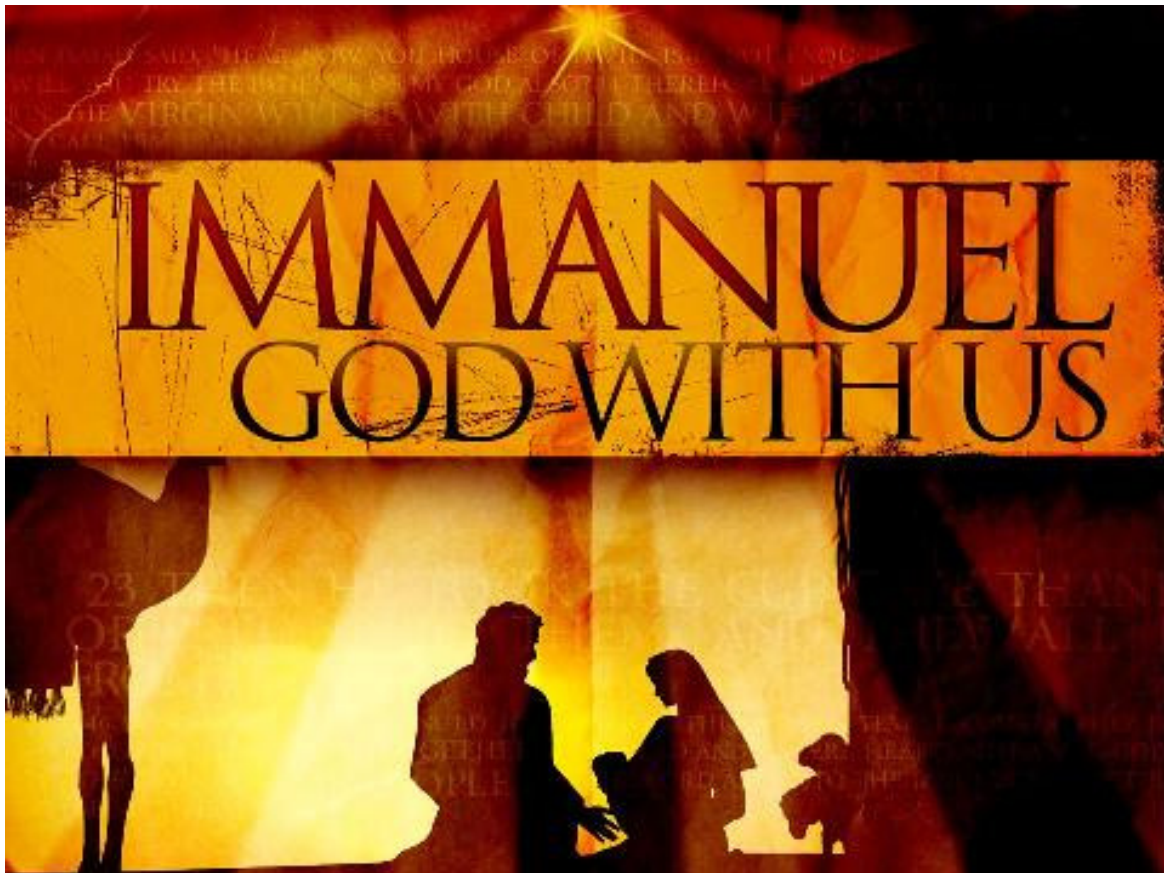


Opening Worship Service

December 11, 2011



From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.

John 1:16



**830 N. First Ave
Tucson, AZ 85719**

Worshiping Sunday Morning
at 7:45 & 10:00

Welcome to Grace!

Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.



**9950 E. Rees Loop
Tucson, AZ 85747**

Worshiping Sunday Morning
at 9:00

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As We Gather

We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord and the Savior of all mankind. We are delighted that you have chosen to spend this hour of worship with us and pray that your faith will be strengthened and your spirit lifted as we exalt the Lord our God.

A Prayer Before Worship

Lord God, Ruler of heaven and earth, cleanse our lives and purify our hearts so that your Son, the King of glory, may come in and lead us rejoicing to your heavenly city, where with the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever.

