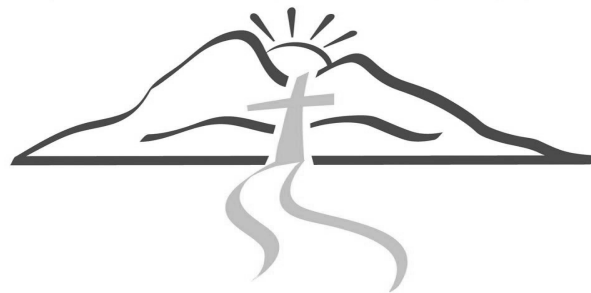




Easter 2
Sunday, April 24, 2022



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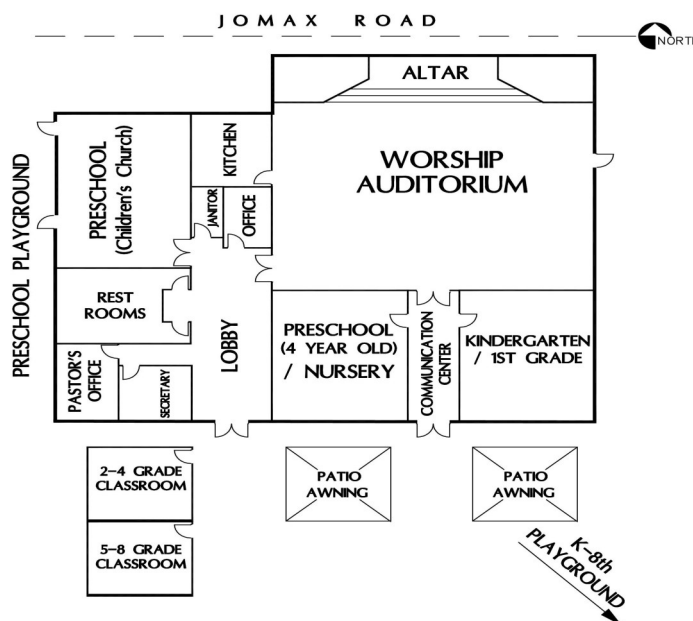
Jomax Campus
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Sun. 9:30am Worship

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!



To the world he seemed like a defeated man: opposed and killed by his enemies, his followers scattered in fear. Yet three days after Jesus' death he rose victorious from the dead. Nothing would ever be the same. The rest of eternity is now a victory march for the risen Christ. During Easter, we should not think of ourselves as passive observers in Christ's victory. We are more than fans cheering for our favorite athlete! Rather, we are active participants in Christ's triumph. Just as his death was our death, so also his life is our life. Buried with Christ in baptism, our life is now hidden with him on high.

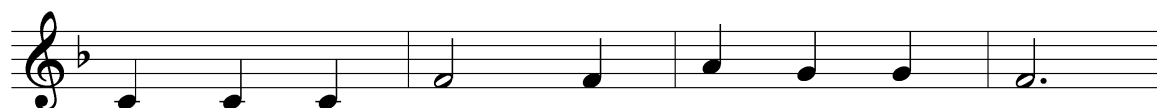
The victory is ours, now and forever. Easter is more than a day. It is an entire joyful season. The six solemn weeks of Lent are eclipsed by seven weeks of unbridled joy. These seven weeks correspond to the period of fifty days on the Jewish calendar between Passover and Pentecost. The Church reserves its highest praise for the Easter season. We do not merely watch from the sidelines as Christ marches in victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell. We join in the festal procession!

Today, we focus on the fact that the good news of the risen Christ is bigger than a single day. The Easter gospel will continue to march across centuries and continents. However, there will always be forces that try to slow that march. Those forces could be self-inflicted fears and doubts. They could be various types of persecutions. Whatever the case, the good news of Easter will not be restrained. For it is not some myth or fable, not a hoax or conspiracy. The reality of Easter rests on the testimony of eye-witnesses. Therefore, the gospel cannot be boxed in any more than Christ could be put back in a tomb. Many may try and restrain the good news of Christ. But the march of the Church's witness will never slow down.

