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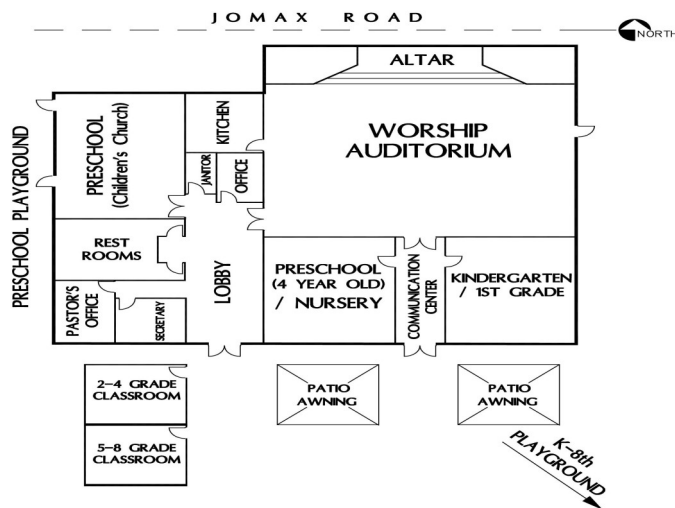
Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby
- Nursery (at the room rear of the worship auditorium) for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian.

Special needs:

- Large print bulletin available from usher
- Seats with armrests available



The three holy days of Christendom continues on Good Friday with a service that focuses our attention on the words Christ spoke while on the cross. In these words we see the depth of our Savior's suffering as well as the depth of his love for us.

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 on the great sacrifice the Savior made.

As we silently exit this evening (*side exit*), you are invited to take a nail and place it on the cross, symbolizing that Jesus removed all our guilt and sin when he suffered and died on the cross.

EASTER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Easter Festival Service Sat. April 3rd 6pm & Sun. April 4th 9am
Easter Sunrise Sun. April 4th 7am



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GOOD FRIDAY



Service of Seven Words

(Ministers enter sanctuary in silence)

BELL TOLL

(Rung seven times for each word Christ spoke from the cross)

 **OPENING HYMN**

To See the King of Heaven Fall | 3 Vs.

Ensemble sings Vs. 2

To see the King of heaven fall In anguish to His knees,
The Light and Hope of all the world Now overwhelmed with grief.
What nameless horrors must He see, To cry out in the garden:
Oh, take this cup away from me Yet not my will but Yours,
Yet not my will but Yours.

*To know each friend will fall away, And heaven's voice be still,
For hell to have its vengeful day Upon Golgotha's hill.
No words describe the Savior's plight – To be by God forsaken
Till wrath and love are satisfied And every sin is paid And every sin is paid.*

What took Him to this wretched place, What kept Him on this road?
His love for Adam's cursed race, For every broken soul.
No sin too slight to overlook, No crime too great to carry,
All mingled in this poisoned cup, And yet He drank it all,
The Savior drank it all, The Savior drank it all.

LESSON

Isaiah 53

M: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

C: He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

M: He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

C: Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

M: But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

C: We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

M: He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.

C: By oppression and judgment he was taken away. Yet who of his generation protested? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished.

M: He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth.

C: Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the Lord makes his life an offering for sin, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

M: After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities.

C: Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

PRAYER FOR GOOD FRIDAY

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Let us pray.

God Most Holy, look with mercy on this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, be given over into the hands of the wicked, and suffer death upon the cross. Keep us always faithful to him, our only Savior, who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

HYMN

Were You There | CW 119 2 Vs.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?



“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”

As the soldiers led him away, they seized Simon from Cyrene, who was on his way in from the country, and put the cross on him and made him carry it behind Jesus. ²⁷ A large number of people followed him, including women who mourned and wailed for him. ²⁸ Jesus turned and said to them, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹ For the time will come when you will say, ‘Blessed are the childless women, the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ ³⁰ Then “they will say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us!’” and to the hills, “Cover us!” ³¹ For if people do these things when the tree is green, what will happen when it is dry?” ³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, **“Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”** And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.



A candle is extinguished.

M: Jesus, in your dying woes, Even while your lifeblood flows, Craving pardon for your foes;

C: Hear us, holy Jesus!

