible Study

Thursdays at 7:00 pm via ZOOM

Meeting ID: 474 775 761
Password: 007970.

Pastor Ehlers-Timely Topics, Timeless Truths

Wednesday 6:30pm via ZOOM
(Will resume after Easter)

Mom's Group- Ally Kelley

Every Wednesday at 2:00 pm Via Zoom
(Please contact Liz if you want to be added to this conference)



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.