



Easter 3
Sunday, May 1, 2022



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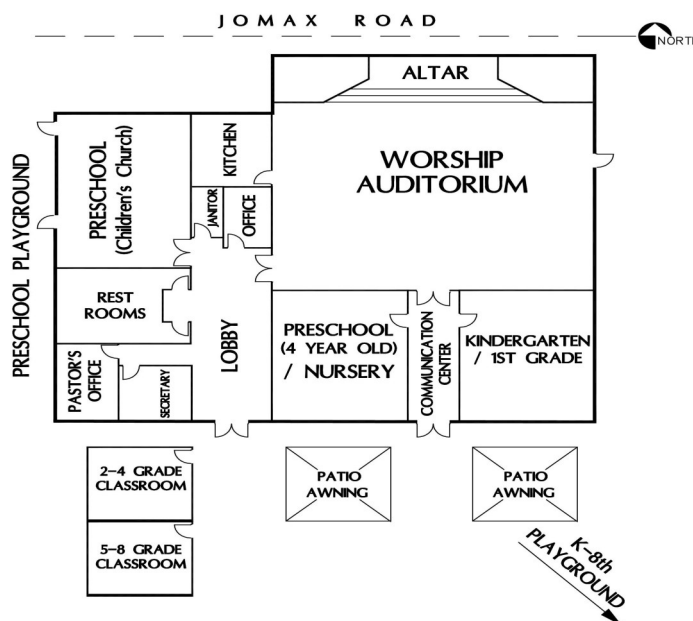
Sun. 9am Worship

Rev. John Ehlers, Pastor
Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

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!

A recent survey asked Americans which of the five senses they would least like to lose. 77% chose sight. Navigating life blind poses a plethora of challenges that the sighted do not face. This is why Scripture often uses the concept of blindness as a metaphor for how hard it is to navigate life without a correct understanding of Christ. Spiritual blindness can take many different forms. In some cases, it is hostile opposition to the message of Jesus. In others, spiritual blindness might be demonstrated in confusion about Jesus' true identity. No matter the specific form spiritual blindness takes, Easter has the power to replace it with sight. Easter allows us to see where we sinners stand with a holy God. It enables us to see the path though life that is worth pursuing (as opposed to those that lead to a dead end). Spiritual sight gives us the ability to see who holds our future in his hands and who is worth our eternal worship.

The Service

Opening Hymn: Come, Christians Join to Sing

CWH 599



1 Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2 Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - jice;
he is our guide and friend, to us he'll con - de - scend;
on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

Text: Christian Henry Bateman, 1813–1889

Tune: arr. Benjamin Carr, 1768–1831; Spanish

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Greeting

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

C: Amen.

Confession

(Spoken Responsively)

M: If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just
and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not

loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. 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.

Lord, Have Mercy

(Spoken Responsively)

M: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Glory to God in the Highest

(Sung to the Tune of CWH 528)

Glory to God in heaven peace to those he loves so well.

On the earth let all his people speak his grace, his wonders tell:

Lord, we praise you for your glory mighty Father, heaven's King:

hear our joyful adoration and accept the tanks we bring.

Only Son of God the Father, Lamb who takes our sin away,

now with him in triumph seated for your mercy, Lord, we pray:

Jesus Christ, most high and holy, Savior you are God alone

in the glory of the Father with the Spirit, Three in One!

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The Word

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

M: O God, by the humiliation of your Son, you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

While in exile on the island of Patmos, St. John was given special sight, the ability to see the sacrificial Lamb who is worthy of our worship and praise.

¹¹Then I looked and heard the voice of many angels, numbering thousands upon thousands, and ten thousand times ten thousand. They encircled the throne and the living creatures and the elders. ¹²In a loud voice they were saying:

“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength
and honor and glory and praise!”

¹³Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, saying:

“To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be praise and honor and glory and power,
for ever and ever!”

¹⁴The four living creatures said, “Amen,” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Psalms 30

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Sing to the Lord, you saints of his;

C: **Praise his holy name.**

M: For his anger lasts only a moment,

C: **But his favor lasts a lifetime;**

M: Weeping may remain for a night.

C: **But rejoicing comes in the morning.**

M: To you, O Lord, I called:

C: **To the Lord I cried for mercy.**

M: Hear, O Lord, and be merciful to me;

C: O Lord, be my help.

M: You turned my wailing into dancing,

C: That my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

The Children's Sermon

(Children may come forward to the altar)

Gospel

John 21:1-14

Many of the disciples first met Jesus while fishing near the Sea of Galilee. At the time they were spiritually blind, not fully realizing who Jesus was. The resurrected Jesus now appears again to these disciples while they are fishing, and this time they see him clearly through eyes of faith.