Silence for meditation.

CHORAL GROUP

Meditation at the Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died.

My richest gain I count but lost and pour contempt on all my pride.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!

Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Where the whole realm of nature mine, that were a tribute far too small;

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all, my life, my all!



“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS. ³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence?” ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man

has done nothing wrong.”⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”⁴³ Jesus answered him, **“Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”**



A candle is extinguished.

M: Jesus, pitying the sighs Of the thief who near you dies, Promising him paradise;

C: Hear us, holy Jesus!

Silence for meditation.

ENSEMBLE

O The Blood

O the blood; crimson love; price of life's demand. Shameful sin; placed on him; the hope of every man.

O the blood of Jesus washes me. The blood of Jesus shed for me.

What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes the blood it is my victory!

Savior Son! Holy One! Slain so I can live ,

See the Lamb ;The great I Am; Who takes away my sin.

O the blood of Jesus washes me. The blood of Jesus shed for me.

What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes the blood it is my victory!

O the blood of the Lamb O the blood of the Lamb

O the blood of the Lamb; the precious blood of the Lamb.

What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes the blood it is my victory

O what love; no greater love; Grace, how can it be?

That in my sin; yes, even then he shed his blood for me.

O the blood of Jesus washes me. The blood of Jesus shed for me.

What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes the blood it is my victory!

What a sacrifice that saved my life. Yes the blood it is my victory!

Thank you for your blood! Come on, thank Him! O Thank him!

Thank you for your blood. Thank you for your blood. Thank you Lord! Thank you!

THE THIRD WORD



John 19:25-27

“Woman, here is your son.” “Here is your mother.”

Near the cross of Jesus stood his mother, his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.²⁶ When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to her, **“Woman, here is your son,”**²⁷ and to the disciple, **“Here is your mother.”** From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.



A candle is extinguished.

M: Jesus, loving to the end Her whose heart your sorrows rend, And your dearest human friend:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus!

Silence for meditation.

ENSEMBLE

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

“Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand, And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am; For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me, “Come.”

Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won.

*Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own—
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, Now one through grace alone.*

How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved?

Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus— The path before the crown—

We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride;

Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives.”

THE FOURTH WORD



Matthew 27:45-49

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

From noon until three in the afternoon darkness came over all the land. ⁴⁶ About three in the afternoon Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “*Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?*” (which means “**My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?**”). ⁴⁷ When some of those standing there heard this, they said, “He’s calling Elijah.” ⁴⁸ Immediately one of them ran and got a sponge. He filled it with wine vinegar, put it on a staff, and offered it to Jesus to drink. ⁴⁹ The rest said, “Now leave him alone. Let’s see if Elijah comes to save him.”



A candle is extinguished.

M: Jesus, plunged in depths unknown With our evil foe alone, While no light from heav’n is shown:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus!

Silence for meditation.

Cantor sings Verses and 1st Refrain; Congregation sings Refrain 2-4

*Refrain:***My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?****Why have you forsaken me?***All who see me scoff at me and they shake their heads,**Saying, "He relies on the Lord, he relies on the Lord, let him deliver him." [Refrain]**They divide my clothing, casting lots for my robes,**Do not leave me alone, I will praise you, O Lord, make hast to help me. [Refrain]**I will tell to my people, I will call out your name,**Oh give praise to the Lord, Oh give glory to God, Revere him, Israel. [Refrain]***THE FIFTH WORD***John 19:28,29***"I am thirsty."**

Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "**I am thirsty.**"²⁹ A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips.

*A candle is extinguished.*

M: Jesus, in your thirst and pain, While your wounds and lifeblood drain, Thus fulfilling Scripture's plan:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus!*Silence for meditation.***CHORAL GROUP****Deep Were His Wounds***Deep were his wounds, and red, on cruel Calvary, as on the cross he bled in bitter agony.**But they whom sin has wounded sore find healing in the wounds he bore.**He suffered shame and scorn and wretched, dire disgrace; forsaken and forlorn,**he hung there in our place, but all who would from sin be free look to the cross for victory.**His life, his all he gave when he was crucified; our burdened souls to save, what fearful death he died!**But each of us, though dead in sin, through Christ eternal life did win.**But each of us through dead in sin through Christ eternal life did win.***Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison, (Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy).*



"It is Finished!"

