

Cross of Glory

Lutheran Church & School



Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 24, 2024

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10111 W Jomax Road

Peoria, AZ 85383

Sunday 9am Worship

Pastor Zachary Pudlo

Mr. Andrew Aguilar, Principal

WELCOME to our worship center

Blessed to be a member of



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.

Growing in Faith — Living in Grace — Sharing His Glory

ABOUT US

The continuing purpose of this congregation, as a gathering of Christians, is to spread to all people in God's world the glory of the cross of Christ, by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ on the basis of the Holy Scriptures.

Today's Worship Focus

Rethinking Religion

Everyone has assumptions about God. Likewise, everyone has assumptions about religion. Increasingly, those assumptions are negative. Americans are walking away from Christianity in breathtaking numbers. It raises the question. How do those people know if their assumptions about religion are correct? Do they really understand Christianity at all? Do we? Do we truly understand this religion? In the season of Lent, as much as any other, Jesus teaches things that turn the world's assumptions about religion completely upside down. We call it "Christianity."

Our theme this week is "**Rethinking Real Strength**". Most religions believe in a powerful God. It is assumed that God will use that strength for the benefit of his followers. That is a reasonable assumption, but it begs the question. What is real strength? It is easy to assume that real strength means exerting your will over another by using any means necessary, including force. But this week we see Jesus Christ demonstrate a different kind of strength. We have come to Holy Week. It begins with Jesus humbly riding a donkey colt straight into the hands of his enemies. As the week progresses, it will appear that Christ's adversaries are the ones in a position of power and Jesus is in a position of weakness. Yet what Christ does this holy week—setting his divine strength aside, being passive in the face of death—would change the world. To do what Christ did for us and our salvation took real strength.

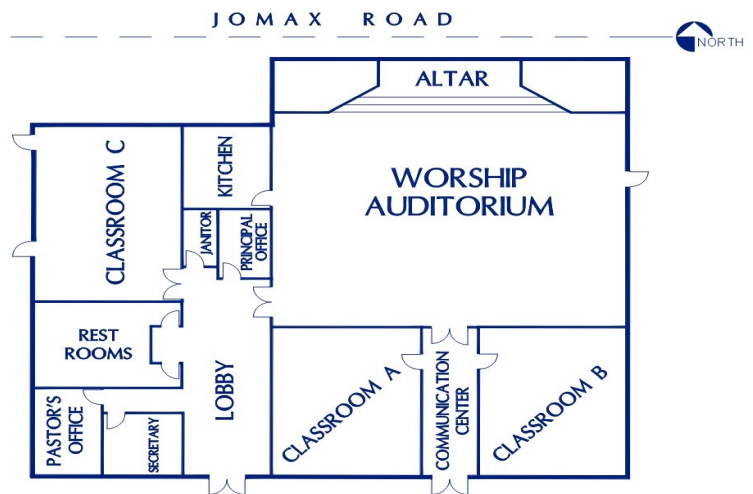
VISITOR INFORMATION

New to Cross of Glory? We are so glad you joined us today! We invite you to stay after the service to chat and join us for coffee time and Bible study.

Would you like to learn more about us? We'd love to get to know you better as well. Connect with Cross of Glory by either:

- Using the **friendship register** at the end of each row to connect with us today.
- Emailing us at church.secretary@crossofglory.org

CHURCH MAP



FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN

- Restrooms with changing tables located in lobby.
- Nursery for toddlers 2 years and younger accompanied by adult in Classroom A.
- Children in Church Program: Worship is a family affair, something that children best learn from their parents. We encourage parents to guide their children through the service. We invite children to come forward for the Children's Message during the service. Let's work together to bring up the next generation in the Word of the Lord!

Palm Sunday Festival Service

Choir

Hosanna Gathering

Words and Music by Pepper Choplin

Palm Sunday Call to Worship

(Spoken Responsively)

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

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**

M: Let us pray.

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

C: **Amen.**

M: Let us go forth in peace,

C: **in the name of the Lord!**

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

C: **Hosanna in the highest!**



The Call to Worship for Palm Sunday signals the start of "Holy Week", the week Jesus fulfilled God's salvation plan. Like those who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem we praise our Savior with loud hosannas, mindful of the sacrifice he is about to make for the sins of the world.

