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FALSE SECURITY IS
CRUSHED BY FAITHFUL
PRESENCE

Lent 3
Sunday, March 20, 2022



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10111 W Jomax Road,
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Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Meeting in

Lake Pleasant Elementary School

31501 N. Westland Road

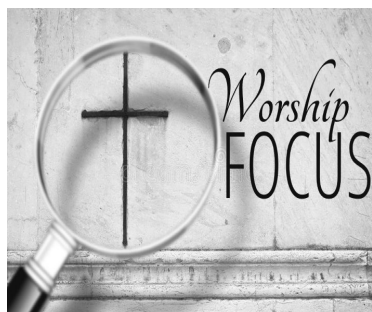
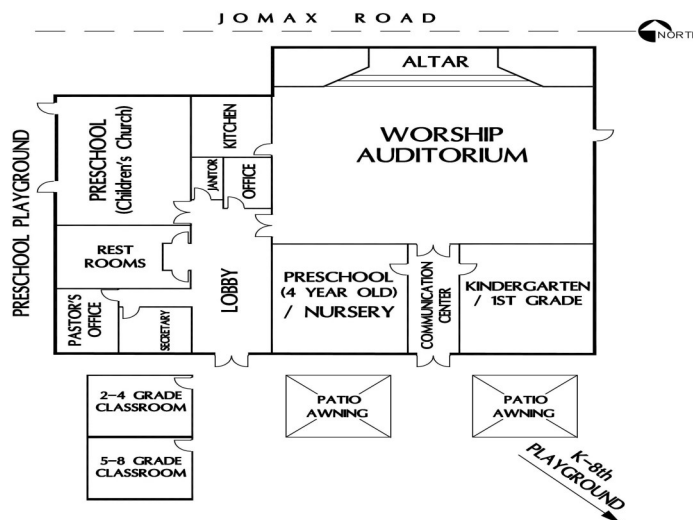
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Sun. 9:30am Worship

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 un-realized 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 “**False Security is CRUSHED by Faithful Presence**”. Where is God? This is one of human beings' most frequently-asked and incorrectly-answered questions. We are tempted to believe that evidence of God's presence is found in outward circumstances. We equate good fortune with God's favor and bad fortune with his judgment. So, as long as nothing terrible is happening, God must not be too angry with us, right? We are free to go on sinning. Such foolish assumptions must be crushed. Therefore, God must constantly remind us where he intends to be found—in the gospel. He makes himself present in Word and sacraments. Because he is always present, we realize the urgent need to turn away from the sin he despises. Because his presence is graciously hidden, we are drawn to him for forgiveness rather than driven away from him in fear.

Opening Hymn: Afflicted Saint, to Christ Draw Near

CWH 867 Vs. 1-2, 4

**Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near, your Savior's gracious promise hear;
his faithful Word you can believe, that as your days your strength shall be.**

**Your faith is weak, your foes are strong, and if the conflict should be long,
the Lord will make the tempter flee, that as your days your strength shall be.**

Refrain:

**So, sing with joy, afflicted one; the battle's fierce, but the victory's won!
God shall supply all that you need; yes, as your days your strength shall be.**

**When called to bear your weighty cross, or sore affliction, pain, or loss,
or deep distress, or poverty, still as your days your strength shall be. (*Refrain*)**

Greeting

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

C: Amen.

Confession

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Lord, Have Mercy

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

M: O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; 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

Exodus 3:1–15

*The Lord reveals his presence to Moses as flames within a bush,
fire that warms and gives light, yet does not consume.*

¹Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ²There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. ³So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

⁴When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

⁵“Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

⁷The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. ⁸So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. ⁹And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. ¹⁰So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

¹¹But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

¹²And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

¹³Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

¹⁴God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

¹⁵God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever,
the name you shall call me
from generation to generation.

Psalm 85

(Spoken Responsively)

M: You showed favor to your land, O Lord;

C: You restored the fortunes of Jacob.

M: You forgave the iniquity of your people

C: And covered all their sins.

M: Show us your unfailing love, O Lord,

C: And grant us your salvation.

M: I will listen to what God the Lord will say;

C: He promises peace to his people, his saints.