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "**It is finished.**" With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



A candle is extinguished.

M: Jesus, all our ransom paid, All your Father's will obeyed, By your suff'rings perfect made:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus!

Silence for meditation.

HYMN

Lamb of God | CWS748 3 Vs.

Your Only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain:

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!

O wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love they crucified, they laughed and scorned him as he died.

The humble King they named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. *[Refrain]*

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side

To be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. *[Refrain]*



"Father, into your hands I commit my spirit."

When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left.³⁴ Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots. ³⁵The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One." ³⁶The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, "If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself." ³⁸There was a written notice above him, which read: this is the king of the jews. ³⁹One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: "Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal rebuked him. "Don't you fear God," he said, "since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong."⁴² Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³Jesus answered

him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”⁴⁴ It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon,⁴⁵ for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two.⁴⁶ Jesus called out with a loud voice, “**Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.**” When he had said this, he breathed his last.



A candle is extinguished.

M: Jesus, all your labor vast, All your woe and conflict past, Yielding up your soul at last:

C: Hear us, holy Jesus!

Silence for meditation

ENSEMBLE

The Power of the Cross

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.

Tried by sinful men, Torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

Refrain:

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;

Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain Written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin.

Ev'ry bitter thought, Ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow. [Refrain]

Oh, to see my name Written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free.

Death is crushed to death; Life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.

What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

THE STREPITUS

BIDDING PRAYER

(Spoken responsively between Pastors and Congregation)

L: Let us pray for the whole Church, that our gracious Father would defend her from the devil and keep her faithful to her Lord.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have revealed your saving name to the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Protect us from the assaults of the evil one, and help us remain faithful to your Word so that in every adversity we may stand firm in our faith and give ourselves fully to our Savior's work, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who serve in the public ministry and for all people of God.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you rule over all things for the good of your people. Preserve us from divisive spirits and false teachers. Give your servants the grace to proclaim

Christ joyfully in word and deed so that all who hear them may come to know their Savior better and be strengthened for their lives of service, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who are being instructed in the Word, that they remain firm in the simple faith of Baptism.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you make us your own dear children by the washing of rebirth and renewal in the Holy Spirit. Give strength to all who are buried with Christ in Baptism, that each day they may die to sin and rise again to live new and holy lives, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for our earthly government, our rulers, and all who are in authority.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you have established earthly government to keep a measure of order in this dying world and to protect us from the disorder of sin. Give to all rulers the wisdom to govern well and to all citizens the desire to obey them, so that we may live peaceful lives in all godliness and holiness, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray that our gracious Father would protect us and our communities from the many earthly calamities that threaten us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, on all sides we are surrounded by danger from wars and famine, from disease and pestilence, with the devil begrudging us every minute of our lives. Protect us from all these miseries so that your name may still be glorified in them and so that we may safely pass through them to your heavenly kingdom, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for those who are outside the Church, that they may come to know the one true God and Jesus Christ whom he has sent.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, your Son was lifted up on the cross so that he might draw all people to himself. Through the proclamation of your Word, mercifully gather from the nations a people that are your very own, that we may join together around your throne in glory to praise and thank you forever, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for our enemies and for all those who hate us.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, no one can harm us without grieving you, whose name we bear. We ask that you would change the hearts of those who work against us and who hate us without reason. Give them repentance and faith so that they may be glad with us and find joy in your love, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Let us pray for all who suffer under cross and trial.

M: Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your Son into the world to bear our griefs and to carry our sorrows. Help those who are suffering for your name's sake and who are struggling against temptation, that they may not be overwhelmed with sadness but find relief in your grace, through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: Finally, let us pray for all those things for which our Lord would have us ask in the words he himself has taught us.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Spoken in Unison)

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.

DUET

Lord, Let at Last Your Angels Come

*Lord, let at last your angels come, To Abram's bosom bear me home,
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! Amen.*

The ministers exit the chancel.

***The congregation may remain for prayer and meditation before placing nail
on the cross and dispersing quietly.***

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.