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OUR TEMPTATION IS
CRUSHED BY CHRIST'S
OBEDIENCE

Lent 1

Sunday, March 6, 2022



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Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Meeting in

Lake Pleasant Elementary School

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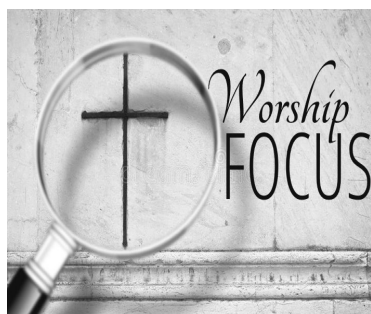
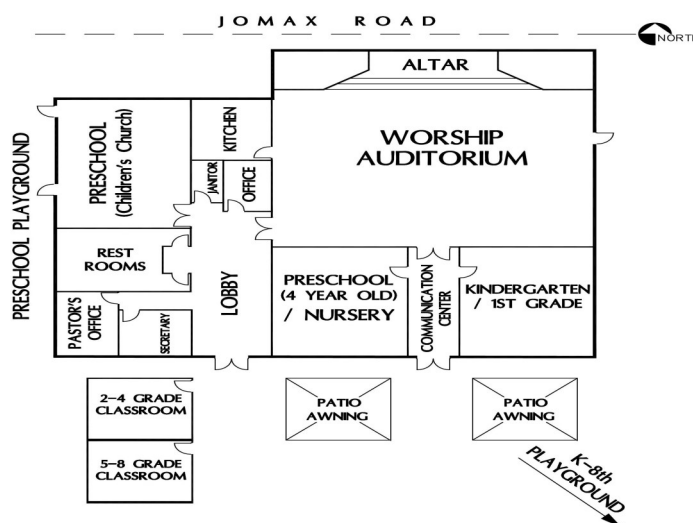
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Sun. 9:30am Worship

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.
- We invite children (*ages 3 to 4th grade*) to take part in our “**Children in Church**” program. Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. So, for the beginning and end of the service, we encourage parents to guide their children through the service. At the indicated time, children can come forward to hear a special children's message at the feet of the pastor. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!



Our Sunday services during Lent this year will focus on the word, “**Crushed**”. When someone is devastated or defeated or despondent we speak of him being “crushed.” It could be due to some agonizing loss or unrealized dreams. It could be due to carrying a crushingly heavy load of guilt over some past mistake. In a broken world, it is simply a matter of time before we feel crushed. This is why we need Lent. The word Lent comes from an Old English word for Spring: “lengthen,” when the days grow longer.

For 1400 years the Church has set aside the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter as a time of repentance and renewal. Believers humbly acknowledge that sin is the ultimate source of all the crushing moments in life. Our sin even crushed Christ. Yet, on Easter Sunday, Jesus took up his life again. Our Savior crushed both death and the serpent's head. Yes, Lent is a solemn season. But it is also a season of great hope. With the psalmist we say, “The Lord saves those who are crushed in spirit.”

This Sunday our theme is “**Our Temptation is CRUSHED by Christ's Obedience**”. It was a custom known as “battle by champion.” Two opposing armies would each send out their best warrior to fight each other. That is what we see this week. The demons send their champion: Satan. Humanity's best warrior, Jesus Christ, steps forward to meet him. In this fight he does not use his divine power. He uses the same weapon we have, God's Word. Because Christ fought the battle against Satan as one of us, he won that battle for all of us. Jesus is our perfect substitute. Even as the devil still seethes in rage against us, we can face him and his temptations unafraid, confident that our champion has already won the victory.

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Service of the Word and Lord's Supper

Opening Hymn

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | CWH 863 4 Vs.



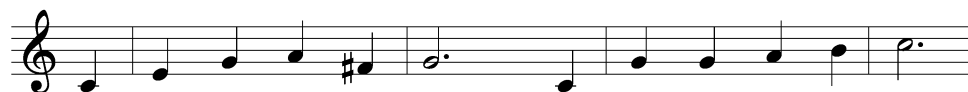
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a trust - y
 2 With might of ours can naught be done, soon were our
 3 Though dev - ils all the world should fill, all ea - ger
 4 The Word they still shall let re - main nor an - y



shield and weap - on; he helps us free from ev - 'ry
 loss ef - fect - ed; but for us fights the val - iant
 to de - vour us, we trem - ble not, we fear no
 thanks have for it; he's by our side up - on the



need that has us now o'er - tak - en.
 one whom God him - self e - lect - ed.
 ill; they shall not o - ver - pow'r us.
 plain with his good gifts and Spir - it.