Processional Song: Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

CWH 413

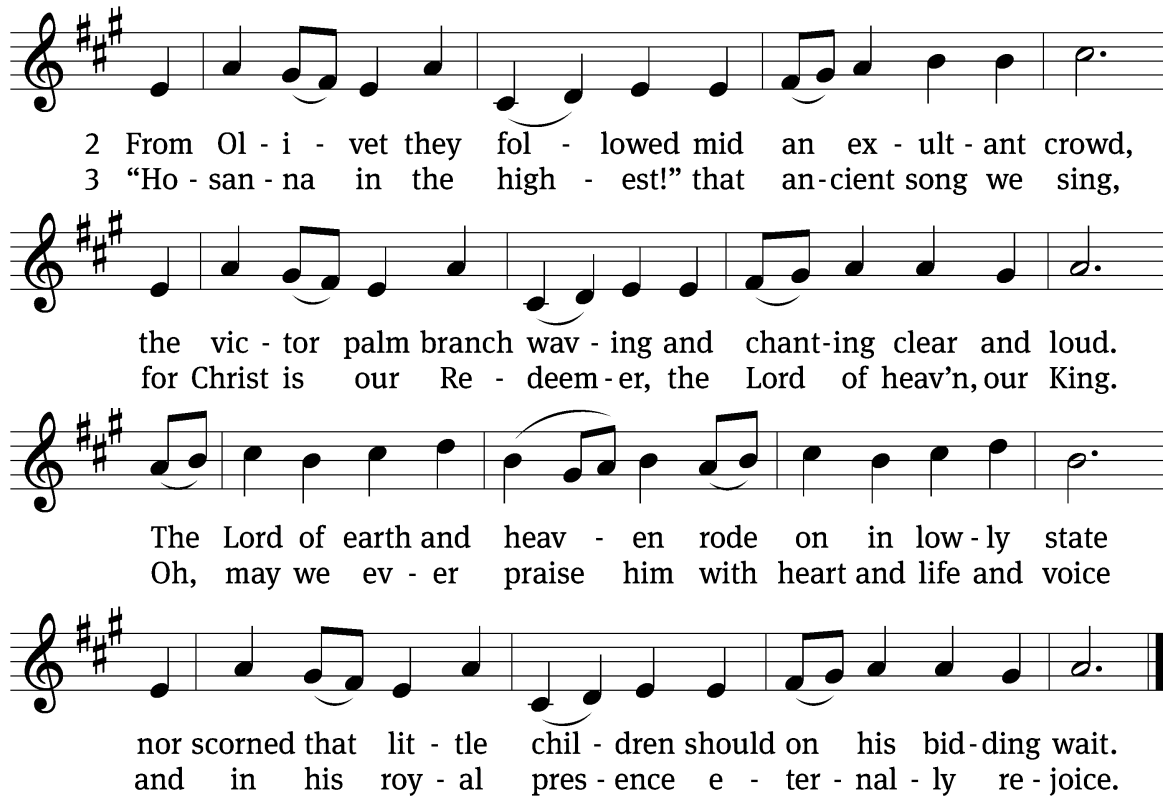
Children sing Vs. 1 and Congregation joins for Vs. 2-3

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



This hymn is often sung on Palm Sunday as a procession of children enter the sanctuary singing and waving palm branches as children did on that first Palm Sunday.

Congregation Sings:



2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,
3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" that an - cient song we sing,
the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing and chant - ing clear and loud.
for Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n, our King.
The Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state
Oh, may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice
nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.
and in his roy - al pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice.

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"If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just
and will forgive us our
sins and purify us from
all unrighteousness. "

(1 John 1:9)

Christ said to his disci-
ples, "If you forgive
anyone his sins, they
are forgiven". The pas-
tor speaks for God and
announces God's for-
giveness to those who
made confession.

Confession of Sins

(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.

Absolution

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Je-
sus 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.

Glory to God in the Highest

(Tune: CWH 517)

Tune: BEACH SPRING

1 Glo - ry be to God in heav - en, peace to those he loves so
2 On - ly Son of God the Fa - ther, Lamb who takes our sin a -
well. On the earth let all his peo - ple speak his
way, now with him in tri - umph seat - ed— for your
grace, his won - ders tell: Lord, we praise you for your
mer - cy, Lord, we pray: Je - sus Christ, most high and
glo - ry, might - y Fa - ther, heav - en's King; hear our
ho - ly, Sav - ior, you are God a - lone in the
joy - ful ad - o - ra - tion and ac - cept the thanks we bring.
glo - ry of the Fa - ther with the Spir - it, Three in One!

Text: Michael A. Perry Tune: The Sacred Harp, Philadelphia, 1844

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The Word

Prayer of the Day

(Spoken by Minister)

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

C: Amen.