¹Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³"I'm going out to fish," Simon Peter told them, and they said, "We'll go with you." So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"

"No," they answered.

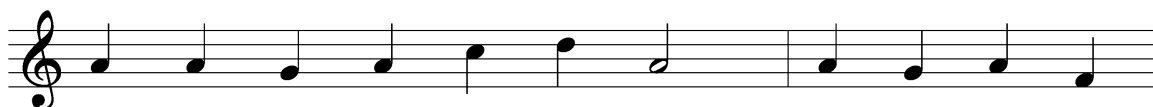
⁶He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

Sermon Hymn: Christ the Lord Is Risen Again

CWH 459 Vs. 1-3, 5-6



1	Christ	the	Lord	is	ris'n	a - gain;	Christ	has	bro - ken
2	He	who	gave	for	us	his life,	who	for	us en -
3	He	who	bore	all	pain	and loss	com -	fort -	less up -
5	He	who	slum -	bered	in	the grave	is	ex -	alt - ed
6	Now	he	bids	us	tell	a - broad	how	the	lost may



death's strong chain. Hark, the an - gels shout for joy,
dured the strife, is our Pas - chal Lamb to - day.
on the cross lives in glo - ry now on high,
now to save; now through Chris - ten - dom it rings
be re - stored, how the pen - i - tent for - giv'n,



sing - ing ev - er - more on high: Hal - le - lu - jah!
We, too, sing for joy and say: Hal - le - lu - jah!
pleads for us, and hears our cry: Hal - le - lu - jah!
that the Lamb is King of kings. Hal - le - lu - jah!
how we, too, may en - ter heav'n. Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Michael Weisse, c. 1480–1534, abr.

Tune: Latin, c. 1100, adapt.

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Sermon

A Miraculous, Spiritual Resurrection

Acts 9:1–22

¹Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. ³As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

⁵"Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked.

"I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. ⁶"Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

⁷The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. ⁸Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. ⁹For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

¹⁰In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

¹¹The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. ¹²In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

¹³"Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. ¹⁴And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

¹⁵But the Lord said to Ananias, “Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. ¹⁶I will show him how much he must suffer for my name.”

¹⁷Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit.” ¹⁸Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul’s eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul spent several days with the disciples in Damascus. ²⁰At once he began to preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the Son of God. ²¹All those who heard him were astonished and asked, “Isn’t he the man who raised havoc in Jerusalem among those who call on this name? And hasn’t he come here to take them as prisoners to the chief priests?” ²²Yet Saul grew more and more powerful and baffled the Jews living in Damascus by proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

Nicene Creed

(Spoken by All)

**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



ris - en! Our joy shall have no end.

Text: tr. John Mason Neale, 1818–1866, alt.; John of Damascus, c. 696–c. 754

Tune: French

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The Offering and Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

(To give an offering, please scan QR Code)

The Sacrament



Preface

(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: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree, would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Holy, Holy, Holy

(Sung to the tune of CWH 872)



1 Sing, "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of hosts on high,
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How blest is Christ our King,



your ev - er-last - ing glo - ry fills earth and sea and sky."
who died as our Re - deem - er, e - ter - nal life to bring!



Our voic - es cry, "Ho - san - na!" Lord, hear our hum - ble plea:
How blest are you, Lord Je - sus, now com - ing in God's name!



in mer - cy, come and save us; in love, come set us free.
"Ho - san - na in the high - est!" our grate - ful hearts pro-claim.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

M: We give thanks to you, O God, through your dear Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be our Savior, our Redeemer, and the messenger of your grace. Through him you made all things; in him you are well pleased. He is the incarnate Word, conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. To fulfill your promises, he stretched out his hands on the cross and released from eternal death all who believe in you.

As we remember Jesus' death and resurrection, we thank you that you have gathered us together to receive your Son's body and blood. Send us your Spirit, unite us as one, and strengthen our faith so that we may praise you in your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him, we glorify and honor you, O God our Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Spoken by All)

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.

Words of Institution

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

(Sung to the Tune of CWH 407)

1 O Lamb of God, once lift - ed high up - on a
2 O Lamb of God, your sac - ri - fice has can - celled

cross to bleed and die, in per - fect love you
sin, has paid its price; your per - fect love will

took our place— be - stow on us your sav - ing grace.
nev - er cease— have mer - cy, Lord, and grant us peace.