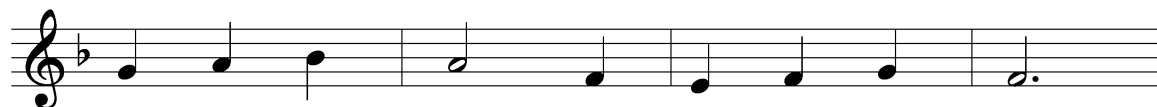
Service of Word and Sacrament

Opening Hymn: Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia

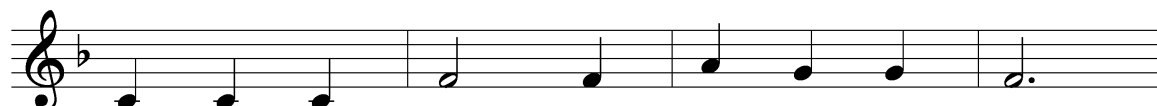
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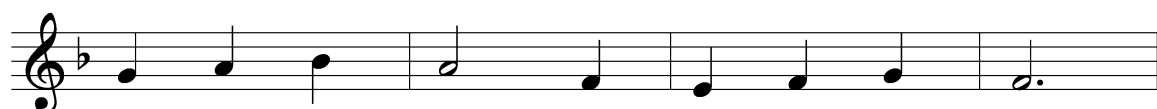
1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
2 For three long days the grave did its worst
3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear!
4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave;



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
You look for Je - sus who is not here.
he has a - ris - en this world to save.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
He who gives life did death un - der - go,
See for your - selves the tomb is all bare,
Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.



e - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
and in its con - quest his might did show.
on - ly the grave - clothes are ly - ing there."
E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."

Refrain



Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy;



death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

Confession of Sins and Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Prayer and Praise

(Spoken/Sung Responsively)

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ have mercy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care.

C: Amen.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

Congregation Sings:



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might-y God, mer-ci-ful Fa - ther, you crown our life



with your love. You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it;



you make us pure and ho-ly in your sight. You did not spare your



on - ly Son, but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



how glo-rious is your name in all the earth. O Son of



God, e - ter-nal Word of the Fa - ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Fa - ther known; you washed us from our sins in



your own blood. You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord!



O Lord, our Lord, how glo-rious is your name in all the earth.

Prayer of the Day

(Prayed by Minister)

M: O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading

Acts 5:12,17–32

*The disciples served as witnesses of Christ's resurrection,
but some wanted to restrain the spread of the gospel.*

¹²The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. And all the believers used to meet together in Solomon's Colonnade.

¹⁷Then the high priest and all his associates, who were members of the party of the Sadducees, were filled with jealousy. ¹⁸They arrested the apostles and put them in the public jail. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the doors of the jail and brought them out. ²⁰"Go, stand in the temple courts," he said, "and tell the people all about this new life."

²¹At daybreak they entered the temple courts, as they had been told, and began to teach the people. When the high priest and his associates arrived, they called together the Sanhedrin—the full assembly of the elders of Israel—and sent to the jail for the apostles. ²²But on arriving at the jail, the officers did not find them there. So they went back and reported, ²³"We found the jail securely locked, with the guards standing at the doors; but when we opened them, we found no one inside." ²⁴On hearing this report, the captain of the temple guard and the chief priests were at a loss, wondering what this might lead to.

²⁵Then someone came and said, "Look! The men you put in jail are standing in the temple courts teaching the people." ²⁶At that, the captain went with his officers and brought the apostles. They did not use force, because they feared that the people would stone them.

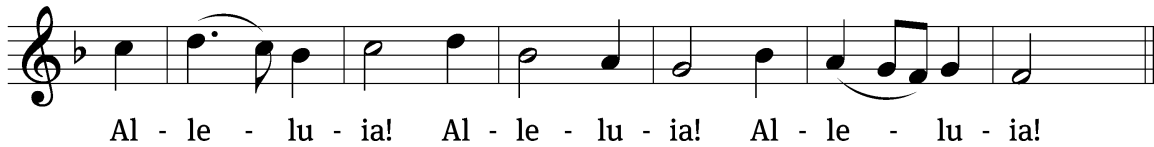
²⁷The apostles were brought in and made to appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. ²⁸"We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name," he said. "Yet you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood."

²⁹Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than human beings! ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from the dead—whom you killed by hanging him on a cross. ³¹God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might bring Israel to repentance and forgive their sins. ³²We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 150B
Sung in Unison

Refrain



Tone



Praise God in his sanctu- / ary;
praise him in his mighty / heavens.
Praise him for his acts of / power;
praise him for his surpassing / greatness. *Refrain*

Praise him with the sounding of the / trumpet,
praise him with the / harp and lyre,
praise him with timbrel and / dancing,
praise him with the / strings and pipe,
praise him with the clash of / cymbals,
praise him with resounding / cymbals. *Refrain*

Let everything that has breath / praise the LORD.
Praise / the LORD.