The an - cient e - vil foe now means to work us woe;
 You ask who this may be? Christ Je - sus, it is he,
 The prince of dark - ness still may scowl fierce as he will,
 And should they take our life, goods, hon - or, child, and wife,



deep guile and aw - ful might are his dread arms in
 the Lord of hosts his name, from age to age the
 his rag - ing harms us none. He's judged; the deed is
 though all of these be gone, our vic - to - ry is



fight; on earth is not his e - qual.
 same, he holds the field for - ev - er.
 done; one lit - tle word can fell him.
 won; the king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Grace and peace to you from God our Father, and his Son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Sung by Congregation)

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Congregation Sings:

**Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.
Your Word, O Lord, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens, your faithfulness continues forever. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed are they who take refuge in him.**

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Mighty God and Father, our Lord Jesus walked into the wilderness to face the devil's temptations, but he did not succumb to Satan's lies or falter in his resolve to save the world from the prison of hell. Bolster our faith by his mighty victory that we may battle against the forces of evil with courage and confidence; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

1 Samuel 17:4–11,32–40,45–49

Against a powerful enemy an unlikely champion emerged. David's victory over Goliath is as much a spiritual victory as a military one, for it teaches us the battle is the Lord's.

⁴A champion named Goliath, who was from Gath, came out of the Philistine camp. His height was six cubits and a span. ⁵He had a bronze helmet on his head and wore a coat of scale armor of bronze weighing five thousand shekels; ⁶on his legs he wore bronze greaves, and a bronze javelin was slung on his back. ⁷His spear shaft was like a weaver's rod, and its iron point weighed six hundred shekels. His shield bearer went ahead of him.

⁸Goliath stood and shouted to the ranks of Israel, “Why do you come out and line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not the servants of Saul? Choose a man and have him come down to me. ⁹If he is able to fight and kill me, we will become your subjects; but if I overcome him and kill him, you will become our subjects and serve us.” ¹⁰Then the Philistine said, “This day I defy the armies of Israel! Give me a man and let us fight each other.” ¹¹On hearing the Philistine’s words, Saul and all the Israelites were dismayed and terrified.

³²David said to Saul, “Let no one lose heart on account of this Philistine; your servant will go and fight him.”

³³Saul replied, “You are not able to go out against this Philistine and fight him; you are only a young man, and he has been a warrior from his youth.”

³⁴But David said to Saul, “Your servant has been keeping his father’s sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, ³⁵I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me, I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. ³⁶Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. ³⁷The LORD who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine.”

Saul said to David, “Go, and the LORD be with you.”

³⁸Then Saul dressed David in his own tunic. He put a coat of armor on him and a bronze helmet on his head. ³⁹David fastened on his sword over the tunic and tried walking around, because he was not used to them.

“I cannot go in these,” he said to Saul, “because I am not used to them.” So he took them off. ⁴⁰Then he took his staff in his hand, chose five smooth stones from the stream, put them in the pouch of his shepherd’s bag and, with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine.

⁴⁵David said to the Philistine, “You come against me with sword and spear and javelin, but I come against you in the name of the LORD Almighty, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. ⁴⁶This day the LORD will deliver you into my hands, and I’ll strike you down and cut off your head. This very day I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds and the wild animals, and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel. ⁴⁷All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD’s, and he will give all of you into our hands.”

⁴⁸As the Philistine moved closer to attack him, David ran quickly toward the battle line to meet him. ⁴⁹Reaching into his bag and taking out a stone, he slung it and struck the Philistine on the forehead. The stone sank into his forehead, and he fell facedown on the ground.

Psalm 91

(Spoken Responsively)

M: He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C: will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

M: I will say of the Lord

C: “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

M: You will not fear the terror of the night,

C: nor the arrow that flies by day.

M: If you make the Most High your dwelling,

C: then no harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent.

M: For he will command his angels concerning you

C: to guard you in all your ways;

M: They will lift you up in their hands.

C: So that you will not strike your foot against a stone.

The Children's Sermon

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

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only." (*Matthew 4:10b*)

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

*Weak and in the wilderness, Jesus faces Satan's temptations.
He overcomes them, winning the victory for us.*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

³The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

⁴Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

⁵The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.

