

Ash Wednesday

March 2, 2022

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Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

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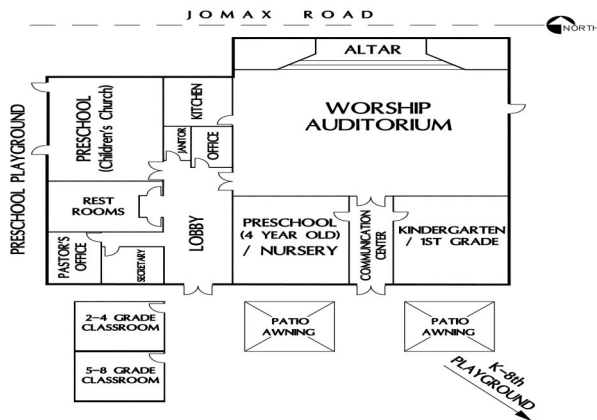
Peoria, AZ 85383

Sun. 9:30am Worship

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 for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian



The overall theme for the 2022 Lenten sermons is **“The Crucial Hours.”** The series ponders key words and moments from the account of Jesus' passion that demonstrate the thorough completeness of his saving work for us, the breadth and depth of his love for us, and the strength of his union with us.

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The Crucial Hours

Opening Hymn

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth | CWH422 2 Vs.



1 A Lamb goes un - com - plain - ing forth, our guilt and
2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, the Lamb of



e - vil bear - ing and, lad - en with the sins of earth,
God, our Sav - ior; him God the Fa - ther chose to send



none else the bur - den shar - ing, goes pa - tient on,
to gain for us his fa - vor. "Go forth, my Son,"



grows weak and faint, to slaugh - ter led with - out com - plaint,
the Fa - ther said, "and free my chil - dren from their dread



that spot - less life to of - fer; bears shame and stripes
of guilt and con - dem - na - tion. The wrath and stripes



and wounds and death, an - guish and mock - er - y and saith,
are hard to bear, but by your pas - sion they will share



"Will - ing all this I suf - fer."
the fruit of your sal - va - tion."

Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,

C: **we have sinned against you,
in our thoughts, in our words, in our deeds,
and in all that we have not done.**

Forgive us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Deliver and restore us, that we may rest in peace.

M: By the mercy of God we are redeemed by Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. Let us rest in his peace until the rising of the sun, when we shall serve him in newness of life.

C: Amen.

I Waited, Waited for the LORD

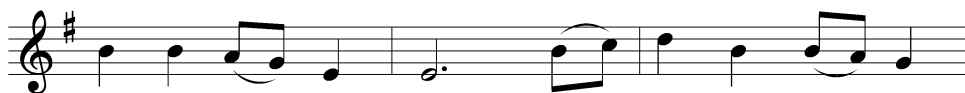
Psalm 40B Vs. 1, 3 & 4



1 I wait - ed, wait - ed for the LORD; he turned and
3 If on - ly I could tell your deeds, but who can
4 I tell your gath - ered peo - ple, LORD, what mer - cy



heard my plea. And from the pit, the mire, and clay, he
count them all? You did not ask for sac - ri - fice, but
you be - stow, nor do I ev - er seal my lips, as



fi - n'ly lift - ed me. High on a cliff he
ears to hear your call. Since of - f'ings you did
you, my LORD, well know. I do not hide with -



set my feet, gave me a base to stand, a new song
not re - quire, I stat - ed, on my part: "I come to
in my heart your ho - ly right - eous - ness, but speak a -



put up - on my lips to make his prais - es grand.
do your will, my God; your law is in my heart."
loud your sav - ing help, your per - fect faith - ful - ness.

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Psalm Prayer

M: Lord Jesus, when the difficulties of life become more than we can bear and we find ourselves sinking into despair, put our feet back on the rock of your righteousness. You obeyed your Father's will on our behalf. When Satan would lead us to despair, give us confidence to cry, "My Savior lived and died for me!" In his name we pray.

C: Amen.

Passion History Reading

Sermon Hymn

The Garden of Gethsemane | CWH424 4 Vs.
Soloist sings Vs. 1- 2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-4

*The Garden of Gethsemane— they'd often gathered there,
the Christ and his disciple friends, the sheep beneath his care.
But when the Shepherd needed them— "Come, watch and pray with me"—
their heavy hearts and eyes prevailed in dark Gethsemane.*

*Gethsemane's serenity, so pleasant in the past,
was shattered by a piercing cry. Our Savior stood aghast—
to see the curse inside the cup, to sense what soon would be
unleashed against his sinless soul beyond Gethsemane.*

Congregation joins:



3 Geth - sem - a - ne's in - ten - si - ty, re - vealed in blood - like
4 Geth - sem - a - ne's im - men - si - ty can still be seen to -

sweat, led Christ to pray, for he would pay sin's
day. The Fa - ther's will was crys - tal clear: "There
aw - ful, crush - ing debt. "My Fa - ther, find an -
is no oth - er way! Move on, my Son; your
oth - er way to set the sin - ner free. Your
death a - lone can save hu - man - i - ty." So,
will, not mine, be done," he said in sad Geth-sem-a - ne.
bound and des - tined for the cross, Christ left Geth-sem-a - ne.