A Few Notes About Our Service

The Order of Worship

God does not restrict us to specific orders of worship. We are free to worship him in many different ways. From ancient times Christians have chosen to use a “liturgy” to guide them in worship. The word “liturgy” means service. Liturgies are orders of worship which provide a solemn setting for songs and expressions of praise, repentance of sins, attentiveness to God’s word, public profession of our faith, prayer, and support for his kingdom.

Dialogue

The Lutheran liturgies contain a series of dialogues between the worship leader and the assembled congregation, and between the congregation and God. The movements of the worship leader are significant, they point the direction of our worship. When the worship leader faces the altar, it signifies that the leader and congregation are speaking to God with prayers or praises. When the leader faces the congregation, he is conversing in dialogue with the congregation. At other times when the leader faces the congregation he is acting as God’s spokesman who brings God’s word to God’s people.

Advent

The first Season of the Church Year is called Advent. The Season of Advent takes place in the four weeks leading up to Christmas. The word Advent means “coming.” During the Advent Season we prepare our hearts for celebration of the first coming of Christ as a baby in Bethlehem’s manger. During Advent we also prepare and wait joyously for the second coming of Christ on Judgment Day, the Last Day.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement #735

1 Speak, O Lord, as we come to you To re -
2 Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, Ho - ly
3 Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us

ceive the food of your Ho - ly Word.
rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
grasp the heights of your plans for us.

Take your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes In the
Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, That will

fash - ion us in your like - ness That the
ra - di - ance of your pur - i - ty. Cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by

light of Christ might be seen to - day In our acts of
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic
grace we'll stand on your pro - mis-es, And by faith we'll

love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful -
love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can
walk as you walk with us. Speak, O Lord, as your

fill in us All your pur - pos-es for your
nev - er fail, Let their truth pre-vail o - ver
Church is built And you fill the earth with your

glo - ry.
un - be-lief.
glo - ry.

Last time

Tune: Speak, O Lord
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STAND

INVOCATION

MINISTER: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

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

We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.

(Sung to the tune of I Know that My Redeemer Lives)



1 All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great glo - ry,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all hu - man
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly — Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's glo - ry

glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and
heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have
sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our
you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -

grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the burden of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, "Ask the LORD your God for a sign, whether in the deepest depths or in the highest heights." But Ahaz said, "I will not ask; I will not put the LORD to the test." Then Isaiah said, "Hear now, you house of David! Is it

not enough to try the patience of men? Will you try the patience of my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel."

Isaiah 7:10-14

"All Scripture is given by the inspiration of God and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness so that the child of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." -2 Timothy 3:16

SECOND LESSON

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God—the gospel he promised beforehand through his prophets in the Holy Scriptures regarding his Son, who as to his human nature was a descendant of David, and who through the Spirit of holiness was declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord. Through him and for his

name's sake, we received grace and apostleship to call people from among all the Gentiles to the obedience that comes from faith. And you also are among those who are called to belong to Jesus Christ. To all in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

STAND

The congregation stands and sings a song of praise out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

GOSPEL

Matthew 1:18-25

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a

son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH

“If you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raise him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.” -Romans 10:9,10

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

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

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

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Come, Oh, Come, Emmanuel
Christian Worship #23

1 Oh, come, oh, come, Em - man - u - el, And ran - som cap - tive
2 Oh, come, O Root of Jes - se, free Your own from Sa - tan's
3 Oh, come, O Day-spring from on high, And cheer us by your
4 Oh, come, O Key of Da - vid, come, And o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
tyr - an - ny; From depths of hell your peo - ple save,
draw - ing nigh; Dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
heav'n - ly home. Make safe the way that leads on high,

Refrain
Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
And bring them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
And death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
And close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el!

The Amazing Grace of God the Father

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

STAND

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

BE SEATED

OFFERING *Members of Grace respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation’s work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God’s kingdom.*

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH - ADVENT

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent’s head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.

This prayer expresses our thanksgiving to God for faithfully keeping his promise to send a Savior. It asks God to help us properly prepare to celebrate Jesus’ birth and to be prepared for his second coming.