⁶And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. ⁷If you worship me, it will all be yours."

⁸Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"

⁹The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. ¹⁰For it is written:

" 'He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;

¹¹they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

¹²Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.



1 Since our great High Priest, Christ Je - sus, bears the name a -
 2 Since we have a priest who suf - fered, know - ing weak - ness,
 3 Sac - ri - fice and suf - f'ring o - ver, now he sits at



bove all names, reign - ing Son of God, sur - pass - ing
 tears, and pain, who like us was tried and tempt - ed,
 God's right hand, crowned with praise, no more an out - cast,



oth - er ti - tles, pow'rs and claims— since to heav'n our
 un - like us, with - out a stain— since he shared our
 his pre - em - i - nence long-planned; such a great High



Lord has passed, let us hold our wit - ness fast!
 low - ly place, let us bold - ly seek his grace.
 Priest we have, strong to help, su - preme to save.

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Sermon

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Hebrews 4:14–16

Our Temptation Is Crushed by Christ's Obedience

¹⁴Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. ¹⁶Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**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 truly 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

The Garden of Gethsemane CWH 424 | 5 Vs.

Soloist sings Vs. 1-2 ; Congregation joins for Vs. 3-5

*¹The 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.*

*² 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 sings:

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 -
 5 Geth - sem - a - ne's tran - quil - i - ty re - turned a - gain that

sweat, led Christ to pray, for he would pay sin's
 day. The Fa - ther's will was crys - tal clear: "There
 night; the con - flict moved to Cal - va - ry, where

aw - ful, crush - ing debt. "My Fa - ther, find an -
 is no oth - er way! Move on, my Son; your
 Je - sus won the fight. There is no cup for

oth - er way to set the sin - ner free. Your
 death a - lone can save hu - man - i - ty." So,
 us to drink, no curse, no pen - al - ty— to

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.
 know the lav - ish love of God, re - call Geth-sem-a - ne!

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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



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Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

Lord's Prayer

(Spoken by All)

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.

Holy Communion

The Salutation

(Spoken Responsively)

M: I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another,

C: So that there may be no divisions among you, and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought. (1 Cor. 1:10)

M: Is not the cup of thanksgiving for which we give thanks a participation in the blood of Christ?

C: And is not the bread that we break, a participation in the body of Christ?

M: Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body:

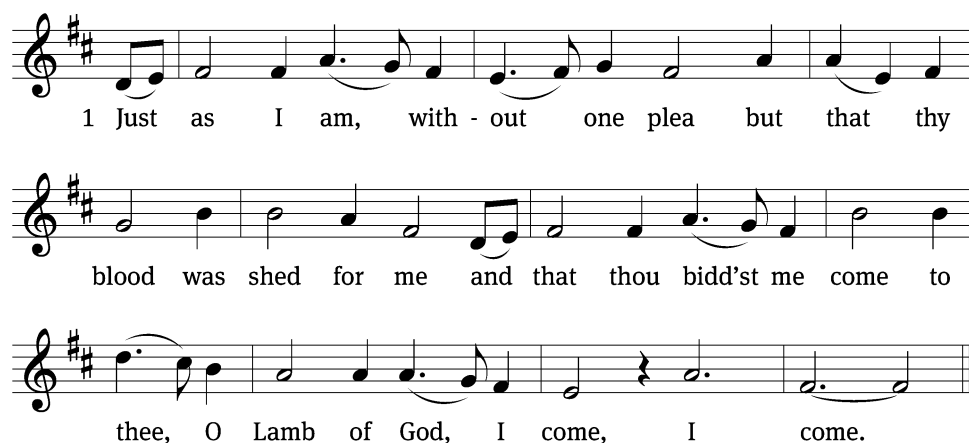
C: For we all partake of the one loaf. (1 Cor 10:16-17)

M: Therefore, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord.

C: A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup. (1 Cor 11:26-28)

Communion Canticle

Just as I Am, without One Plea | CWH 814 1 Vs.