M: Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,

C: That his glory may dwell in our land.

M: Love and faithfulness meet together;

C: Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

Gospel

Luke 13:1-9

A life with no problems can lead to false security. We are tempted to think those experiencing hardship are the ones who need to repent. Jesus reminds us that we all need to repent, regardless of life's circumstances.

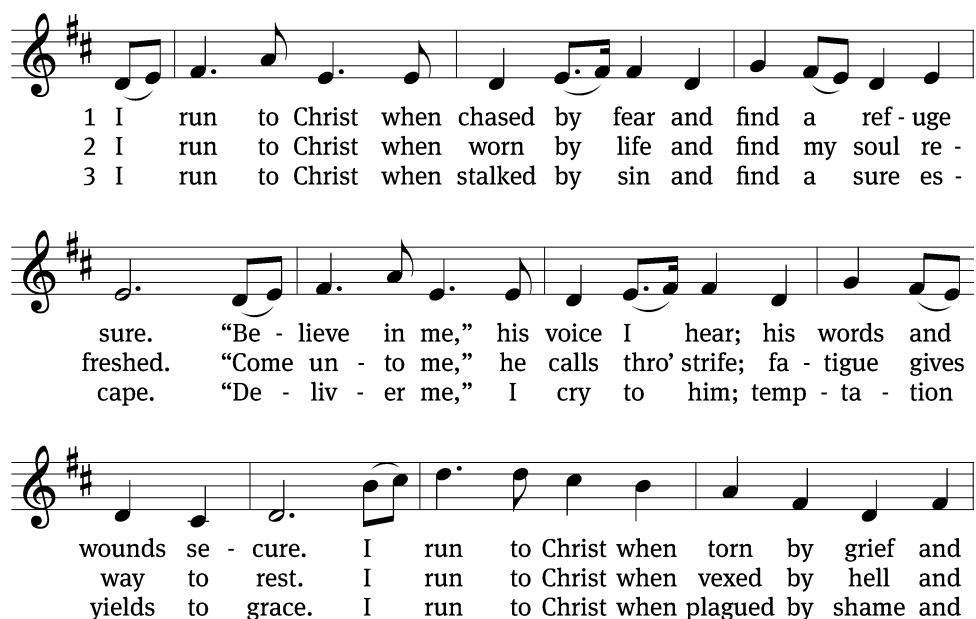
¹Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. ²Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? ³I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. ⁴Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. ⁷So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?'

⁸" 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.' "

Sermon Hymn: I Run to Christ

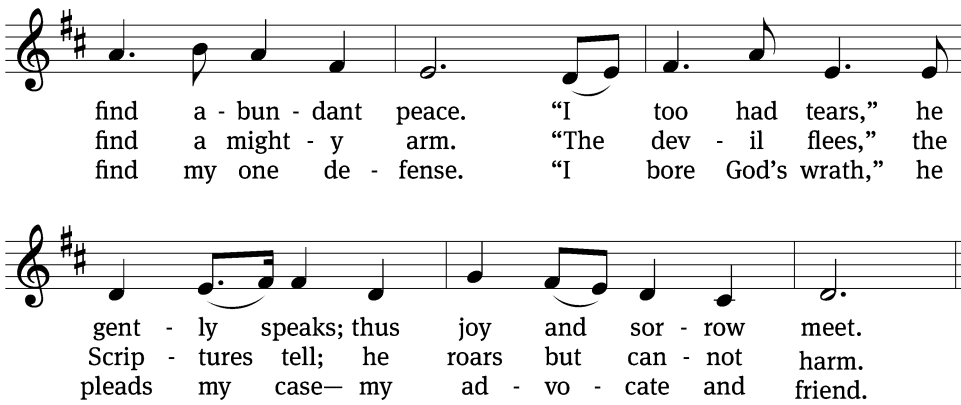
CWH 833



1 I run to Christ when chased by fear and find a ref - uge
2 I run to Christ when worn by life and find my soul re -
3 I run to Christ when stalked by sin and find a sure es -

sure. "Be - lieve in me," his voice I hear; his words and
freshed. "Come un - to me," he calls thro' strife; fa - tigue gives
cape. "De - liv - er me," I cry to him; temp - ta - tion

wounds se - cure. I run to Christ when torn by grief and
way to rest. I run to Christ when vexed by hell and
yields to grace. I run to Christ when plagued by shame and