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: **Move us to take to heart the words of John: “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.”**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: **Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: **Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent Prayer.

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus! Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER *(sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)*

C: **Our Father in heaven, all praise to your name!
Your kingdom among us, your will done the same,
by mortals and angels. Come, Lord reign alone;
To hear us and bless us from heaven’s high throne.**

**The bread that we yearn for provide us each day;
as we forgive others, our sins take away;
from things that would tempt us, Lord, lead us away;
from evil deliver your children today.**

**For yours is the kingdom, o’er all things you reign.
And yours is the power; all things you maintain.
To you be the glory, resounding again
from all of creation, forever! Amen.**

BE SEATED

HYMN *(see page 8)*

Of the Father’s Love Begotten
Christian Worship #35

STAND

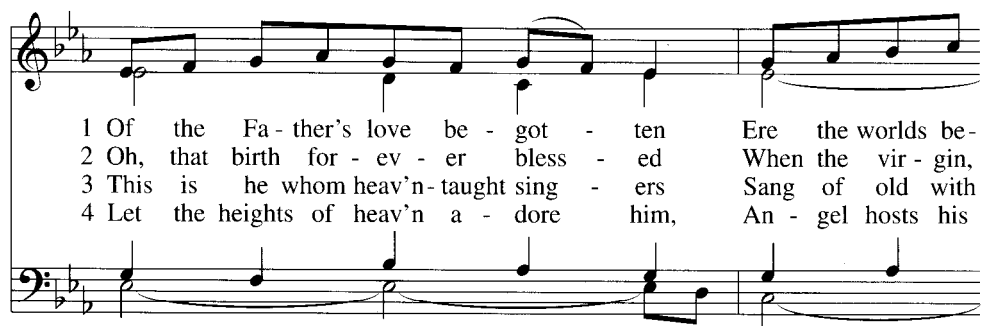
PRAYER FOR THE WORD

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

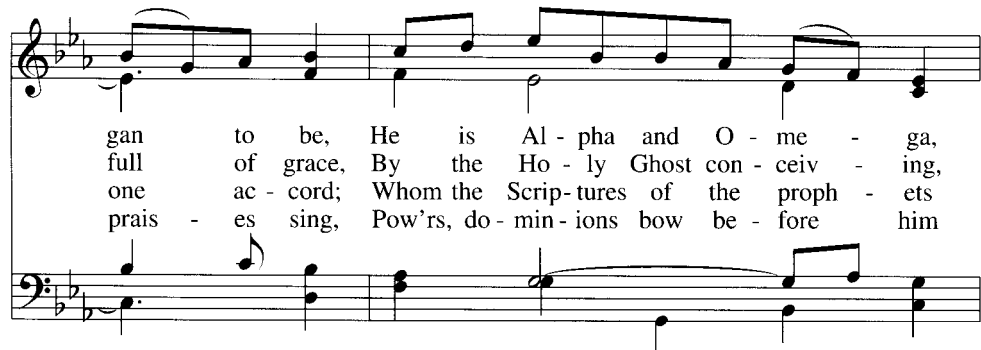
C: **Amen.**

Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers. This morning we pray the Lord’s Prayer as set to the tune of “Away in a Manger.”

Of the Father's Love Begotten



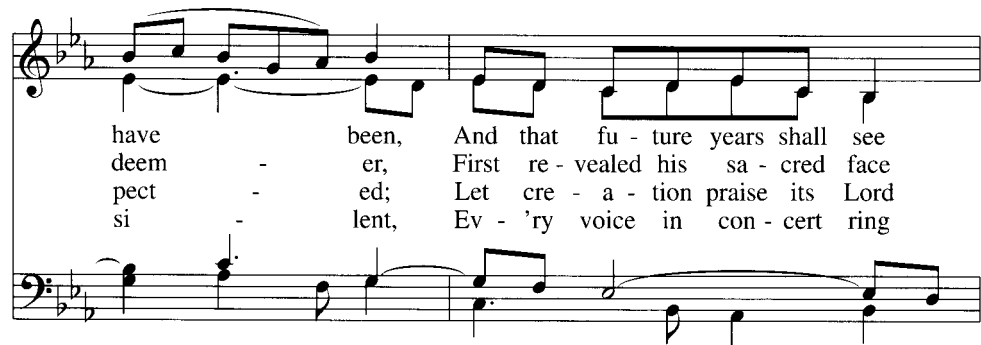
1 Of the Fa - ther's love be - got - ten Ere the worlds be -
 2 Oh, that birth for - ev - er bless - ed When the vir - gin,
 3 This is he whom heav'n - taught sing - ers Sang of old with
 4 Let the heights of heav'n a - dore him, An - gel hosts his