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Words of Institution (Spoken by Minister) and Response

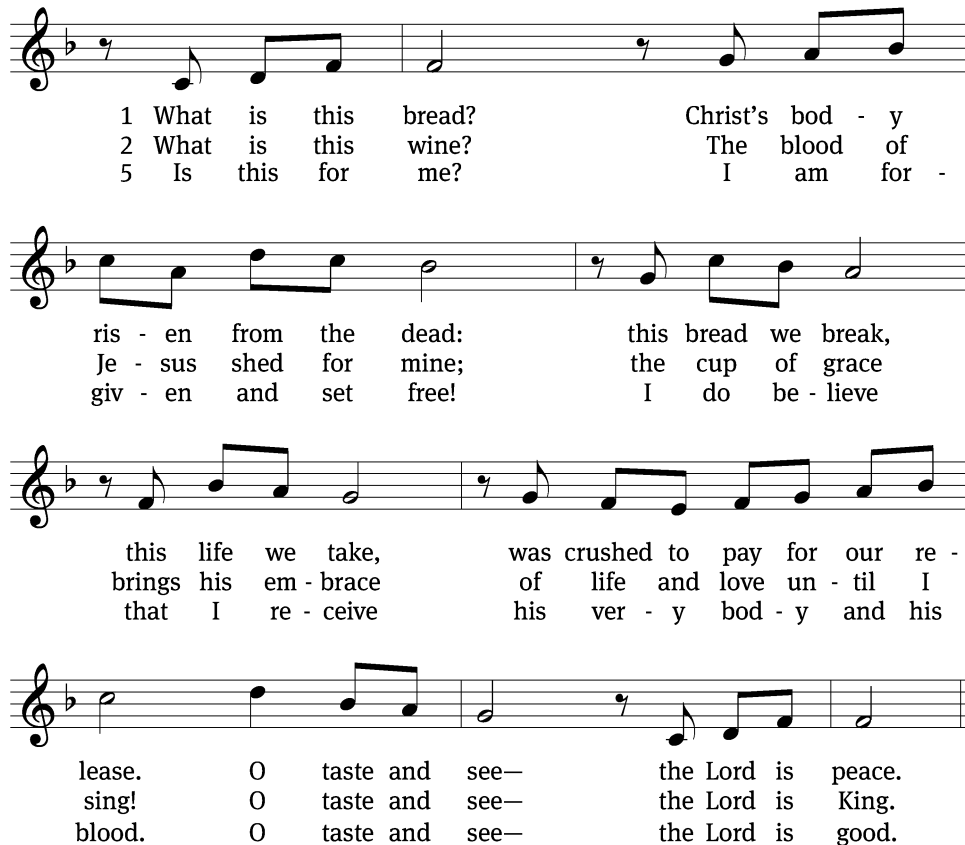
(Sung by Congregation)

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. ~

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Sung Response

What Is This Bread | CWH 665 3 Vs.



1 What is this bread? Christ's bod - y
 2 What is this wine? The blood of
 5 Is this for me? I am for -

ris - en from the dead: this bread we break,
 Je - sus shed for mine; the cup of grace
 giv - en and set free! I do be - lieve

this life we take, was crushed to pay for our re -
 brings his em - brace of life and love un - til I
 that I re - ceive his ver - y bod - y and his

lease. O taste and see— the Lord is peace.
 sing! O taste and see— the Lord is King.
 blood. O taste and see— the Lord is good.

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Distribution of Sacrament

(Please refer to “Worship Welcome” in chair pocket)

*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 sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

Distribution Hymn

The Death of Jesus Christ, Our Lord | CWH 677

- 1 The death of Jesus Christ, our Lord,
 we celebrate with one accord;
 it is our comfort in distress,
 our heart's sweet joy and happiness.
- 2 He blotted out with his own blood
 the judgment that against us stood;
 he full atonement for us made,
 and all our debt he fully paid.

**3 That this forever true shall be
he gives a solemn guarantee;
in this his holy supper here
we taste his love, so sweet, so near.**

**4 His Word proclaims and we believe
that in this supper we receive
his very body, as he said,
his very blood for sinners shed.**

**5 A precious food is this indeed,
it never fails us in our need,
a heav'nly manna for our soul
until we safely reach our goal.**

**6 How blest is each believing guest
who in these promises finds rest,
for Jesus will in love abide
with those who do in him confide!**

**7 They who his Word do not believe
this food unworthily receive,
salvation here will never find—
may we this warning keep in mind!**

**8 Help us sincerely to believe
that we may worthily receive
your supper and in you find rest.
Amen! They who believe are blest.**

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Song of Simeon

(Sung by Congregation)

**In peace, Lord, in peace, you let your servant now depart according to your word, For
my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared for ev'ry people, a light to
lighten the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel. In peace, in peace.**

Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

**M: O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our
humanity. We thank you that through Him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacra-
ment. We also pray that you will not forsake us but rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spir-**

it so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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

Jesus, Still Lead On | CWH 842 3 Vs.



