



THE Crucial Hours



Midweek Lent 4

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Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

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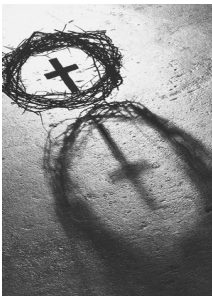
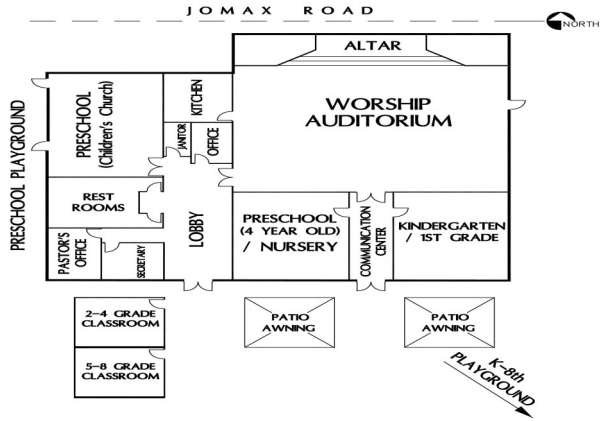
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
31501 N. Westland Road
Peoria, AZ 85383

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

Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery | CWH 535 4 Vs.



- 1 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, in the dawn-ing of the King,
- 2 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, he the per - fect Son of Man;
- 3 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, Christ the Lord up - on the tree;
- 4 Come, be-hold the won-drous mys - t'ry, slain by death the God of life;



he the theme of heav-en's prais - es, robed in frail hu-man-i - ty.
in his liv - ing, in his suf - f'ring nev - er trace nor stain of sin.
in the stead of ru - ined sin - ners hangs the Lamb in vic - to - ry.
but no grave could e'er re - strain him; praise the Lord; he is a - live!



In our long - ing, in our dark - ness, now the light of life has come.
See the true and bet - ter Ad - am, come to save the hell-bound man.
See the price of our re - demp - tion, see the Fa - ther's plan un - fold,
What a fore-taste of de - liv - 'rance; how un - wa - ver - ing our hope.



Look to Christ, who con-de-scend-ed, took on flesh to ran-som us.
Christ the great and sure ful - fill - ment of the law; in him we stand.
bring-ing man - y sons to glo - ry, grace un - mea-sured, love un - told.
Christ in pow - er res - ur - rect - ed as will we be when he comes.

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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.**

Psalm 51a

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Have mercy on me, O God,

C: **According to your unfailing love.**

M: Wash away all my iniquity,

C: **And cleanse me from my sin.**

M: For I know my transgressions,

C: **And my sin is always before me.**

M: Against you, you only, have I sinned

C: **And done what is evil in your sight.**

M: Surely I was sinful at birth,

C: **Sinful from the time my mother conceived me.**

M: Hide your face from my sins,

C: **And blot out all my iniquity.**

M: Restore to me the joy of your salvation,

C: **And grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.**

Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, we confess our sins to you and plead for your mercy. We acknowledge that sin runs too deep in our nature for us ever to rid ourselves of it, but we thank you that Jesus has done what we could not do, washing us clean of every stain. We plead that your Spirit would give us the strength to live a new life; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passion History Reading



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the sac - ri - fice?
 2 The Lamb, the Lamb, one per - fect fi - nal of - fer - ing.
 3 The Lamb, the Lamb, as way - ward sheep their shep - herd kill
 4 He sighs, he dies, he takes my sin and wretch - ed - ness.



Faith sees, be - lieves God will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
 The Lamb, the Lamb, let earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
 so still, his will, on our be - half the law to fill.
 He lives, for - gives, he gives me his own right - eous - ness.



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

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Sermon

**The Crucial Hours:
 "I Will Keep the Passover"**

Matthew 26:18

¹⁸He replied, "Go into the city to a certain man and tell him, 'The Teacher says: My appointed time is near. I am going to celebrate the Passover with my disciples at your house.'"

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

The Blood of the Lamb | CWH 418 5 Vs.

Soloist sings Vs. 1 & 2; Congregation sings Vs. 3-5

1 *The Father sees his children's chains. From Pharaoh's land they cry in pain.*

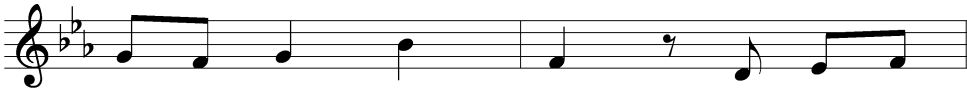
To rescue them, he makes a way: the blood of the lamb.

2 *The lamb is slain as sun is set— a perfect lamb, without defect.*

They stain their doors with innocence: the blood of the lamb.



3 As mid - night looms, the hour of death, God seeks the
4 Chil - dren of God, we too were slaves: our mas - ter—
5 This per - fect Lamb is Je - sus Christ. He gave him -



first - born, steals their breath, but pass - es
sin! Our end— the grave! But free - dom
self as sac - ri - fice. His life poured



o'er doors drenched in red: the blood of the lamb.
came in crim - son shades: the blood of the Lamb.
out, the fi - nal price: the blood of the Lamb.

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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.