**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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The Children's Sermon

(All children are invited to sit in front with Pastor)

*The risen Savior promises to be with his churches as they share the
light of the gospel in the midst of a persecution.*

⁴John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

⁷“Look, he is coming with the clouds,”
and “every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him”;
and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.”
So shall it be! Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

⁹I, John, your brother and companion in the suffering and kingdom and patient endurance that are ours in Jesus, was on the island of Patmos because of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰On the Lord’s Day I was in the Spirit, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet, “which said: “Write on a scroll what you see and send it to the seven churches: to Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia and Laodicea.”

¹²I turned around to see the voice that was speaking to me. And when I turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and among the lampstands was someone like a son of man, dressed in a robe reaching down to his feet and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hair on his head was white like wool, as white as snow, and his eyes were like blazing fire. ¹⁵His feet were like bronze glowing in a furnace, and his voice was like the sound of rushing waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, and coming out of his mouth was a sharp, double-edged sword. His face was like the sun shining in all its brilliance.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: “Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. ¹⁸I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.

Verse of the Day

(Spoken by Minister; Response sung by Congregation)

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia. (*John 20:29b*)

Sung by Congregation:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

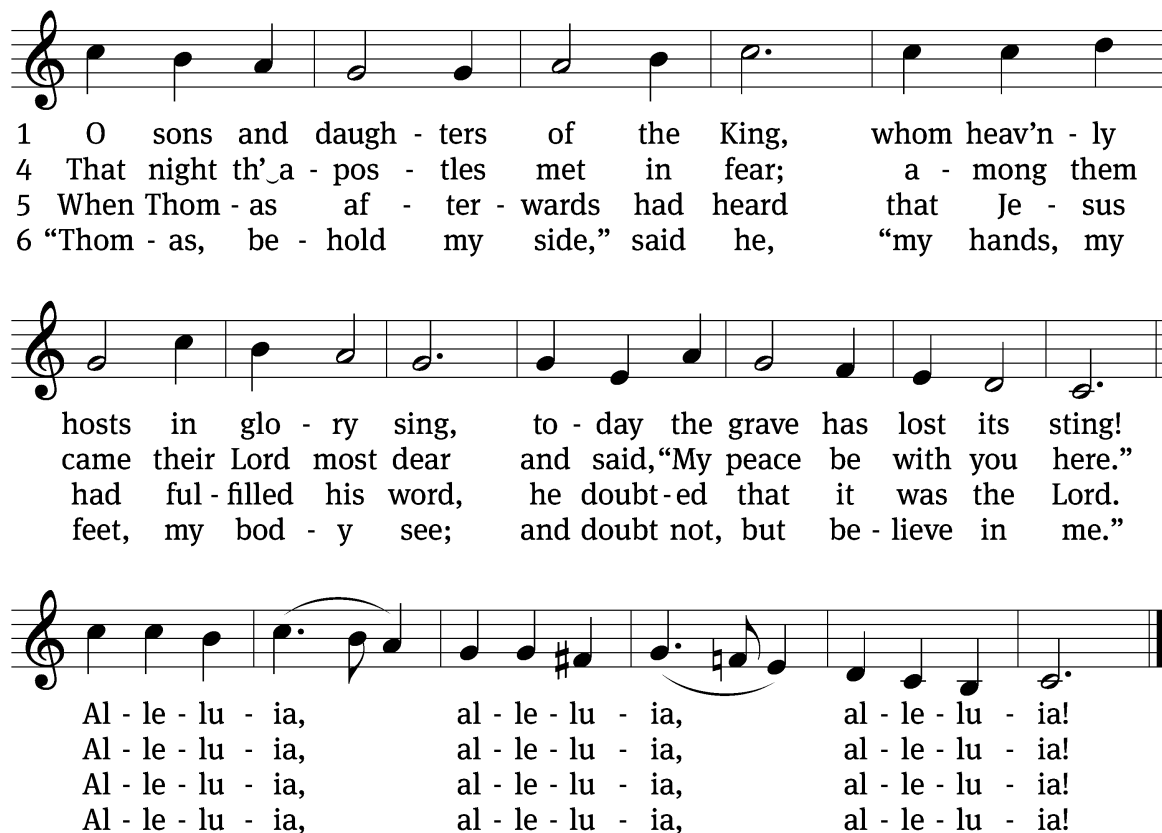
These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Sermon Hymn: O Sons and Daughters of the King

