

His Humility, Our Hope



Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 10, 2022



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

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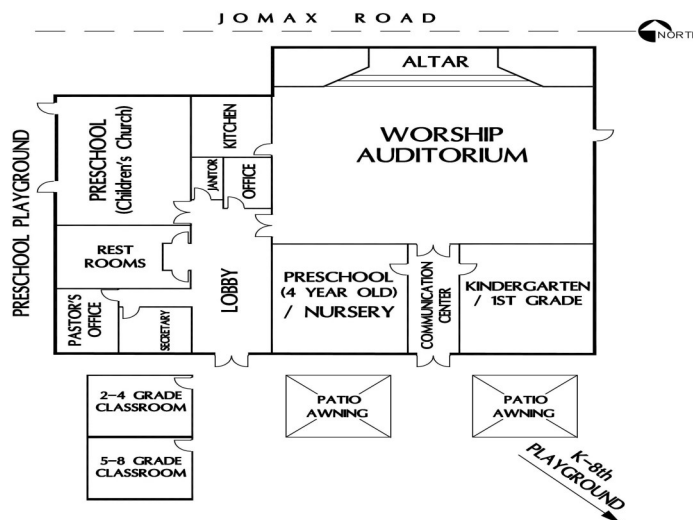
Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

Vistancia Meeting in
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.
- 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!



Today is the first day of Holy Week. During this week, the relentless march of time slows down for Christians. We slow down this entire week to ponder all that Christ did for us, from his humble entrance into Jerusalem... to his sacrificial death on the cross... to the victory of Easter morning.

The events of Palm Sunday might not seem pivotal to our salvation. Christ sheds no blood on this day. However, Palm Sunday sets the tone for all of Holy Week. It perfectly illustrates that Jesus came to be the kind of king this world will never understand: one who conquers his enemies by surrendering to them, one who crushes his opposition by himself being crushed, one whose path to kingly exaltation begins with humiliation. This is the kind of King we have marching into battle as one of us and for all of us this week. As a result, we are drawn to him in faith rather than driven away in fear. This humble King is our only hope.

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Palm Sunday Festival Service

Preschool Choir

Hosanna!

Palm Sunday Call to Worship

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Dear friends in Christ, for five weeks of Lent we have been preparing for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery. Today we come together to begin the solemn celebration of Holy Week. Christ entered in triumph into his own city to complete his work as our Messiah: to suffer, to die, and to rise again. Let us remember with devotion his entry that culminated at the empty tomb and follow him with a lively faith. United with him by Baptism, we share in his resurrection and new life.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

M: Let us pray.

God our Father, we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem and was welcomed as a king by those who shouted "Hosanna" and spread their clothing and palm branches in his path. Accept our praise, and listen to our prayers as we rejoice in our triumphant King, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: In the name of the Lord.

M: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: Hosanna in the highest!

Processional Song: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CWH 413

Children sing Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

*Hosanna, loud hosanna,
the little children sang;
thro' pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them,
close folded to his breast,
the children sang their praises,
the simplest and the best.*

Congregation Sings:



2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,



the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.



The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice



nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

Text: Jeannette Threlfall, 1821–1880, alt.

Tune: Gesang-Buch Herzogl. Hofkapelle, Württemberg, 1784

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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:

O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take
ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it
stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -
tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the
Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The music consists of eighth and quarter notes, with some phrases spanning across bar lines. The lyrics are: 'O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e - ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for - ev - er. O taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.'

Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you have redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palms in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 42:1–4

Isaiah foretold the coming Servant of the Lord whose ministry would be one of great power and also great humility.

¹“Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen one in whom I delight;
I will put my Spirit on him,
and he will bring justice to the nations.

²He will not shout or cry out,

or raise his voice in the streets.
³A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
In faithfulness he will bring forth justice;
⁴he will not falter or be discouraged
till he establishes justice on earth.
In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

LES Choir

Clap your hands

The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

Choir

Hosanna Gathering

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Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. (*John 12:23*)

Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

*Through the humility exhibited by his choice to enter Jerusalem
on a donkey Jesus would accomplish great things.*

²⁸After Jesus had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹As he approached Bethphage and Bethany at the hill called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ³⁰“Go to the village ahead of you, and as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ”

³²Those who were sent ahead went and found it just as he had told them. ³³As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

³⁴They replied, “The Lord needs it.”

³⁵They brought it to Jesus, threw their cloaks on the colt and put Jesus on it. ³⁶As he went along, people spread their cloaks on the road.

³⁷When he came near the place where the road goes down the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices for all the miracles they had seen:

³⁸“Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!”

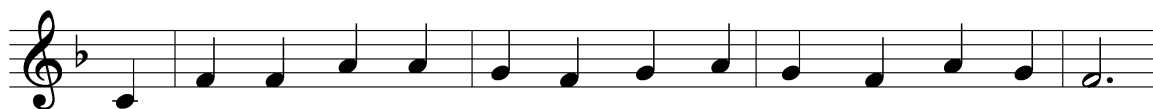
“Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples!”

⁴⁰“I tell you,” he replied, “if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out.”

