



Easter 3
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Full Script



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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 worshiping 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 worshiping with us for each service. Please let us know you are worshiping 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!



Hope Restored. The certain hope of eternal life with God is founded on the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. God had promised this ancient hope in the Garden at the dawn of time. God had carried this ancient hope in his Word through the ages. How did the disciples fail to anticipate the resurrection? How did the teachers and people of Israel fail to see the Messiah God had promised and delivered? They let their wants and cultural expectations color their view of Scripture, and hope was lost. But God restored this ancient hope by raising Jesus from the dead and pointing his people back to his promises.

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Service of Scripture and Song with Lord's Supper

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

(Speak O Lord (CWS735))

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

C: Amen.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies.

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste.

C: sweeter than honey for my mouth.

Sung by Congregation:

**Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and fashion us in your likeness
That the light of Christ might be seen today
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us All your purposes for your glory.**

M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting, and training in righteousness,

C: So that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his forgiveness.

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.

Sung by Congregation:

**Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of your purity,
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see, Your majestic love and authority.
Words of pow'r that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.**

M: God gave his Word so "That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, that by believing you may have life in his name. The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you

of your salvation. 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.

Sung by Congregation:

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; Help us grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.

And by grace we'll stand in your promises.

And by faith we'll walk as you walk with us.

Speak O Lord, as your Church is built and you fill the earth with your glory.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Spoken by Minister)

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:14a, 32-41

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “³² God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of it. ³³ Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. ³⁴ For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, “The Lord said to my Lord: “Sit at my right hand ³⁵ until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.” ³⁶ “Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Messiah.” ³⁷ When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?” ³⁸ Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. ³⁹ The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” ⁴⁰ With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” ⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

PSALM 116

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I love the LORD, for he heard my voice;

C: He heard my cry for mercy.

M: Because he turned his ear to me,

C: I will call on him as long as I live.

M: The Lord is gracious and righteous;

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

M: For you, O LORD, have delivered my soul from death,

C: My eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling.

M: How can I repay the LORD

C: For all his goodness to me?

M: I will lift up the cup of salvation

C: And call on the name of the LORD.

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 1:17-21

Since you call on a Father who judges each person's work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. ¹⁸ For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. ²⁰ He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. ²¹ Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.



SERMON HYMN

Abide with Me (CW588) 5 Vs.

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide.

The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.

When other helpers fail and comforts flee,

Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me!

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;

Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away.

Change and decay in all around I see;

O thou who changest not, abide with me!

I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.

What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?

Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

**Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

SERMON

He lives to restore my hope

Luke 24:13-35

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. ¹⁴They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. ¹⁵As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; ¹⁶but they were kept from recognizing him. ¹⁷He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. ¹⁸One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?” ¹⁹“What things?” he asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. ²⁰The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; ²¹but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. ²²In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning ²³but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. ²⁴Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.” ²⁵He said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! ²⁶Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” ²⁷And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. ²⁸As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. ²⁹But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them. ³⁰When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. ³¹Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. ³²They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?” ³³They got up and returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together ³⁴and saying, “It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.” ³⁵Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

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THE 2nd Article OF THE APOSTLE’S CREED

(Read Responsively)

M: 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.

C: 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.

M: *What does this mean?*

C: I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.



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

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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.

BLESSING AND RESPONSE

(Response Sung by Congregation)

M: We praise you, O God of heaven and earth, that you have so richly lavished us with your free love and unearned salvation, in Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord:

Sung by Congregation:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.

 **CLOSING HYMN**

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

**He lives to silence all my fears; He lives to wipe away my tears.
He lives to calm my troubled heart; He lives all blessings to impart.
He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end.
He lives, and while he lives I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

Announcements

**** Meditations have arrived, if you are interested in getting one please come Monday, Wednesday or Friday during office hours or contact Secretary for other arrangements. If needed she can mail it to you.

****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.

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)

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

ONE CHURCH....TWO LOCATIONS

JOMAX **CAMPUS - NEWS**

Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
Wednesday April 29th, 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 26th 6:00pm
(Please Contact Pastor Ehlers if you are interested in attending)

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

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

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)

LOOKING AHEAD

May 5th 6:00pm	Evangelism Meeting
May 5th 7:00pm	Elders Meeting
May 6th 2:00pm	Mom's Bible Study (Via Zoom)
May 6th 6:30pm	Growth Group Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)
May 7th 7:00pm	Bible Study– Pastor Foxen
May 9th 6:00pm	Vistancia Facebook Live Service
May 10th 9:00am	Worship Service(Online)
May 10th 6:00pm	Devotion Pastor Ehlers (Via Zoom)

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.*

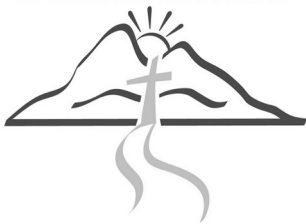
***E6 Specialist Staff Sgt. Austin Seignious**, grandson-to-be of Larry and Faye Kennedy, at El Paso, TX Ft. Bliss Army Base.*

***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.*



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