

Easter Festival Service Sunday, April 17, 2022



Cross of Glory Lutheran Church & School

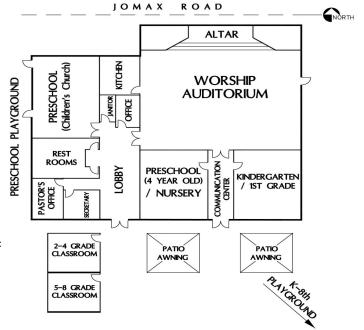
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Jomax Campus
10111 W Jomax Road,
Peoria, AZ 85383
Sun. 9am & Mon. 7pm Worship

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!



Death hung like a suffocating shroud over us all. It was a constant source of sorrow and shame. Death doesn't just bring life to an end. The impending threat of death spoils every moment of life that leads up to it. The moment Christ emerged from the tomb, however, nothing would be the same. Life was unleashed on humanity and it will reign until death and its effects are no more. The salvation Christ brings is not just a rescue from a world gone bad but a resurrection to a world that will once again be good. Christ's victory restores life to us even now. Even as we continue to wipe the tears that death causes, we can defiantly taunt this fallen tyrant: Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!



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Easter Festival Service

Choir Behold the Lamb

Congregation will join for Crown Him with Many Crowns 1 Vs.

Choir:

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.

For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice. Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

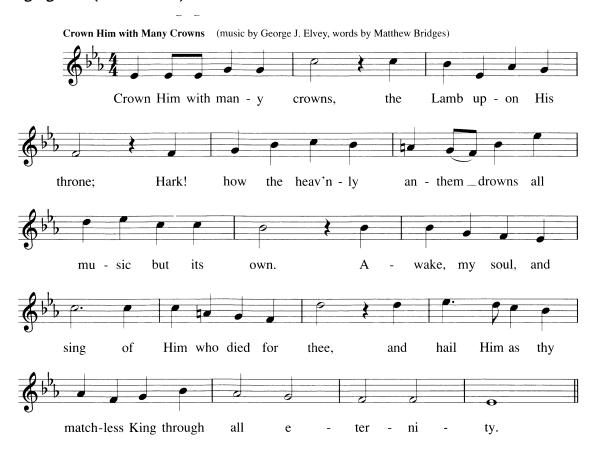
Crown Him, crown Him, Worthy is the Lamb.

Praise Hm, praise Him, heav'n and earth resound!

Behold the Lamb, behold the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world.

For sinners crucified, O holy sacrifice. Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb.

Congregation (Please stand):



Choir:

Behold the Lamb. Behold the Lamb of God. Behold the Lamb, the Lamb of God!

Easter Acclamation (Spoken Responsively)

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

C: Amen.

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

C: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

M: He has made him ruler over the works of his hands;

C: He has put everything under his feet.

M: Christ Jesus, the same yesterday, today, and forever, the beginning and the end, the Alpha and the Omega.

C: He shall reign forever and ever!

M: Alleluia! Christ has destroyed death!

C: And has brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

M: The Lord is risen! He is risen indeed!

C: God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor!

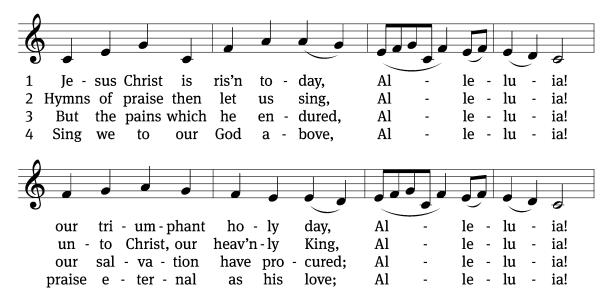
M: Rejoice now, all you heavenly angels; rejoice now, all creation; sound forth, trumpet of salvation, and proclaim the triumph of our King.

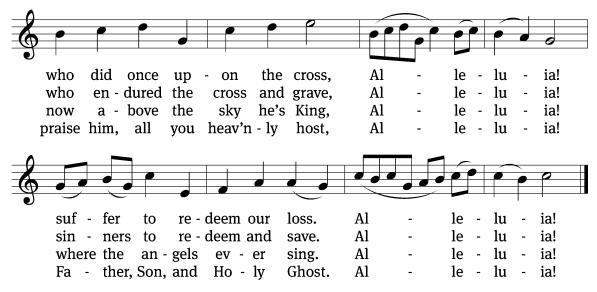
C: Rejoice, O Church of Christ; let all this house of God ring out with rejoicing.