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Sermon

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

Learn from the Past

¹For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. ²They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. ³They all ate the same spiritual food ⁴and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

⁶Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. ⁷Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry." ⁸We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. ⁹We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. ¹⁰And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

¹¹These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. ¹²So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! ¹³No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

Nicene Creed

(Spoken by All)

**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



1 The Gar - den of Geth - sem - a - ne— they'd of - ten gath - ered
 2 Geth - sem - a - ne's se - ren - i - ty, so pleas - ant in the
 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



there, the Christ and his dis - ci - ple friends, the
 past, was shat - tered by a pierc - ing cry. Our
 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



sheep be - neath his care. But when the Shep - herd
 Sav - ior stood a - ghast— to see the curse in -
 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



need - ed them—"Come, watch and pray with me"— their
 side the cup, to sense what soon would be un -
 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



heav - y hearts and eyes pre - vailed in dark Geth - sem - a - ne.
 leashed a - gainst his sin - less soul be - yond Geth - sem - a - ne.
 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)

The Sacrament

Preface

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

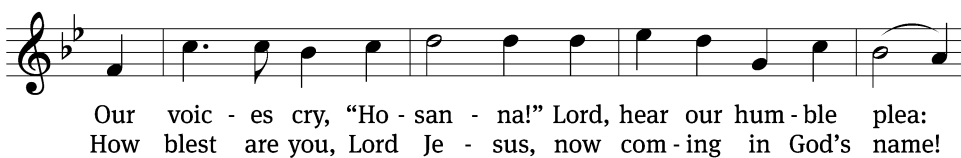
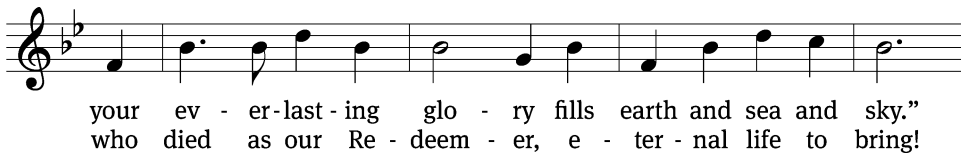
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung to the tune of CWH 872)

Tune: WEBB



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Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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.

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."

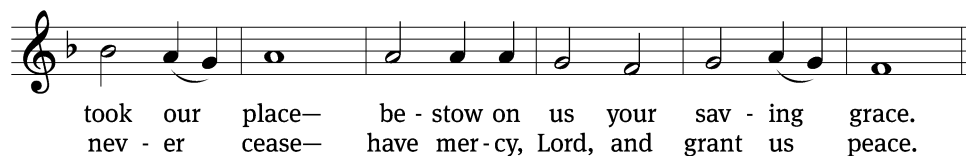
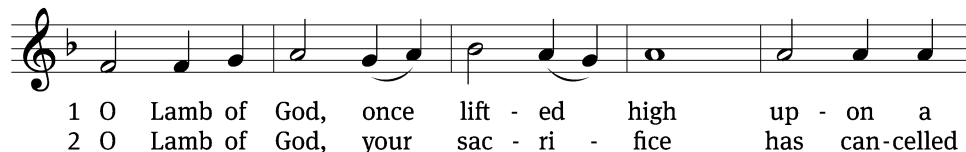
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God

(Sung to the Tune of CWH 407)