Sermon Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CWH 512 Vs. 1, 3, 5-6



1 All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
3 Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran-somed from the fall,
5 Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball
6 Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem and crown him Lord of all.
hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all.
to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe and crown him Lord of all.
We'll join the ev - er - last-ing song and crown him Lord of all.



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Text (Vs. 1, 3): Edward Perronet, 1726–1792, abr., alt.; (Vs. 5–6): A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, alt.

Tune: Oliver Holden, 1765–1844

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Sermon

Think Like Jesus

Philippians 2:5–11

⁵In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶Who, being in very nature God,

did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷rather, he made himself nothing

by taking the very nature of a servant,

being made in human likeness.

⁸And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself

by becoming obedient to death— even death on a cross!

⁹Therefore God exalted him to the highest place

and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,

in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Apostles' Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Song of the Season: Lamb of God

CWH 403

Minister sings verses and Congregation sings refrains

Refrain

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the world's sin,

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, have mer-cy up-on us.

As high as the heav'ns are over the earth, so great is your love for us.

As far as the east is from the west, so far have you removed our sin. (Refrain)

A Father's heart you turn to us; you hear us when we call.

Now, Lord, in compassion, lend your ear; you know our needs, O hear our prayer. (Final Refrain)

Final Refrain

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the world's sin,
Lamb of God, Lamb of God, give to us your peace.

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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)



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Prayer of the Church

(Spoken by Minister)

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken 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.

Closing Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)

M: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: 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.

Ensemble

Journey to the Cross

His Humility,
Our Hope



Update on Pastor Foxen's Call and Cross of Glory's Immediate Future

Dear members of Cross of Glory,

WELS World Missions and our church council have now worked out details regarding the conclusion of my ministry among you. Preaching and leading worship on Easter Sunday will be my last official act at Cross of Glory. That said, my family and I will still be around through the end of the school year. I will be using the time after Easter to prepare for my new ministry in Africa. I have training and conferences to attend, and it looks like a quick trip to Zambia will be happening in May so that I can obtain my work visa.

Pastor Ehlers and I are working on a transition of pastoral duties. There may be some things that I would still be able to help with in the time that I'm still around (Confirmation Sunday is an example). Worship in Vistancia will be suspended after Palm Sunday (outreach efforts to the area will continue), and the congregation will be worshipping together on the Jomax campus until further notice after that day.

The council is preparing a recommendation for the voters regarding the future pastoral needs at Cross of Glory, to be decided at the upcoming April voters' meeting. Whatever is decided, it will be important for the congregation to unite around its leaders at this time and trust in God's guidance and faithfulness. Changes are inevitable, but God's steadfast love and care for his people are also certain and unchanging.

Cross of Glory's ministry and people will remain in my thoughts and prayers always.

With much love in Christ,
Pastor Foxen

Building Project Update

The solar project is underway! Some of the panels are up, and the crew will be working to get the rest up as soon as possible, then tie them all into our system.

The classroom building project also continues to move forward. The crew has poured the foundation for the building. Framing is going up now, and then trusses will be brought in.

Please continue to keep these projects in your prayers.

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.

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.

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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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.



Jomax Worship Volunteers	April 10th	April 17th	April 24th
Counters	Wempner/ Voigt	Wempner/ Cornell	Sasse/ Schirripa
Cleaners	Plitzuweit/Peterson Aguilar	Kelley/ Grams	Patterson
Communion Setup	Maundy Thursday Sharon Kull	-	Lynn Wempner
Ushers	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson <u>April 14th</u> Bill Brooks Brian Ehinger Jake Ehinger Trey Ehinger Kade Ehinger <u>April 15th</u> Gary Jeffers Dave Goelzer Karen Goelzer Aaron Gullerud	<u>Sunrise Service</u> Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern <u>Easter Service</u> Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plizuweit	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson
Sunday Refreshments	Kathy Collyard Andrea Semmann	Easter Breakfast	Paula Considine
A/V	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Levi Foxen Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia

Volunteers Needed

We are in need of more people to add to the church cleaning rotation. If we get three more teams, the rotation would be once every two months. Please let Liz know if you would like to be added to a team. Cog.secretary@crossofglory.org

We also need more counters in to rotation to count offerings on Sunday mornings right after church. Please contact John Kull at (858) 395-5666 or financialsecretary@crossofglory.org

THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April 11, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 12, 9:30 a.m.	Women's Bible Study
April 14, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
April 14, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
April 14, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Service
April 15, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 15, 7:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
April 17, 7:00 a.m.	Easter Dawn Service
April 17, 7:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Facebook Live Vistancia)
April 17, 8:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 17, 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service
April 17, 9:00 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 17, 9:30 a.m.	Easter Worship Service (New River)
April 17, 10:30 a.m.	Easter Breakfast
April 18, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group

LOOKING AHEAD

April 18,	Easter Monday (No School)
April 18, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 20, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
April 21, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
April 22, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
April 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
April 24, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
April 24, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
April 24, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study
April 25, 7:00 p.m.	Monday Worship Service (Jomax)
April 28, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
April 29, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms

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
- 10:30 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.

***Karen Jurado**, as she recovers from her recent hospitalization from low sodium levels.*

***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 Gus Koutia in Lebanon**, as they face a food shortage due to the interruption of imports from Ukraine.*

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.