This hymn of praise gives the congregation the opportunity to praise God and express joy because Jesus is our victorious Savior.



The main thoughts of the day are collected or summarized in this short prayer.



The prophet Zechariah foretold a king who is both infinitely strong and perfectly humble. He would enter Jerusalem riding on the colt of a donkey.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

⁹Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion!

Shout, Daughter Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you,

righteous and victorious,

lowly and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will take away the chariots from Ephraim

and the warhorses from Jerusalem,

and the battle bow will be broken.

He will proclaim peace to the nations.

His rule will extend from sea to sea

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will free your prisoners from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your fortress, you prisoners of hope;

even now I announce that I will restore twice as much to you.

LES Choir

God So Loved

Congregation joins the refrain

Come all you weary; come all you thirsty;

come to the well that never runs dry.

Drink of the Water. Come and thirst no more.

Come all you sinners; come find his mercy;

come to the table. He will satisfy.

Taste of His goodness; find what you're looking for.

Refrain:

For God so loved the world that he gave us

his one and only son to save us.

Whoever believes in him will live forever.

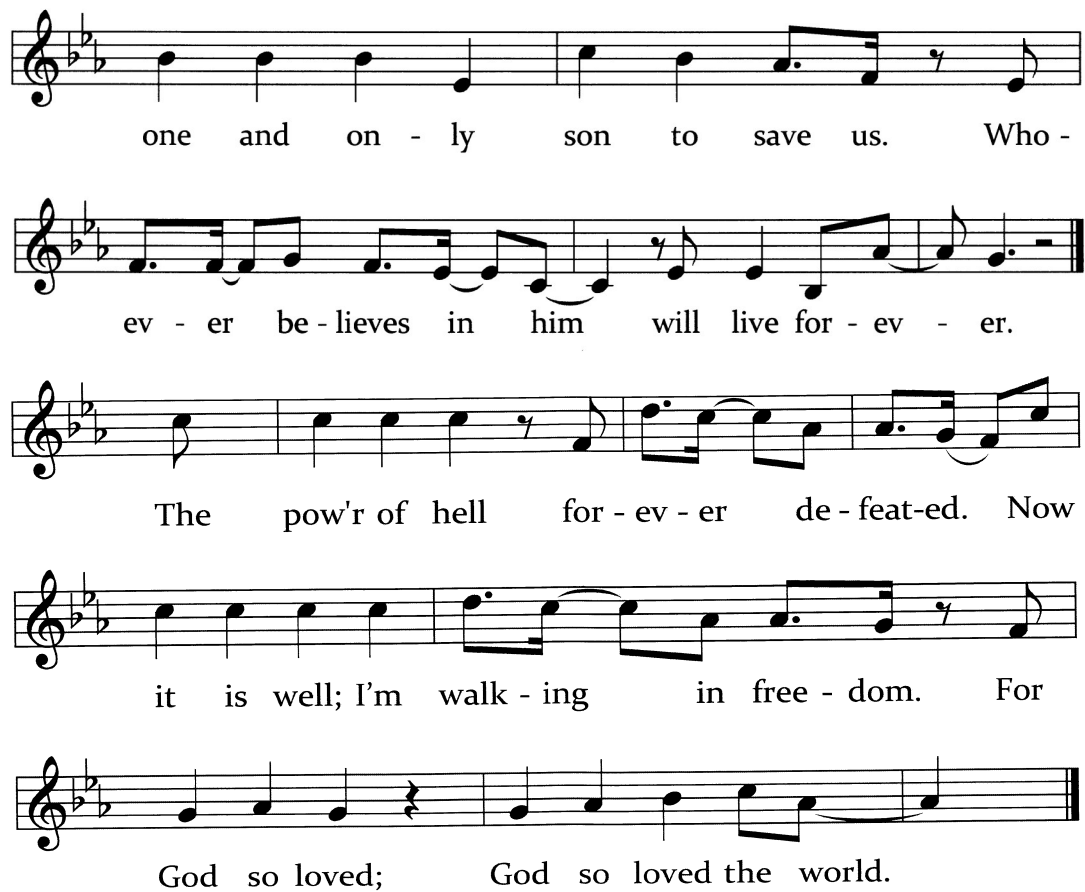
Bring all your failures; bring your addictions;

come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

Jesus is waiting there with open arms; see his open arms.