Tune: HAMBURG



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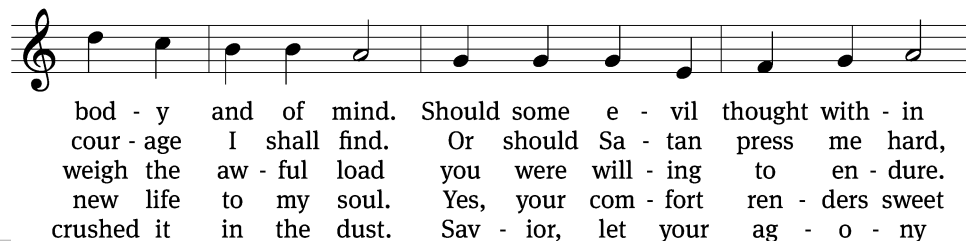
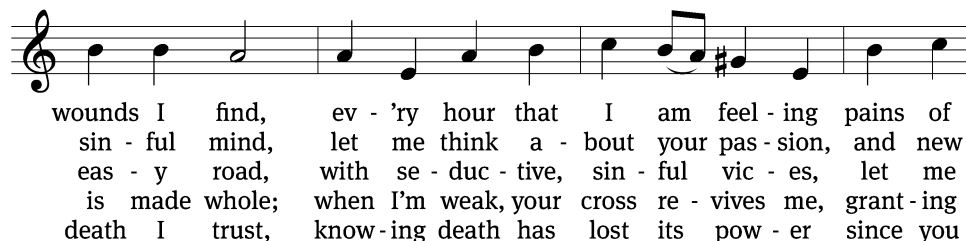
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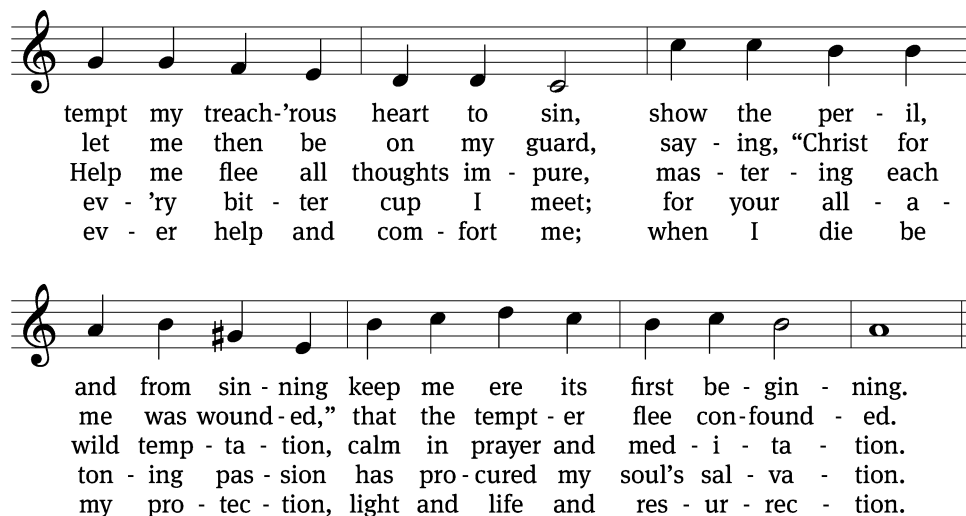
(Please refer to “Worship Welcome” in chair pocket)

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: Jesus, Grant That Balm and Healing

CWH 404





tempt my treach-'rous heart to sin, show the per - il,
 let me then be on my guard, say - ing, "Christ for
 Help me flee all thoughts im - pure, mas - ter - ing each
 ev - 'ry bit - ter cup I meet; for your all - a -
 ev - er help and com - fort me; when I die be

and from sin - ning keep me ere its first be - gin - ning.
 me was wound - ed," that the tempt - er flee con-found - ed.
 wild temp - ta - tion, calm in prayer and med - i - ta - tion.
 ton - ing pas - sion has pro - cured my soul's sal - va - tion.
 my pro - tec - tion, light and life and res - ur - rec - tion.

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Closing Prayer

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

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.

Closing Hymn: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CW331 Vs. 1, 3

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
 Pilgrim through this barren land.
 I am weak, but thou art mighty;
 Hold me with thy pow'rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more.

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.**

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.

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LWMS Spring Rally

LWMS Grand Canyon West Spring Rally

Saturday, April 2, 2022- 8:15 am

Shepherd Of The Valley Lutheran Church - Surprise

The LWMS Grand Canyon West Spring Rally will be held **Saturday, April 2, 8:15 am** at Shepherd Of The Valley Lutheran Church, 14650 W Bell Rd, Surprise, AZ. Mark the date to attend this uplifting rally scheduled for our LWMS ladies. Speakers include Pastor Eric Hansen - multi-site mission at Crown of Life, Riverside, CA and Pastor Brock Groth, mission work in South Asia

As part of the Rally, a women's choir will be singing. Anyone interested in participating in the choir, there will be a practice on Sunday, March 27 at 10:30am at Shepherd of the Valley.

