



THE crucial Hours



Midweek Lent 3

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Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

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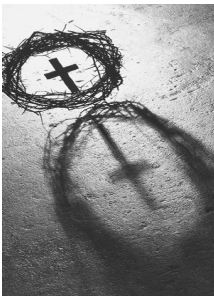
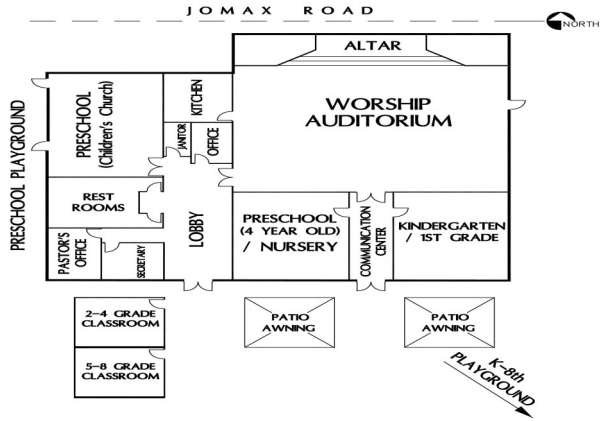
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

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

Jesus, I Will Ponder Now | CWH 420 3 Vs.



1 Je - sus, I will pon-der now on your ho - ly pas - sion;
2 Make me see your great dis-tress, an - guish, and af - flic - tion,
4 Grant that I your pas-sion view with re - pent - ant griev - ing;



with your Spir - it me en - dow for such med - i - ta - tion.
bonds and stripes and wretch-ed - ness and your cru - ci - fix - ion;
let me not bring shame to you by un - ho - ly liv - ing.



Grant that I in love and faith may the im - age cher - ish
make me see how scourge and rod, spear and nails did wound you,
How could I re - fuse to shun ev - 'ry sin - ful plea - sure



of your suf-f'ring, pain, and death that I may not per - ish.
how for them you died, O God, who with thorns had crowned you.
since for me God's on - ly Son suf - fered with - out mea - sure?

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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.**

Refrain

LORD, in your mer - cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev - er fails.

Tone

You, LORD, forgave the iniquity of your / people
and covered / all their sins.
You set aside / all your wrath
and turned from your fierce / anger.
Show us your unfailing / love, LORD,
and grant us your sal- / vation. *Refrain*

I will listen to what God the / LORD says;
he promises peace to his / people.
Surely his salvation is near those who / fear him,
that his glory may dwell / in our land.
Love and faithfulness meet to- / gether;
righteousness and peace kiss each / other.
Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,
is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Psalm Prayer

M: God of love and faithfulness, you showed favor to your people by sending your one and only Son to be our Savior. Help us to trust in him as our gracious Redeemer and so enjoy the peace he came to bring, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Passion History Reading

Sermon Hymn

Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness | CWH 573 4 Vs.



1 Je - sus, your blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty
2 Bold shall I stand in that great day; who can a
3 Lord, I be - lieve your pre - cious blood, which at the
4 Lord, I be - lieve, were sin - ners more than sands up -



are, my glo - rious dress; mid flam - ing worlds, in
word a - gainst me say? Ful - ly ab - solved through
ver - y throne of God pleads for the cap - tives'
on the o - cean shore, you have for all a



these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.
these I am from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.
lib - er - ty, was al - so shed in love for me.
ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

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Sermon

The Crucial Hours:

Luke 23:13-16

A Part for the Whole?

¹³Pilate called together the chief priests, the rulers and the people, ¹⁴and said to them, “You brought me this man as one who was inciting the people to rebellion. I have examined him in your presence and have found no basis for your charges against him. ¹⁵Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us; as you can see, he has done nothing to deserve death.

¹⁶Therefore, I will punish him and then release him.”

The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)

Prayer

M Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening and the day is almost over. Abide with us and with your whole Church. Abide with us in the evening of the day, in the evening of life, in the evening of the world. Abide with us in your grace and goodness, in your holy Word and sacrament, in your comfort and blessing. Abide with us when we are overcome by the night of sorrow and fear, by the night of doubt and affliction, by the night of bitter death. Abide with us and with all your people in time and in eternity.

C: Amen.

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.

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


Jesus Paid It All | CWH 562 4 Vs.

Soloist sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation sings Vs. 3-4


*1 I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in me thine all in all."*

*Refrain: Jesus paid it all, all to him I owe;
sin had left a crimson stain, he washed it white as snow.*

*2 Lord, now indeed I find thy pow'r, and thine alone
can change the leper's spots and melt the heart of stone. (Refrain)*



3 For noth - ing good have I where - by thy grace to claim;
4 And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - v'ry's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Refrain



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

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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.