CWH 456 Vs. 1, 4-8



1 O sons and daugh - ters of the King, whom heav'n - ly
 4 That night th' a - pos - tles met in fear; a - mong them
 5 When Thom - as af - ter - wards had heard that Je - sus
 6 "Thom - as, be - hold my side," said he, "my hands, my

hosts in glo - ry sing, to - day the grave has lost its sting!
 came their Lord most dear and said, "My peace be with you here."
 had ful - filled his word, he doubt - ed that it was the Lord.
 feet, my bod - y see; and doubt not, but be - lieve in me."

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

No longer Thomas then denied;
 he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
 "You are my Lord and God," he cried. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Blessèd are they that have not seen
and yet whose faith has constant been;
in life eternal they shall reign. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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Sermon

Empowered to Believe

John 20:19–31

¹⁹On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

²¹Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” ²²And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

²⁴Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

²⁸Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

³⁰Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. ³¹But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

The Nicene Creed

(Spoken in Unison)

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.
 For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven,
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
 and became truly human.
 For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate.
 He suffered death and was buried.
 On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures.
 He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
 and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
 who in unity with the Father and the Son
 is worshiped and glorified,
 who has spoken through the prophets.
 We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Song of the Season: Now Let the Heavens Be Joyful

CWH 448



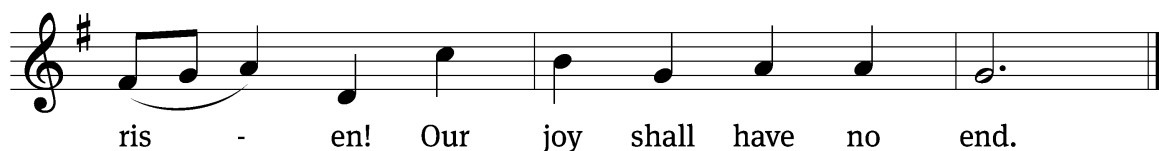
1 Now let the heav'ns be joy - ful, let earth her song be - gin,
 2 From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 3 Let all things, seen and un - seen, their notes of glad-ness blend,



let all the world keep tri - umph and all that is there - in.
 our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.



He is ris - en! He is ris - en! Christ the Lord is



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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Prayed by Minister)



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Prayer of the Church

(Prayed 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.

The Sacrament of the Altar

Greeting

(Spoken Responsively)

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

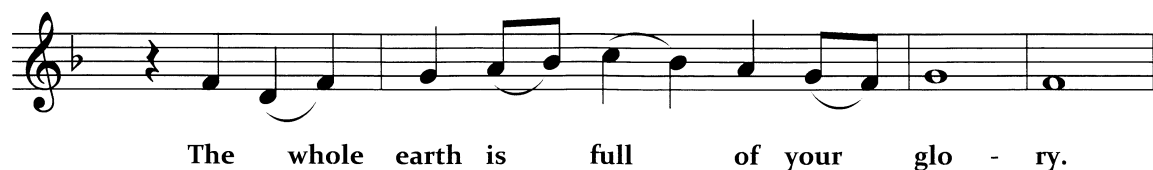
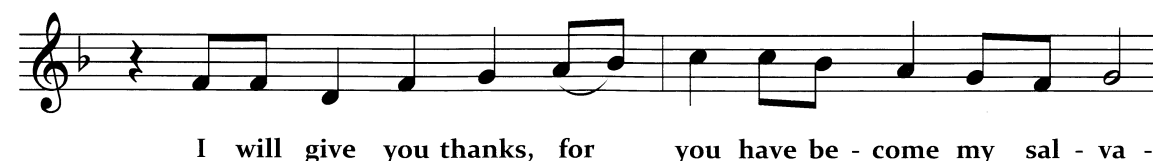
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung by Congregation)



Words of Institution

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread: and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O Christ, Lamb of God



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us,



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; have mer - cy on us.