Tune: Michael D. Shultz

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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 sanctuary entrance podium. Thank you for honoring our practice.*

Distribution Hymn: Jesus Comes Today with Healing

CWH 668

1 Je - sus comes to - day with heal - ing, knock - ing at my
2 Christ him - self, the priest pre - sid - ing, yet in bread and
3 Un - der bread and wine, though low - ly, I re - ceive the
4 God de - scends with heav’n - ly pow - er, gives him - self to



door, ap - peal - ing, of - f'ring par - don, grace, and peace.
wine a - bid - ing in this ho - ly sac - ra - ment,
Sav - ior ho - ly, blood and bod - y, giv'n for me,
me this hour — in this or - di - nar - y sign.



He him - self makes prep - a - ra - tion, and I hear his
gives the bread of life, once bro - ken, and the cup, the
ver - y Lamb of God from heav - en, who to bit - ter
On my tongue his pledge re - ceiv - ing, I ac - cept his



in - vi - ta - tion: "Come and taste the bless - ed feast."
pre - cious to - ken of his sa - cred cov - e - nant.
death was giv - en, hung up - on the curs - ed tree.
grace, be - liev - ing that I taste his love di - vine.

Let me praise God's boundless favor,
whose own feast of love I savor,
bidden by his gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me,
with a robe of white he hides me,
fits me for the royal hall.

Now have I found consolation,
comfort in my tribulation,
balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror,
cleanses me from sin and error,
makes my wounded spirit whole.

Text: tr. David W. Rogner, b. 1960; Heinrich Puchta, 1808–1858

Tune: adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; Johann Löhner, 1645–1705

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Closing Prayer

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

C: his mercy endures forever.

M: Whenever we eat this bread and drink this cup,

C: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this saving gift. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

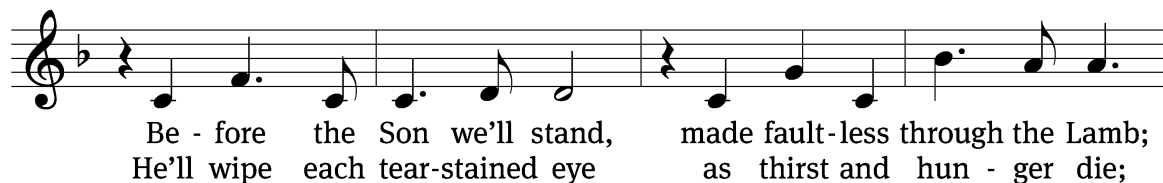
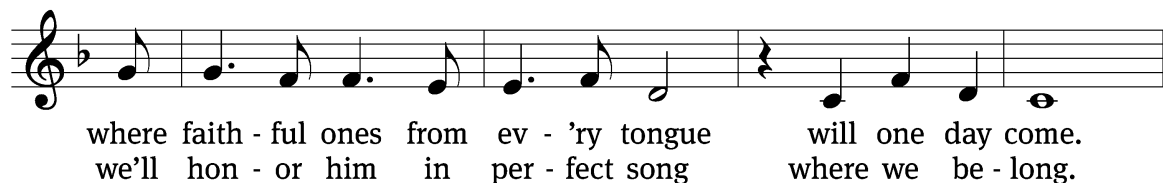
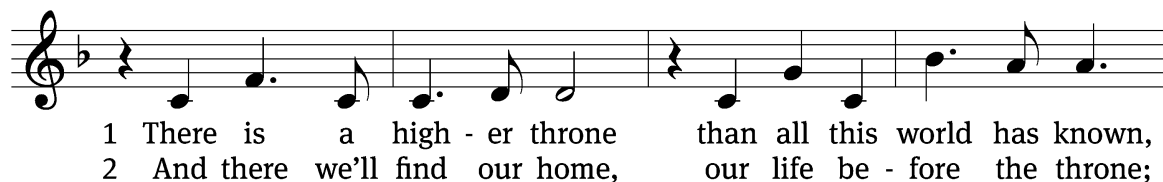
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