The rally begins at 9:00am, but doors open for final registration and fellowship at 8:15am.

Building Project Update

The solar project is underway! Crews are currently on site to bring this long-awaited project to completion.

The classroom building project also continues to move forward. The crew is getting ready to pour the foundation for the building. The framing should then be up in a week and a half afterwards, and then trusses will be brought in. They've also begun to create the connecting roadway between the two parking lots on the north side of the building.

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.



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.

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

1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Kiwanis Club, New River

Location: New River Kiwanis Park, New River

1st & 3rd Mondays, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Cave Creek

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.

ALA Concert/Worship Service at Vistancia

SUNDAY, April 3, 2022, 9:30 a.m.

Students and staff members from Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) will lead our worship service at Vistancia. The A Cappella Choir, directed by Joshua Severeid, will provide music. Campus Pastor Brad Bode will provide the message based on Matthew 20:28. We'll also have the opportunity to hear about what's new at our area Lutheran high school from Principal Kurt Rosenbaum. We look forward to welcoming them all to Cross of Glory!

Midweek Soup Suppers and Lenten Services

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 online if you are able to bring something to pass for the soup supper.

Golden Agers Breakfast

Golden Agers breakfast will be held this Thursday, April 14, at 9:30. The location is Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345. Please email Judy Sasse if you plan to attend. sasseja43aol.com.



Email by April 2 to sign up:
becky.foxen@crossofglory.org

Bring cash for food truck
food and drinks.
See you there!

APRIL 8

5:00PM- Food Truck
6:00PM- Curtains Open

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>.

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Prayer Circle

Please send an email to prayercircle@crossofglory.org if you are interested in being a part of the prayer circle or have a prayer request. Circle emails will be sent out on a weekly basis.

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.

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!

Jomax Worship Volunteers	March 20th	March 27th	April 3rd
Counters	Moline/ Schirripa	Moline/ Plitzuweit	Moline/ Brooks
Cleaners	Patterson	Foxen/ Koutia	Coates/ Simkauskas
Communion Setup	Dawn Ellis	-	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern	Cody Hall Levi Foxen	John Kull Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Ally Kelley Sharon Wilson	Paula Considine	Rachel Plitzuweit Leslie Contreras
A/V	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Titus Patterson Isaac Patterson

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

March 21, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
March 21, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
March 22, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 22, 3:45 p.m.	Youth Group
March 23, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
March 23, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 23, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
March 24, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
March 25, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
March 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
March 27, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
March 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
March 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
March 27, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
March 27, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
March 28, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
March 28, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)

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March 28, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
March 29, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
March 30, 6:00 p.m.	Soup Supper/Lent Service
March 30, 8:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
April 1, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 2, 9:00 a.m.	BCLAL Track Meet
April 3, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
April 3, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 3, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Vistancia, Lake Pleasant Elementary)
April 3, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
April 3, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
April 3, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
April 4, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
April 4, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)

Holy Week Schedule

Join us for worship of our victorious Savior and fellowship with each other:

April 10, 9 a.m. -- Palm Sunday
 April 14, 7 p.m. -- Maundy Thursday
 April 15, 7 p.m. -- Good Friday
 April 17, 7 a.m. -- Easter Dawn
 8 a.m. -- Easter Breakfast
 9 a.m. -- Easter Festival Service
 9 a.m. -- Vistancia Easter Service
 10 a.m. -- Easter Breakfast

Please sign up online to bring something for Easter breakfast. Also, we will need helpers to clean up for each breakfast.

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.

For the family of Arvid Sternquist, father of our member, Shawn Novak. His time of suffering is over and he now lives at peace in his heavenly home.

For the Family of Jeffery Weihe, nephew of Carol Peterson, who passed away due to trauma from a car accident.

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.