O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Distribution of Sacrament

(Please refer to “Worship Welcome” in chair pocket)

We follow the Scriptural practice of **CLOSE COMMUNION**. If you have not communed here prior to today, you should speak with our pastor before the service. We would like to help you establish the unity which comes from a common confession of faith (1 Corinthians 10:17) before expressing that union together at the Lord’s Table. It is

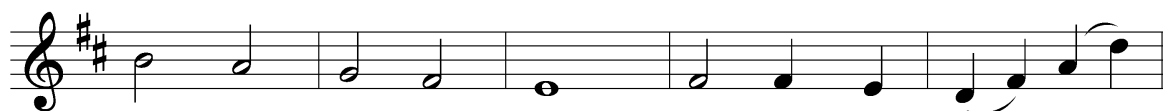
not our intent to judge hearts, but to remain faithful to the truth of God's Word. Those who have established that connection as members of sister WELS or ELS congregations may register at the podium at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you for honoring our practice.

Distribution Hymn: I Know That My Redeemer Lives

CWH 441



1 I know that my Re - deem - er lives! What com - fort
 2 He lives tri - um - phant from the grave; he lives e -
 3 He lives to bless me with his love; he lives to
 4 He lives to grant me rich sup - ply; he lives to



this sweet sen - tence gives! He lives, he lives, who
 ter - nal - ly to save; he lives all - glo - rious
 plead for me a - bove; he lives my hun - gry
 guide me with his eye; he lives to com - fort



once was dead; he lives, my ev - er - liv - ing head!
 in the sky; he lives ex - alt - ed there on high.
 soul to feed; he lives to help in time of need.
 me when faint; he lives to hear my soul's com - plaint.

He lives to silence all my fears;
 he lives to wipe away my tears;
 he lives to calm my troubled heart;
 he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend;
 he lives and loves me to the end;
 he lives, and while he lives, I'll sing;
 he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.

He lives and grants me daily breath;
 he lives, and I shall conquer death;
 he lives my mansion to prepare;
 he lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!
 He lives, my Jesus, still the same.

Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives:

I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Song of Thanksgiving

(Sung by Congregation)



Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev - 'ry - one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and 'proud - ly bear his name.



He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks - giv - ing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Closing Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.

Closing Hymn: In Christ Alone

CWH 510

1 In Christ a-lone my hope is found; he is my
 2 In Christ a-lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of
 3 There in the ground his bod-y lay, light of the
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the

light, my strength, my song; this cor-ner-stone, this sol-id
 God in help-less babe; this gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark-ness slain; then burst-ing forth in glo-rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi-nal

ground, firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
 day, up from the grave he rose a-gain!
 breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.

What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
 Till on that cross as Je-sus died, the wrath of
 And as he stands in vic-to-ry, sin's curse has
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev-er

stilled, when striv-ings cease! My com-fort-er, my all in
 God was sat-is-fied; for ev-'ry sin on him was
 lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
 pluck me from his hand; till he re-turns or calls me

all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 mine, bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Call Response Letter

April 17, 2022

Dear Members of Cross of Glory Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we made our way through Holy Week, from the upper room to the garden, from the kangaroo court of Caiaphas to the politically motivated verdict of Pilate, from the climb up Calvary to the curse of the cross and finally from the excitement of the empty tomb to the joy of a risen and living Jesus, we are blessed to witness God's marvelous plan of salvation as it unfolds before us once again. What a glorious reminder that God's plans, while they may not necessarily seem logical to human reason, are always the best.

On Thursday evening I received a divine call from your congregation to serve as 5th & 6th Grade Teacher and Athletic Director. I am both humbled and excited to have the opportunity to prayerfully consider what the Lord's future plans for me are. Whether it be to continue serving in my current call or to join you and the exciting ministry that is growing among you, I am confident that the Lord will continue to bless the work taking place in both congregations.

I ask for your continued prayers for my wife and I, as well as our congregation here in Juneau, WI, as I now deliberate the two calls I now hold. We are keeping you in our prayers as well.

Have a blessed Easter, confident that, "Because He lives, we also shall live!"

Your Fellow Brother in Service to Christ,
Matthew Lober

Personal Prayers for Communion

Before Communing

Lord Jesus, you have invited me to come and receive your holy Sacrament. I believe that in the bread and wine you give me your true body and blood to eat and drink. Forgive my sins and nourish my faith through this precious meal. I long for the comfort that comes with your promises; I yearn for the assurance of your faithful love. Bless me now as I receive you by faith.