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Sermon

The Crucial Hours: "They Bound Him"

John 18:12

Then the detachment of soldiers with its commander
and the Jewish officials arrested Jesus. They bound him.

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)

Lord's Prayer

(Prayed in Unison)

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.

The Sacrament

Preface

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Words of Institution

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. ~

Distribution of Sacrament

*We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord's Table. It is not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

Distribution Hymn

Christ, the Life of All the Living | CWH 396

**Christ, the life of all the living, Christ, the death of death, our foe,
who, thyself for me once giving to the darkest depths of woe:
through thy sufferings, death, and merit I eternal life inherit.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.**

Thou, ah! Thou hast taken on thee bonds and stripes, a cruel rod;
pain and scorn were heaped upon thee, O thou sinless Son of God!
Thus didst thou my soul deliver from the bonds of sin forever.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast borne the smiting only that my wounds might all be whole;
thou hast suffered, sad and lonely, rest to give my weary soul;
yea, the curse of God enduring, blessing unto me securing.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Heartless scoffers did surround thee, treating thee with cruel scorn,
and with piercing thorns they crowned thee. All disgrace thou, Lord, hast borne
that as thine thou mightest own me and with heav'nly glory crown me.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered men to bruise thee that from pain I might be free;
falsely did thy foes accuse thee: thence I gain security.
Comfortless thy soul did languish me to comfort in my anguish.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Thou hast suffered great affliction and hast borne it patiently,
even death by crucifixion, fully to atone for me.
Thou didst choose to be tormented that my doom should be prevented.
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be, dearest Jesus, unto thee.

Then, for all that wrought my pardon, for thy sorrows deep and sore,
for thine anguish in the garden, I will thank thee evermore,
thank thee for thy groaning, sighing, for thy bleeding and thy dying,
for that last triumphant cry and shall praise thee, Lord, on high.

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Blessing

M: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us.

C: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Closing Hymn

A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining Forth | CWH 422 Vs. 4



4 From morn till eve, in all I do, I'll praise you,
Christ, my trea - sure. To sac - ri - fice my - self for you
shall be my aim and plea - sure. My stream of life
shall ev - er be a cur - rent flow - ing cease - less - ly,
your con - stant praise out - pour - ing. I'll trea - sure in
my mem - o - ry, O Lord, all you have done for me,
your gra - cious love a - dor - ing.

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Jomax Worship Volunteers	February 27th	March 6th	March 13th
Counters	Moline/ Wempner	Moline/ Voigt	Moline/ Cornell
Cleaners	Kelley/ Grams	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Kelley/ Grams
Communion Set- up	-	Liz Simkauskas	-
Ushers	Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Rene Koutia	Connie Sauer Clara Naber
A/V	Titus Patterson Chris Patterson	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia	Levi Foxen Pedro Contreras

Offerings

We have now returned to collecting offerings during the service. Offerings can also be made online by visiting crossofglory.org in your browser, clicking on the menu on the upper right corner (3 horizontal lines) and selecting “**Giving**” from the menu. You can also scan the QR code with your phone’s camera. This will take you directly to the offering page. In addition, you may also mail your offerings to Cross of Glory at 10111 W Jomax Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.



Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

Lord, I am not worthy to be a guest at your holy table. But you are the friend of sinners, and you will not cast me out. This bread is your body, which bore my sins upon the tree. This wine is your blood, which purifies me from all guilt. At your invitation, I come rejoicing. Receive me, my Savior.

After Communing

Thank you, Lord Jesus Christ, for nourishing me in this sacrament with your body and blood. You have given me forgiveness, life, and salvation. Let me always remain in you as a branch remains in the vine. Send me out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory.

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 2, 6:00 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Soup Supper/Service
March 2, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 2, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
March 4, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 6, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
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March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 6, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
March 6, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 7, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
March 7, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

March 8, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 9, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
March 9, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 9, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 10, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
March 10, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Life Coaching Group
March 11, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
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March 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
March 13, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 14, 6:00 p.m.	Growth Group with Tim Grams
March 14, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

Soup Supper/ Lenten Service

We are going to have a soup supper prior to our Lenten Services. Please let us know by signing up online if you are able to bring something to pass.

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.

Gerry Ehlers, the brother of Pastor Ehlers, who was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and is undergoing treatments.

Pat Powell, as she recovers from back issues.

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.