M: On this most holy day our Savior, Christ, the Lord, broke the power of death and by his resurrection brought life and salvation to all creation. Let us praise the Lord, for he truly keeps his word. The sun of righteousness has dawned on those sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death.

Opening Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

CWH 438





Text (Vs. 1-3): tr. Lyra Davidica, 1708, alt.; (Vs. 1-3): Latin, 14th cent.; (Vs. 4): Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

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Confession of Sins

(Spoken Responsively)

- M: Upon the hill the cross now stands empty. Morning light breaks upon the tomb. As we come before our God and King, let us confess our sins.
- C: Lord God, I humbly come before you. I confess that I am sinful in thought, word, and deed. I daily fail to do what you command, and continually do what you forbid. Lord, I am sorry for my sins. I believe that for the sake of my Lord Jesus Christ, you will have mercy on me.
- M: Upon this your sincere confession, by Christ's command and authority, I assure you that your sins are all forgiven. The vacant cross and the empty grave are God's signs to you that he has accepted the sacrifice of his one and only Son. Whoever believes this simple truth of Scripture has eternal life. The Lord is gracious and righteous!
- C: When I was in great need, he saved me.
- M: The Lord is my strength and my song;
- C: He has become my salvation.

Prayer and Praise: This is the Feast of Victory

CWH 938 Minister sings 1st Refrain and Verses, Congregation sings the following refrains

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Congregation Sings:



Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. (**Refrain**)

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. (**Refrain**)

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:

Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. (**Refrain**)

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia! (Final Refrain)



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Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

M:Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we, who have been raised with him through baptism, may walk in the newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit be dominion and praise now and forever. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 25:6–9

The Lord has taken away our disgrace, torn up the shroud of death, and promised us an eternal feast.

⁶On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples,

a banquet of aged wine—

the best of meats and the finest of wines.

⁷On this mountain he will destroy

the shroud that enfolds all peoples,

the sheet that covers all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears

from all faces;

he will remove his people's disgrace

from all the earth. The LORD has spoken.

⁹ In that day they will say,

"Surely this is our God;

we trusted in him, and he saved us.

This is the LORD, we trusted in him;

let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation."

Hymn of Response: His Battle Ended There

CW 146

Ensemble sings Vs. 1-3; Congregation joins for Vs. 4

His battle ended there, death was overcome.

Jesus, alive again, wore the victor's crown.

Clearly sin had failed; Goodness had prevailed.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dread pow'rs of death and sin had him in their hold.

When Jesus rose again all their plans were foiled.

Jesus lived again, Triumphed over sin.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

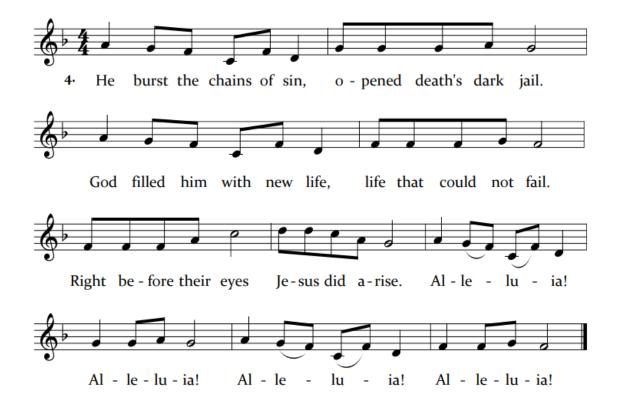
Dead in the grave he lay, mourned by ev'ry friend.

Those dark and fearful days then did reach their end.

God raised him to life, Victor in the strife.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Congregation Sings:



The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

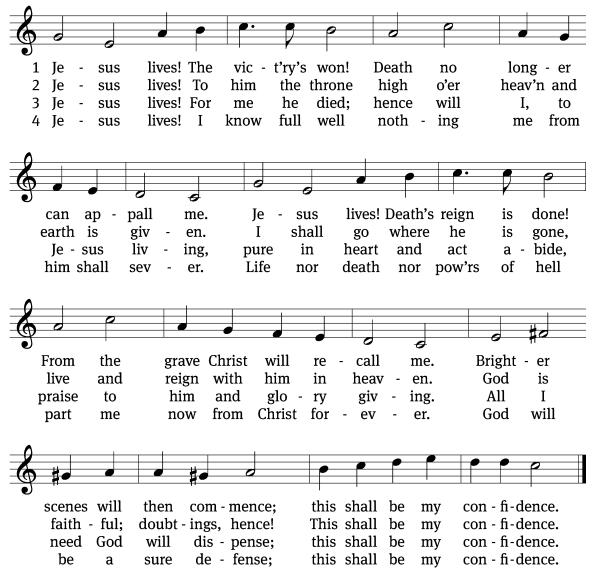
Ensemble My Redeemer Lives

Gospel Luke 24:1–12

The account of Christ's Easter victory.

¹On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. ²They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, ³but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. ⁴While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. ⁵In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? ⁶He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 7'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again." ⁸Then they remembered his words.

⁹When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. ¹⁰It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. ¹¹But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. ¹²Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



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Sermon

Life Marches Victorious Over Death

1 Corinthians 15:51-57

⁵¹Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— ⁵²in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. ⁵⁴When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

⁵⁵"Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?"

⁵⁶The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. ⁵⁷But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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: Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

CWH448

Choral group sings Vs. 1-2; Congregation joins for Vs. 3 and repeats Vs. 1

Now let the heav'ns be joyful, let earth her song begin, let all the world keep triumph and all that is therein.

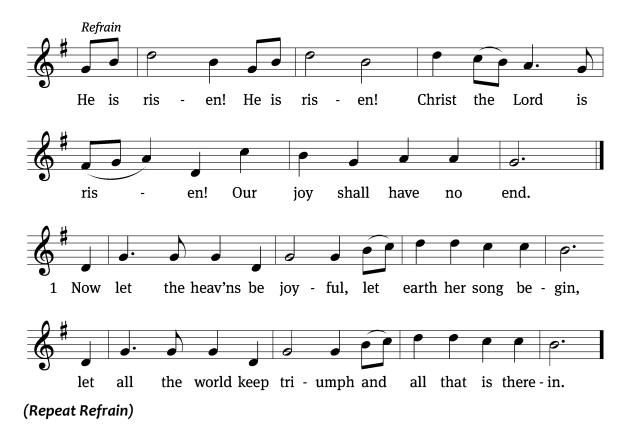
Refrain:

He is risen! He is risen! Christ the Lord is risen! Our joy shall have no end.

From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory. (Refrain)

Congregation Sings:





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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

The Prayer of the Church

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.

C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.

M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.

C: You are risen!

M: Dear Savior, we who are weary and burdened come to you for rest, knowing that because of your perfect redemption there is now no condemnation for us.

C: You are risen indeed!

M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.

C: Alleluia!

M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.

C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.

M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.

C: He is risen!

M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.

C: He is risen indeed!

Special prayers and intercessions may be offered here.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

~Silent prayer~

M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of our God and of the Lamb.

C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! Amen.

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 See What a Morning

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

ıst & 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.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	April 17th	April 24th	May 1st
Counters	Wempner/ Cornell	Sasse/ Schirripa	Wempner/ Plitzuweit
Cleaners	Kelley/ Grams	Patterson	Foxen/ Koutia
Communion Setup	-	Lynn Wempner	Dawn Ellis
Ushers	Sunrise Service Chris Patterson Isaac Patterson Titus Patterson Grant Stern Easter Service Verl Naber Pedro Contreras Sabrina Ebel Tanner Plizuweit	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	Cody Hall Joel Ditter Levi Foxen
Sunday Refreshments	Easter Breakfast	Paula Considine	Rene Koutia
A/V	Levi Foxen Aaron Gullerud	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud

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.

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 18, Easter Monday (No School)
April 18, 6:30 p.m. Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
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. Voters Meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

April 28, 6:30 p.m.

April 29, 10:00 a.m.

May 1, 9:00 a.m.

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Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)

Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)

Worship Service (New River)

May 1, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

Voters Meeting

Our next quarterly voters meeting is scheduled to be held on Sunday, April 24th, after worship. Report packets will be prepared for people to take home after church on Easter Sunday.

Important business includes voter approval of the proposed unified (church and school) budget for the next fiscal year.

Please plan to attend this important meeting!

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.

Pastor Foxen's Call

Pastor Foxen has accepted his call to Africa. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as the make this transition. For more details and his acceptance letter please refer to our weekly newsletter online.

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.