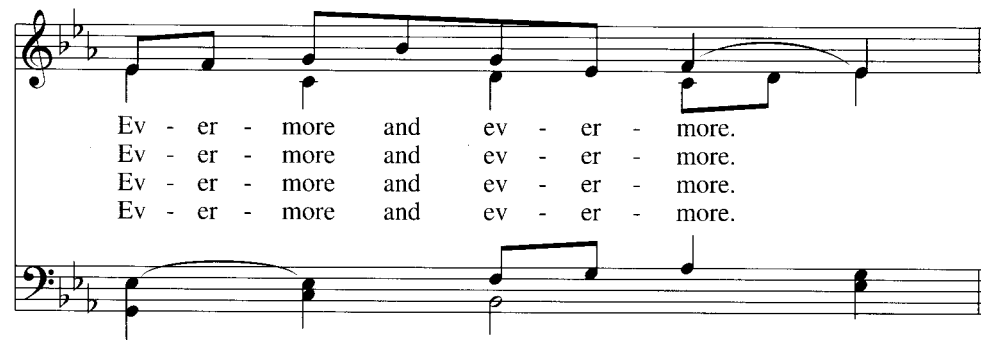
gan to be, He is Al - pha and O - me - ga,
 full of grace, By the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ing,
 one ac - cord; Whom the Scrip - tures of the proph - ets
 prais - es sing, Pow'rs, do - min - ions bow be - fore him



He the source, the end - ing he, Of the things that are, that
 Bore the Sav - ior of our race, And the babe, the world's Re -
 Prom - ised in their faith - ful word. Now he shines, the long - ex -
 And ex - tol our God and King. Let no tongue on earth be



have been, And that fu - ture years shall see
 deem - er, First re - vealed his sa - cred face
 pect - ed; Let cre - a - tion praise its Lord
 si - lent, Ev - 'ry voice in con - cert ring



Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.
 Ev - er - more and ev - er - more.

THE 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. (*spoken*)

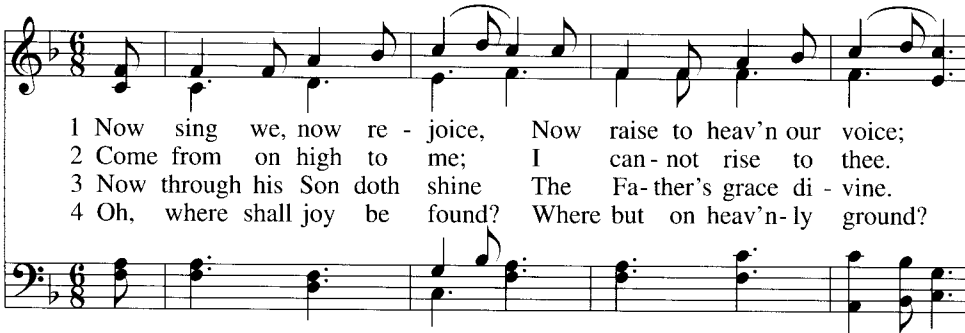
The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