Congregation joins:





*Praise God! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him! Praise him for the wonders of his love. (x2)*

(Refrain x2)

*Bring all your failures; bring your addictions;
come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting. God so loved the world.*

The Children's Sermon

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

Second Reading

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, ²fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.



Jesus demonstrated strength by enduring the cross. He did so for the joy set before him: redeeming us from our sin.



This hymn follows the theme of the readings and sets the stage for the sermon.

Hymn of the Day: Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!

CWH 411

1 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! All the
 2 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 4 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5 Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry. O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die. O Christ, your tri - umphs
 fierc - est strife is nigh. The Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to

sue your road, with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 sap - phire throne a - waits his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your pow'r and reign.

Text: Henry H. Milman, 1791–1868, alt.
 Tune: Musicalisch Hand-Buch der Geistlichen Melodien, Hamburg, 1690, alt.
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In the sermon the Pastor proclaims God's Word and applies that word to modern life and problems. He stresses both what God demands of us (the Law) and what God does for us through Jesus Christ (the Gospel).

Sermon : The Controversial King

Mark 11:1–10

¹As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ²saying to them, “Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you doing this?’ say, ‘The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.’”

⁴They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵some people standing there asked, “What are you doing, untying that colt?” ⁶They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted,

“Hosanna!”

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

¹⁰“Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!”

“Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

The 2nd Article of the Apostles' Creed

(Read Responsively)



M: 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.

C: **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.**

M: *What does this mean?*

C: **I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord.**

M: He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver, but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death.

C: **All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.**

After hearing the Word of God, we respond with our confession of faith.

Today, we confess the second article of The Apostles' Creed, which focuses on the second person of the Trinity, Jesus, and on the major elements of Jesus' story of our redemption – his birth, death and resurrection.

The explanation is taken from Luther's Small Catechism.

Jr. Choir

This is the Day

Offering Prayer

(Spoken by Minister)

If you brought a monetary gift today for the work of the church, please place your offering in the receptacle at one of the two entrances to the sanctuary either before or after the service.



The gifts of God's people are a response to God's blessings.

Prayer of the Church for Palm Sunday

(Spoken Responsively)

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place.

C: **Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.**

M: Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil.

The apostle Paul encouraged young Pastor Timothy: "I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people". (1 Timothy 2:1)



We speak to God as
our Father as Jesus
taught us. (Matthew 6)



The **Aaronic Blessing** is
the blessing that Aaron
and his sons were to
speak over the people
of Israel, recorded in
Numbers 6:23–27. The
pastor offers the same
blessing to the congre-
gation as they are
about to conclude their
worship.

C: Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

M: Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn.

C: Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

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

~Silent prayer~

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this Holy Week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation.

C: Hear us for your mercy's sake. 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.

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.

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Monthly Newsletter

Please use this QR code to access our monthly newsletter.



Picture Ordering Update

If you would like to order a church directory, you will need to create an account using the QR code. You may also use this to order individual pictures. If you have any question, please contact United Portraits directly at 602-538-9600, or email them at cs@unitedportraits.com. Orders are due by Friday, March 22, 2024.



Ways to Serve

Worship Volunteers	March 24	March 31	April 7
Counters	Judy Sasse/Susie Cornell	Joel Ditter/Nancy Schirripa	Nick Nicholai/Michael Ryan
Communion			Sharon
Church Cleaners	Martins/Pappenfuss/Cape	Coates/Simkauskas	Kelley/Grams
Greeters	Fred Piepenbrink/Diana Piepenbrink	Brad Hotz/Carolyn Hotz	Gary Jeffers/Brenda Jeffers
Ushers	Dave Goelzer/Karen Goelzer/Michael Ryan/Gary Jeffers	7:00am Cody Hall/Joel Ditter 9:30am Len Collyard/Nick Nickolai/Steve Semmann/Sharon Wilson	John Kull/Kim Moline/Dean Ellis
Refreshments	Paula Considine	Easter Breakfast	Stacy Cornell/Diana Piepenbrink
A/V	Kelly Simpson/Pedro Contreras	Hailey Ditter/Joel Ditter	Stacey Aguilar/Gus Koutia

HOLY WEEK



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 24, 9:00am

Palm Sunday

March 28, 7:00pm

Maundy Thursday w/ Communion

March 29, 7:00pm

Good Friday

March 31, 7:00am

Sunrise Easter Service

March 31, 9:30am

Celebration Easter Service

Holy Week Voluteers	March 28	March 29
Communion	Shannon	
Ushers	Chris Patterson/Isaac Patterson/Titus Patterson/Grant Stern	Pedro Contreras/ Tanner Plizuweit/ Michael Radue
A/V	Shannon Gullerud/ Aaron Gullerud	Titus Patterson/Isaac Patterson

Easter Breakfast Sign Up

Easter Breakfast (March 31st), will start at 8:00 AM, between the Sunrise Easter Service and the Celebration Easter Service. Please have your food items to church by 7:45 AM.