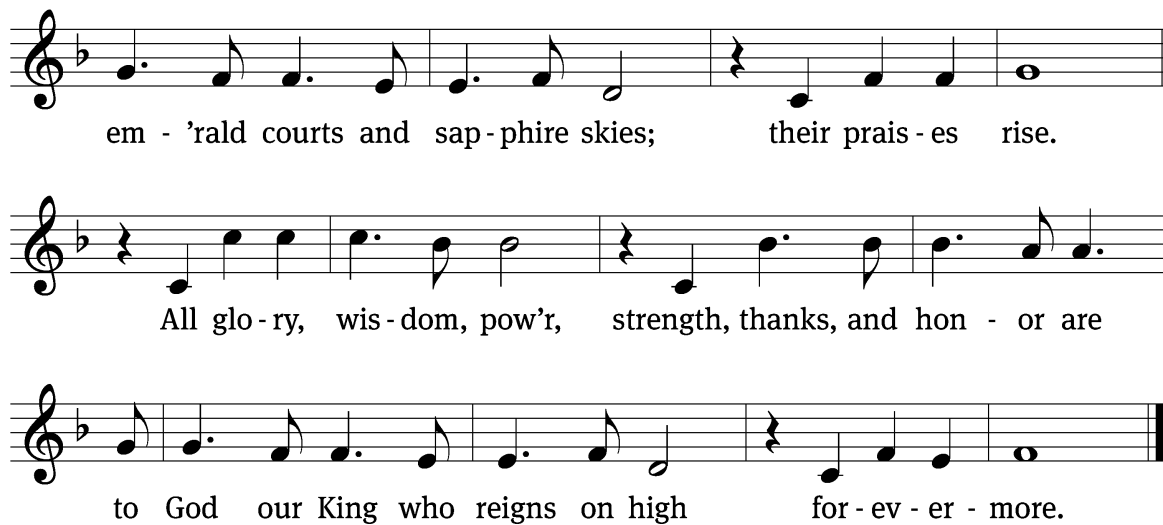
The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn: There Is a Higher Throne

CWH 885





em - 'rald courts and sap-phire skies; their prais - es rise.

All glo - ry, wis - dom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and hon - or are

to God our King who reigns on high for - ev - er - more.

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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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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 online.



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 the link on our website.

VBS Meeting

On May 15th at 10:30 there will be a VBS to discuss what everyone will be doing at VBS. We will need all leaders and helper to attend this meeting.

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



Some basic information you may need:



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

Dates: July 10-16, 2022

Campers: Those entering the 4th grade to 10th grade in fall 2022

Staff: Those entering 11th grade in fall 2022 and older

Register at goodshepherdbiblecamp.com

Fees: \$290/camper; \$120/staff

To register, visit
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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.

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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.

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	May 1st	May 8th	May 15th
Counters	Sasse/Schirripa/ Stacey Cornell	-	-
Cleaners	Foxen/ Koutia	Martins/ Ehlers	Coates/ Simkauskas
Communion Setup	Dawn Ellis	-	Shannon Gullerud
Ushers	Cody Hall Joel Ditter Levi Foxen	John Kull Kim Moline Dean Ellis	Jon Naber Rich Kugler Kelly Simpson
Sunday Refreshments	Rene Koutia	Confirmation	Clara Naber
A/V	Stacey Cornell Aaron Gullerud	Kelly Simpson Gus Koutia	Stacey Cornell Pedro Contreras

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

Update: A new framing crew has begun this week.

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

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

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May 11, 7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice
May 12, 9:30 a.m.	Golden Agers Breakfast
May 12, 6:30 p.m.	Vistancia Cornerstone Group
May 13, 10:00 a.m.	Growth Group for Moms
May 15, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service w/ Communion (Jomax)
May 15, 9:00 a.m.	Worship Service (Live Stream Jomax)
May 15, 9:30 a.m.	Worship Service (New River)
May 15, 10:30 a.m.	VBS Meeting

Foxen Farewell

Please mark your calendars for May 22nd at 12:00 for the Foxen's farewell. Join us for a potluck to celebrate their new adventure and remember all the wonderful times they had with us.

Fiesta Night

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

Confirmation Open House

The Foxens are inviting the Cross of Glory congregation to their home on Sunday, May 8th, for an open house to celebrate Levi's confirmation. We know it's a busy Mother's Day, but we'd love for you to stop by sometime between 12-4 for a light lunch and refreshments. Our address is 11716 W Foothill Ct, Sun City, AZ 85373.

VBS Meeting

On Sunday, May 15 at 10:30, there will be a vacation Bible school meeting to discuss what everyone will be doing at VBS. We will need all leaders and helpers to attend this meeting.

WELSSA Meeting

It's time for us to renew our WELSSA accreditation. We are calling all hands on deck. Anyone interested in how the school operates and eager to assist in making it better is welcome to help. Many hands make the job lighter. It's truly a blessing to see the difference Cross of Glory makes in the lives of children. Lunch will be provided for the 12:00 meeting on Sunday, May 1.

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. 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.