1 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won; and al - though the
3 When we seek re - lief from a long - felt grief, when temp - ta - tions
4 Je - sus, still lead on till our rest is won. Heav'n - ly lead - er,
way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less.
come al - lur - ing, make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing.
still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us
Guide us by your hand to our fa - ther - land.
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
till we safe - ly stand in our fa - ther - land.

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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 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 11, 12:30 p.m.	Grandparents Day
March 11, 1:30 p.m.	6th Annual Fun Run
March 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
March 13, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 13, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
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, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

LOOKING AHEAD

March 15, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 16, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 16, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 17, 6:30 p.m.	New River Growth Group
March 18, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
March 20, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 20, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
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COG Kids Klub (March)

Kids Klub is a free Sunday morning club for kids ages 3-11 and offers a fun hour of activity. See below for this month's schedule. Parents are welcome to stay with their children for the hour, or leave and come back at 11:30 to pick them up. Mr. Aguilar and the youth group kick things off with a fun sing-along time. Each Sunday, a new Bible story will be taught and/or incorporated into the day's activity.

10111 W Jomax Road
10:30-11:30am

Sunday, March 6 - Skit Klub - Leslie Contreras
Sunday, March 13 - Craft Klub - Andrea Semmann
Sunday, March 20 - Craft Klub - Kathy Collyard
Sunday, March 27 - Dance and Drum - Becky Foxen

Pastor Foxen's Call

Dear members of Cross of Glory,

I'm writing to inform you that this past Wednesday, February 2, I received a call to serve God's people by joining the One Africa Team in Lusaka, Zambia.

Specifically, I've been asked to serve on their Outreach Committee. The task of this team is three-fold: to cultivate relationships with potential shepherds across the continent of Africa, train these men to gather others around them to shepherd them using God's Word and the Sacraments, and support these men as they establish their own local churches.

Consideration of any call is difficult and time-consuming; this one will likely be more so because it will involve thinking about moving overseas and living in a vastly different culture. Still, I am confident that it will be a blessing to go through this process with you. Please, give me your thoughts and counsel on this. Above all, pray to our gracious Savior on behalf of me and my family and for the ministry here at Cross of Glory and in Africa.

Our God is good and gracious. He is the Lord of the Church and knows how best to care for it. How wonderful that we can be confident of this truth: that whatever decision is made at the end of this process, God will use it for the good of his people.

May God be pleased to bless us!

In Jesus,
Pastor Foxen

Building Project Update

The city of Peoria has approved a permit for Cross of Glory to proceed with the solar project. We are hoping the installation can be done over spring break in mid-March.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Memorial Service for Jennifer Myers, a long-time youth leader at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa, will be held on Saturday, March 12th, at 1:00 pm. Light refreshments will be served afterward. You may view Jennifer's obituary at: <https://www.bunkerfuneral.com/obituaries/jennifer-lynn-myers> A "Go Fund Me" account has been set up to help the family with expenses at <https://gofund.me/68bo5893>, donations can be made to the Pilgrim Member Tuition Assistance Fund in Charlie's name or the Pilgrim Christ Teens. For more information contact the church at office@pilgrimmesa.com, 480-830-1723.

In Christ,
Pat Coats
Secretary
Pilgrim Lutheran Church & School

Refreshment Volunteers and Greeters

We are looking for more volunteers to bring refreshments on Sunday mornings to space out how often they have to serve. Please contact Clara Naber at cnaber42@gmail.com to volunteer.

We would also like to improve our welcoming experience for visitors. To that end, we're looking for some people who would be willing to be greeters on Sunday morning. These greeters would welcome everyone, of course, but especially visitors. Do you have an outgoing personality? Do you love meeting and getting to know new people? Then this is a perfect way for you to serve! Pastor Foxen will meet with those interested to discuss plans for the greeting process. You can sign up online or contact Liz at cog.secretary@crossofglory.org.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	March 6th	March 13th	March 20th
Counters	Moline/ Voigt	Moline/ Cornell	Moline/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/ Peterson/ Aguilar	Kelley/ Grams	Patterson
Communion Setup	Lynn Wempner	-	Dawn Ellis
Ushers	Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Connie Sauer Clara Naber	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson
A/V	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia	Levi Foxen Pedro Contreras	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

Vistancia News

We give thanks to God that we are able to once again worship at Lake Pleasant Elementary School. We were able to get all the information to the Peoria School District, making it possible for us to use the facility. The address of Lake Pleasant Elementary School is 31501 N Westland Rd, Peoria, AZ 85383.