Please use the QR to review the available slots and sign up. Thank you!



Grand Canyon West Spring Rally 2024

Please use the QR to view the information and register for the upcoming LWMS Spring Rally. It will be held on April 13 at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa, AZ.



WELS Women's Ministry Conference

Women have so many callings in life – daughter, mother, single, employee/employer, wife, grandmother, provider. WELS Women's Ministry invites all WELS women to get away and be strengthened in all their callings.

Don't forget this one, "You are my witnesses." It's a call Christ gave to women – the call to be a witness for the gospel.

On behalf of Women's Ministry, you're invited to get away and be "Empowered to Proclaim." The conference will be held July 28-30, 2024, at The Ingleside Hotel, Waukesha, Wis. Please use this QR code for more information.



St Mary's Food Bank

Our mighty group of 11 Cross of Glory members had a great time giving back to our community last Saturday packing emergency food boxes at St. Mary's Food Bank. St. Mary's is the world's first food bank, started in 1967 here in Phoenix. Today, St. Mary's serves 9 of 14 Arizona counties and last year distributed 102,227,360 pounds of food throughout Arizona. Saturday, St. Mary's was able to pack 2664 emergency food boxes with our help!

"Just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28).

Golden Agers

Golden Agers met for brunch and fellowship March 14. Retired Pastor Fred Piepenbrink led a devotion on 1 Peter 3:15, emphasizing the need for Christians to give an answer for the hope they have in Christ. The next get-together will be April 11. **Please note that we will return to the 9:30 a.m start time.** Please email Judy Sasse several days in advance if you plan to attend the next event.

Brothers Family Restaurant
8466 W Peoria Ave, Ste 1, Peoria
sasseja43@aol.com

Call News

Brian Papenfuss has been called to teach the 7th- and 8th-grade homeroom and serve as our athletic director. Brian currently teaches in Lomira, Wisconsin. His wife, Laurel, is currently a calculus teacher at Winnebago Lutheran Academy. However, she has decided to stay home starting next school year to spend more time with their 8- and 11-year-old children. Note Brian Papenfuss spells his name slightly differently than our current Pappenfuss teachers. They are distant relatives.

Andrew Mildebrandt was called to teach the 5th- and 6th-grade homeroom and serve as our school music director. Mr. Mildebrandt has served in both Wisconsin and California. His and Cindi's children are grown and out of the house. Andy currently serves at Winnebago Lutheran Academy as an instructor of music and theater.

Please reach out to these men to give them your perspective on the Cross of Glory congregation and school ministry.

Brian Papenfuss: bpapenfuss@stjohnslomira.com - 715-412-3969 cell

Andrew Mildebrandt: amildebrandt@wlvikings.org / 920-933-1102 cell

Below is Brian Papenfuss' acknowledgement letter.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ at Cross of Glory Lutheran Church and School,

Paul writes to the Ephesian Christians, "It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12) Being a member and a part of God's church is truly a humbling experience. I am writing to inform you that I have received the divine call that you have issued to me to teach 7th and 8th grades and to serve as the athletic director. I look forward to finding out more information about the ministry in Peoria in the next few weeks. I ask for your prayers and support for my family and me as I prayerfully deliberate on where I can best serve our God. I welcome any input from your members and school families that wish to reach out to me to tell me more about Cross of Glory's ministry. My email is bpapenfuss@stjohnslomira.com. My cell phone number is (715)-412-3969. Please don't hesitate to contact me. May God bless you during this time as He leads His church to best serve His plans.

Prayer Highlights for members and friends with noteworthy blessings, difficulties or health issues. Today we especially remember in our prayers...

***Diane Lawrence**, who is healing from surgery.*

***Velta Larson**, as she recovers from eye surgery and is now recovering from a broken pelvis.*

***Angela Hall**, who is starting physical therapy for her ankle replacement.*

***Judy Sasse**, who is recovering from surgery and will be undergoing radiation treatments for cancer that was discovered.*

***Phil Fidel**, as he mourns the death of his wife Fran*

***Norm Voigt**, as he battles cancer.*

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. **Ben Weyer**, serving in the military, at El Paso, TX



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.