

THE
**Crucial
Hours**

Midweek Lent 5
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Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

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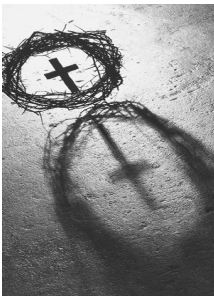
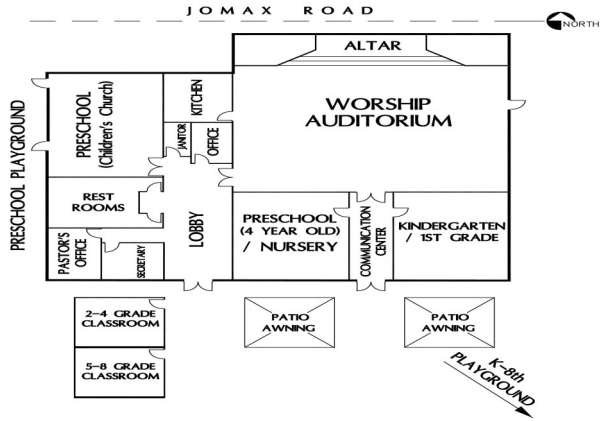
Lake Pleasant Elementary School
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Peoria, AZ 85383

Sun. 9:30am Worship

Welcome to our Worship Center! God defines a church as people gathering around Word and Sacrament. As you join us in this gathering, we pray that Jesus' peace and power will fill you.

Families with children:

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult guardian



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

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The Crucial Hours

Opening Hymn

Go to Dark Gethsemane | CWH 425 Vs. 1-3



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing



tempt - er's pow'r; your Re - deem - er's con - flict see,
life ar - raigned. Oh, the worm-wood and the gall,
at his feet, mark that mir - a - cle of time,



watch with him one bit - ter hour. Turn not from his
oh, the pangs his soul sus-tained! Shun not suf - f'ring,
God's own sac - ri - fice com-plete. "It is fin - ished!"



griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
pain, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

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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

I Lift My Soul to You | Psalm 25B



1 I lift my soul to you, LORD, I trust, O God, in you.
2 Your cov - e - nant and mer - cy are with me all my days



Send forth your truth to guide me, and teach me what to do.
to com - fort and to bless me, to keep me in your ways.



Re - mem - ber your great mer - cy, your ev - er - last - ing love;
When - ev - er I look up - ward, I find you wait - ing there,



for - give me, God, my Sav - ior, my guilt and sin re - move.
to bear me and to keep me all safe be - neath your care.

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Psalm Prayer

M: Lord, do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways. Remember instead the great mercy and love that you have shown your people for hundreds of generations. Forgive our sins and teach us to live lives of integrity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Passion History Reading



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me
 2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm
 3 Should your mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,
 4 When my life is end - ing, though in grief or pain,



lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.
 or its tempt - ing trea - sures spread to work me harm,
 or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,
 when my bod - y chang - es back to dust a - gain,



When you see me wa - ver, with a look re - call,
 bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne
 grant that I may nev - er fail your cross to view;
 on your truth re - ly - ing, through that mor - tal strife,



nor for fear or fa - vor ev - er let me fall.
 or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross - crowned Cal - va - ry.
 grant that I may ev - er cast my care on you.
 Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, to e - ter - nal life.

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Sermon

The Crucial Hours: “Satan Has Asked to Sift All of You”

Luke 22:31, 32

³¹“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat.

³²But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail.
 And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

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.

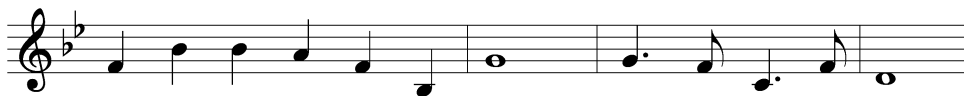
Blessing

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

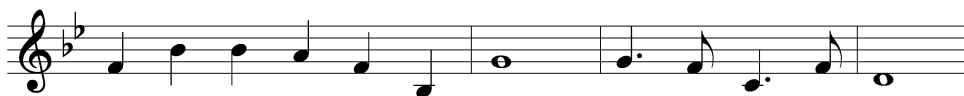
C: May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Closing Hymn

He Will Hold Me Fast | CWH 813 3 Vs.



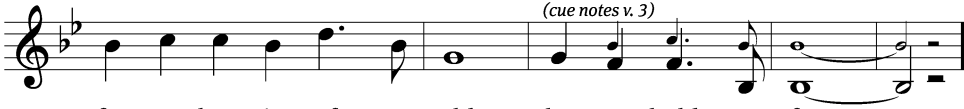
1	When I fear my faith will fail,	Christ will hold me fast;
2	Those he saves are his de - light;	Christ will hold me fast;
3	For my life he bled and died;	Christ will hold me fast;



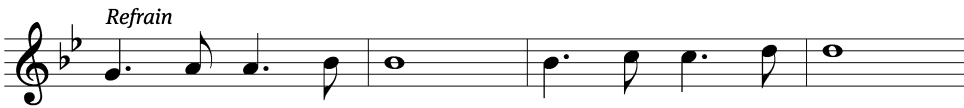
when the tempt - er would pre - vail,	he will hold me fast.
pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,	he will hold me fast.
jus - tice has been sat - is - fied;	he will hold me fast.



I could nev - er keep my hold thro' life's fear - ful path,
He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold— he must hold me fast.
bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
till our faith is turned to sight when he comes at last!



He will hold me fast; he will hold me fast;



for my Sav - ior loves me so, he will hold me fast.

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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.