



HANDS OF PRAISE

Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 28, 2021
FULL SCRIPT



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sat. 6pm and Sun. 9am Worship

Vistancia Campus
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383
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.

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!



Palm Sunday is a day of praise! The crowds sang "Hosanna!" They praised Jesus as he rode by them into Jerusalem. Every Sunday we praise God in church in our songs and in our words. The dictionary defines praise as "express one's respect and gratitude". Given this definition, we realize that we can praise God outside the church building. We can praise God in our daily life—as we volunteer at church, raise our children in the Lord, live our lives in Jesus—using our moments and our days to show gratitude for God's praiseworthy gift of salvation!

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Service of Worship and Praise

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!

PROCESSIONAL SONG

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Video—LES Choir

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

(Read/Sung Responsively)

M: As believers in Christ we are called to repent of our sins and forgive one another. In the book of James we are told, "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for one another so that you may be healed." As one body in Christ, we unite our hearts in prayer:

C: Lord, I pray to you because I am suffering. I have cut myself off from you and others by the sin in my life. I need your forgiveness so that I may find healing for my wounded life and for the wounds I have caused others. Today in the name of Jesus I pray, forgive me; and by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew my heart. Amen.

Congregation Sings:

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

You are the Potter. I am the clay; Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.

Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.

**You are the Potter. I am the clay; Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.
Change my heart, O God, Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God, May I be like you.**

M: We take comfort and find confidence in the words of Jesus, “He sent me to announce forgiveness to the prisoners of sin, to restore sight to the blind, to bring mercy to lives shattered by sin, to announce the favor of the Lord.” God gave his only Son, Jesus, to die for our sins and rise from death to give us eternal life. We are forgiven. We live in the favor of the Lord. We live in his power, energized to tell of his peace.

C: Amen.

Congregation Sings:

**Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.
I'm so glad you're in my life; I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heaven to earth to show the way;
from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay. From the cross to the grave;
From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.
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From the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.**

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9,10

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.



HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty | CW133 4 Vs.

**Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark! all the tribes hosanna cry.
O Savior meek, pursue your road, With palms and scattered garments strowed.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
O Christ, your triumphs now begin O'er captive death and conquered sin.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest strife is nigh.
The Father on his sapphire throne Awaits his own anointed Son.
Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.**

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON

SECOND LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

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



SERMON HYMN

All Glory, Laud and Honor | *CW131 5 Vs.*

Ensemble sings Vs. 2 & 4

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
You are the King of Israel And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming, Our King and blessed one.**

*All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The company of angels Is praising you on high,
And we with all creation In chorus make reply.*

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With palms before you went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems Before you we present.**

*All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
To you before your passion They sang their hymns of praise;
To you, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.*

**All glory, laud, and honor To you, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
As you received their praises, Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing, Our good and gracious King.**

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’” They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, “Hosanna!” “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” “Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!” “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

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

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

He Will Hold Me Fast | 3 Vs.

Ensembles sings Vs. 1

*When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast;
I could never keep my hold Through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.*

Refrain:

**He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me, so He will hold me fast.**

**Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in His holy sight, He will hold me fast;
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast. [Refrain]
For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight, When he comes at last. [Refrain 2x]**

THE OFFERING AND OFFERING PRAYER

(Spoken by Minister)

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

(Sung by Congregation)

Sung by Congregation:

**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

(Spoken by Minister)

M: 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

Psalm 24—The King of Glory

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 29th-30th	Preschool Picture Day
March 29th 6:30 p.m.	Growth Group– Pastor Foxen
April 1st 10:00 a.m.	Mom's Growth Group
April 1st 6:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday w/Communion
April 2nd 11:30 a.m.	Early Dismissal– Good Friday
April 2nd 6:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 3rd 6:00 p.m.	Easter Worship Service (Jomax)
April 3rd 6:00 p.m.	Easter Worship Service (Facebook Live)
April 4th 7:00 a.m.	Easter Sunrise Service (Jomax)
April 4th 8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 4th 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Jomax)
April 4th 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Online)
April 4th 10:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast

LOOKING AHEAD

April 5th	No School– Easter Monday
April 6th 6:00 p.m.	Evangelism Meeting
April 6th 7:00 p.m.	Elders Meeting
April 8th 10:00 a.m.	Mom's Growth Group
April 8th 4:00 p.m.	Catechism Study Hall
April 8th 5:00 p.m.	Catechism
April 8th 6:30 p.m.	BIC Class– Pastor Foxen
April 10th 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax)
April 10th 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live)
April 11th 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/Communion (Jomax Only)
April 11th 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Online)
April 11th 10:30 a.m.	Sunday School

Sunday School

We are getting ready to start Sunday school April 11. Please sign up or let Pastor know if you plan to send your children and/or if you are interested in teaching.

LWMS Spring Rally at Cross of Glory

The LWMS Grand Canyon West Circuit Spring Rally will be held at Cross of Glory on Saturday, April 17, beginning at 9:00 a.m. with an opening devotion. You may attend in person or online.