After Communing

Thank you, dear Savior, for nourishing my faith with the Sacrament of your body and blood. Lift my heart with your forgiveness, renew my confidence in your grace, empower my love for others, and lead me to long for the eternal banquet of heaven.

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THIS WEEK AT CROSS OF GLORY

April 28, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
April 29, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
May 1, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
May 1, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
May 1, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
May 1, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

LOOKING AHEAD

May 2, 6:30 p.m.	Cave Creek Cornerstone Group
May 4, 9:00 a.m.	Mornings with Mommy
May 4, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
May 5, 6:30 p.m.	New River Cornerstone Group
May 6, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
May 8, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Jomax)
May 8, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
May 8, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
May 8, 10:30 a.m.	Sunday Morning Bible Study

Fiesta Night

Due to Easter being so late this year, Fiesta Night will be canceled for 2022.

Voters Meeting

Today following the worship service and refreshments is our quarterly voters meeting. Report packets are located in the back of the church.

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.

Jomax Worship Volunteers	April 24th	May 1st	May 8th
Counters	Sasse/ Schirripa	Sasse/Schirripa/ Stacey Cornell	-
Cleaners	Patterson	Foxen/ Koutia	Martins/ Ehlers
Communion Setup	Lynn Wempner	Dawn Ellis	-
Ushers	John Wempner Len Collyard Steve Semmann Sharon Wilson	Cody Hall Joel Ditter Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis
Sunday Refreshments	Paula Considine	Rene Koutia	Confirmation/ Clara Naber
A/V	Rene Koutia Gus Koutia	Stacy Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia

Building Project Update

The building project continues to run about two months behind originally scheduled. Platinum Builders just had another contractor walk off the job--the framers. Platinum is in no way to blame for this. They pay their subcontractors timely and treat them all with respect. This area of the valley is growing so much that contractors are choosing to work jobs that pose a greater benefit to them regardless of the contracts they signed.

However, a new framing crew will begin on Friday. We should see electrical, plumbing, and HVAC all installed within the month. Drywall will start on about May 20. Outside work will be done throughout the remainder of the build. The athletic field will be sodded in the next two weeks.

While it looks like we won't get the final inspection passed until August 1 now, we will be able to move classroom furniture in when the floors and walls are complete. So, stay tuned for the moving party!

Once we get final approval, State Licensure can do their evaluation of our newly constructed preschool space and approve it for occupancy by the little ones. As of now, we plan to start school and preschool on time, August 11.

Please continue to keep the workers and this project 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

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.

Kids Klub (May)

Kids Klub is a free Sunday morning club for kids ages 3-11 and offers a fun hour of activity. See below for this month's schedule. Parents are welcome to stay with their children for the hour, or leave and come back at 11:30 to pick them up. Mr. Aguilar and the teen group kick things off with a fun sing-along time. Each Sunday, a new Bible story will be taught and/or incorporated into the day's activity.

10111 W Jomax Road
10:30-11:30am

[Sunday, May 1 - Music - Becky Foxen](#)

[Sunday, May 15 - Science - Betsy Collins](#)

[Sunday, May 22 - Skit - Leslie Contreras](#)

[Sunday, May 29 - Craft - Andrea Semmann](#)

Please let us know if you are able to attend by signing up. After May 29, Kids Klub will go on break for the summer.

Golden Agers Breakfast

The next Golden Agers breakfast will be held on Thursday, May 12, at 9:30. The location is Brothers Family Restaurant, 8466 W Peoria Ave, Peoria, AZ 85345. Please email Judy Sasse if you plan to attend. sasseja43aol.com.



Help Wanted!

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching [this June]. It takes a lot of great volunteers [like you!] to pull this off. Please contact the school/church office, if you are able to help. Volunteers are needed to serve as group leaders, craft and snack helpers, drama team, etc. This ministry is an exciting opportunity to reach out to our community. It seems to grow every year...so sign up to join the fun!!

Lakeside Lutheran teens are coming to help with VBS this year. Please let us know if you are interested to house one, two, or more June 5-11. Sign up [here](#)..

VBS Registration Is Now Open!

Early VBS registration for our church and school families is open as of today! The registration website will be publicized to everyone outside of our church and school families a week after Easter, so now is your chance to reserve your spot! To do so, simply follow this [link](#). All the information you need is available at the link.

Register Now!
Good Shepherd Bible Camp
July 10-16, 2022



**Come spend a week with
us in the mountains!**

To register, visit
www.goodshepherdbiblecamp.com

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.