Communion will be at 9:00 a.m. on Communion Sundays in Vistancia.

Worship at New River

We are going to continue worship at the Kiwanis Park in New River. We will worship using remote access and/or prerecorded sermons. We will be asking the mission board to discuss making New River a mission start-up. If you are interested in joining us, the address is 48606 N 17th Ave, New River, Az. When using navigation, Google maps is the best choice, Apple may get you lost. Our service time is 9:30 a.m.

New River Growth Group

The Ten Commandments

1st and 3rd Thursdays at 6:30 p.m.

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

Contact Pastor John Ehlers

Sunday Setup

Vistancia is in need of volunteers to setup Sunday mornings at 7:30. Please contact Liz or Pastor Ehlers if you are able to assist. cog.secretary@crossofglory.org

Vistancia Life Coaching Group

Topic: Cornerstone

2nd & 4th Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Mountain Vista Club

Course description: There are an enormous number of challenges that can occur in life from seemingly tiny to soul-crushingly overwhelming. The CORNERSTONE resilience system is designed to provide a specific set of steps to follow to put into perspective those things that seem unmanageable. Through six one-hour sessions, participants will learn and practice skills and benefit from the ideas of others in their quest to be more resilient and “bounce back” in difficulty

Teen Group

This Sunday, March 6, the teens will be meeting at the Jomax Campus at 4:00 p.m. for fun, food, and fellowship. Please let Pastor Ehlers know if you are planning to attend.

Midweek Soup Suppers and Lenten Services

Lent begins Wednesday, March 2. The theme for this year's series 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.

Services will be held on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. Pastors from around our circuit will be coming to share God's Word with us each Wednesday. There will also be a soup supper before each service, beginning at 6:00 p.m. If you plan to attend the soup suppers, please sign up to bring a soup or other dish to pass. God bless us as we journey with him once again to the cross and empty tomb!

Please [sign up](#) here if you are able to bring something to pass for the soup supper.

ACSTO

We have a custom Cross of Glory link that will make donating your tax dollars a little easier this year! For more information on how to donate or how the tax credit works, get in touch with Becky Foxen at 623-340-8354 or donate online at <https://pages.acsto.org/school/cross-of-glory>.

AmazonSmile

Want to do some good while you shop on Amazon? With [Amazon Smile](#), you can support charity easily and automatically.

Just point your browser (or modify your Amazon bookmark) to smile.amazon.com, then choose Cross of Glory Lutheran Church to support.

Then just shop like normal. So long as you're doing it via that web address, Amazon will donate 0.5% of all eligible purchases. All prices and products are the same as they would be if you bought them without using Smile.

Voters Meeting

The voters of COG will meet on Sunday, March 13 at 11:30 at the Jomax campus to issue teaching calls for next school year. Among renewing calls for three returning teachers, we will be calling a replacement for Mr. Paul Pappenfuss. Mr. Pappenfuss has extended his medical leave of absence indefinitely. Therefore, we will be calling a new teacher to serve as the 5th and 6th grade homeroom teacher, departmentalized teaching in grades 5-8, and serve as our Athletic Director. Lastly, we will be calling a part-time lead teacher for our second 4-year old preschool classroom which is already filling up with eager students to join COG next school year. Please plan on attending this important meeting.

Mission Opportunity

Our sister church in the Czech Republic is looking for some volunteers to help out with a couple English-speaking outreach programs this year. One of the programs is scheduled to take place during Holy Week (April 8-18), and the other during the summer (July 7-19). If you would be interested in volunteering for these opportunities, please talk with Pastor Foxen, and he will give you more details.

Mailboxes

Our financial secretary, John Kull, has placed offering envelopes in your mailboxes at church. Please pick them up at your earliest convenience so that you have them for the new year. Thank you!

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.



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.

Arvid Sternquist and Family, as his health continues to fail. He trusts in the Lord and Looks forward to being with his Savior soon.

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.