The guest speaker for the rally will be Pastor Jonathan Leach, who serves as the chairman of the East Asia Administrative Committee. Administrative committees oversee the various mission fields of our synod. The committee members visit the mission fields to help them in their work of overseeing things. The circuit board is recommending that mission fund donations and the freewill offering be sent to the Asia Lutheran Seminary. If you plan to attend in person, the rally will be done by 12:30. No lunch will be served, but you may bring a sack lunch if you desire. To register and for more information, see link in weekly news, or pick up a form at church in person.

Call News

Pastor Ehlers has received a call to serve two congregations in Michigan, St, John in Clare and Faith in Harrison. Please keep Pastor Ehlers and Susan as well as Cross of Glory, St John, and Faith congregations in your prayers. May God bless all involved during this time of deliberation.

Private Communion

During this time, many have been watching our worship services online. We're glad we have this capability so that people can worship the way they are most comfortable. Unfortunately, people who watch online do not have the opportunity to receive the Lord's Supper. If any would like to receive Communion in the home, please contact the office or one of the pastors, and one of them will happily set up a time to visit you so you can partake of this sacrament.

Finance Manager Position

We are receiving applications for a finance manager. The deadline for applications has been extended. If you're interested in the position, you can get a full description from the office. Applications can be picked up at the office.

This position requires proficiency in MS Office and accounting software such as QuickBooks. The responsibilities include church/school accounting and billing; providing monthly reports for the treasurer, pastors and principal; and ability to learn new programs such as TADS and Realm. This person will be working directly with the treasurer to make sure all financial activity is organized and searchable.

Classroom Assistant Position

We are looking for a part-time assistant for our third- and fourth-grade classroom. This is a paid position. The days are Tuesday through Friday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please request an application from the secretary and direct questions to Pastor Foxen.

Church Cleaners

Cross of Glory is in need of a few more church cleaners for the rotation. If you are able to help, please contact Liz to add you to the rotation. If we have enough people, the rotation is once every two months. Contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	March 28th	April 1st	April 2nd	April 4th 7:00am	April 4th 9:00am
Counters	Wempner/ Schirripa				Wempner/ Cornell
Cleaners	Ebel/ Koutia				Patterson/ Pappenfuss
Communion Setup	-	Shannon Gullerud	-	-	-
Ushers	Cody Hall Levi Foxen Tanner Plitzuweit	John Kull Bill Grams Paul Pappenfuss	Verl Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson	Gary Jeffers John Wempner Aaron Gullerud	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger

Shine Like Stars

Cross of Glory Outdoor Talent Show

Friday, April 16, 2021

5:30 Food Trucks

6-8pm Live Show



*Come early to buy supper
from a food truck.*



*Bring camp chairs
for comfy seating.*



*We still need performers!
Scan to sign up before
April 12.*



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church
at New River, Kiwanis Park
48606 N 17th Ave, New River, AZ

New River Outreach Opportunity

Sunday, April 18

9:30 Am Worship in Kiwanis Club House

Picnic to follow

Hamburgers, hot dogs, games for all ages, playground, softball

Please consider this opportunity to worship in New River and support the outreach efforts of the Evangelism Committee. We are hoping to gauge interest for worship in New River and Desert Hills.

Let us know via the sign-up genius or at 623-224-8839 if you are able to attend so we can plan accordingly for food.



Vistancia News

The Cornerstone kick-off event on February 27 was a success, and we had 11 people attend. We look forward to offering it again after Easter as six one-hour sessions. Learn more by visiting the link in the weekly news.

We are worshipping at my home in Vistancia in person and via Zoom at 9:30 a.m. The address is: 12786 W Burnside Trl, Peoria, AZ 85383.

To God be praise and glory!
Pastor John Ehlers

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.

Anna Burke, Grandmother of Delia Akao as she battles advanced Liver cirrhosis. Bring comfort and strength to her and her daughter caring for her.

Karen Juardo, as she recovers at home after her recent hospitalization.

Michelle Zane, who underwent successful knee replacement revision on February 23 and is now at home recovering.

Judy Sasse, as she recovers from a broken wrist and stitches on her face from a fall.

Juanita Word, who is recovering at home after a fall.

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.

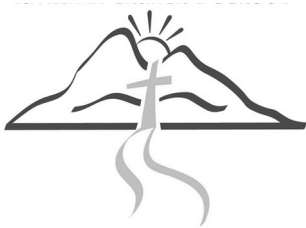
Major JD Larson, son of John & Chi Larson, based at Kirkland AFB in New Mexico.

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

Merl Meitner, who served Cross of Glory Lutheran School as a one-year emergency teacher (after his retirement from the teaching ministry), unexpectedly died on Friday, March 5. A service of Christian funeral will be held on June 26, 2021, in Chetek, WI, officiated by Pastor Jeff Seelow of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Rice Lake, WI. All memorials are to be directed to West Lutheran High School, 3350 Harbor Ln N, Plymouth, MN 55447. All sympathy cards can be mailed to Cinda at 3020 East Main, Mesa, AZ 85213.



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.