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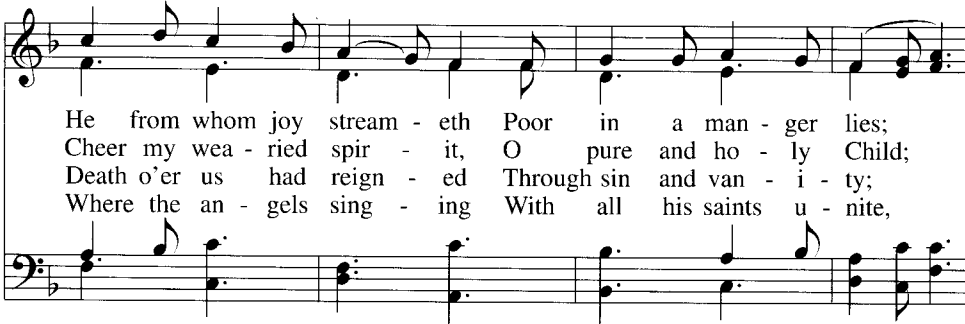
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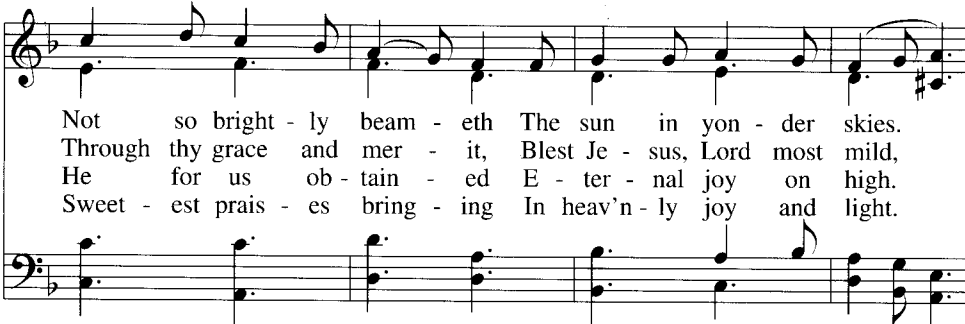
Now Sing We, Now Rejoice *Christian Worship #34*




1 Now sing we, now re - joice, Now raise to heav'n our voice;
2 Come from on high to me; I can - not rise to thee.
3 Now through his Son doth shine The Fa - ther's grace di - vine.
4 Oh, where shall joy be found? Where but on heav'n - ly ground?



He from whom joy stream - eth Poor in a man - ger lies;
Cheer my wea - ried spir - it, O pure and ho - ly Child;
Death o'er us had reign - ed Through sin and van - i - ty;
Where the an - gels sing - ing With all his saints u - nite,



Not so bright - ly beam - eth The sun in yon - der skies.
Through thy grace and mer - it, Blest Je - sus, Lord most mild,
He for us ob - tain - ed E - ter - nal joy on high.
Sweet - est prais - es bring - ing In heav'n - ly joy and light.



Thou my Sav - ior art! Thou my Sav - ior art!
Draw me un - to thee! Draw me un - to thee!
May we praise him there! May we praise him there!
Oh, that we were there! Oh, that we were there!

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist Tina Christianson

ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship of our amazing three-in-one God this morning. We invite you to join us for a time of “meet and greet” after the service. Enjoy some coffee and cookies while you get to know those worshipping with you this morning.

Nursery Available

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” Therefore, we welcome children in our worship service. If however, you feel the need to calm or feed your young children we do have a nursery available. Follow the signs through the south entrance doors to find it.

New Bible Study Starting in 2012

We invite you to join us for a journey through the book of Acts found in the New Testament. This book recounts the history of the early Christian Church. It shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the challenges that the early Christians faced to spread his gospel message. Many of these challenges are similar to the ones we face today. Because of the hectic holiday schedule this Bible Study will start on Monday, January 16, and be offered at two times:

- 9:00AM at Del Lago Golf Club 14155 East Vía Rancho Del Lago – Vail
- 7:00PM at Pastor Rieke’s house 10596 E Pleasant Pasture Dr – Tucson

Future Worship Services

We will be holding worship services once a month beginning in 2012 as we ramp up to our **LAUNCH** service on April 1. We would love to have you join us again for worship on any of the following dates: **January 15, February 12, March 11.** For more information about our upcoming services or about our church check out the information booth near the north entrance doors.

Grace-University Holiday Worship Opportunities

At Grace Lutheran Church we now have two sites. If you liked what you saw here, keep in mind the opportunities to worship at our other site during this Christmas season. Grace-University has mid-week Advent services offered at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM (a dinner is provided at 6:00 PM) on Wednesday, December 14. You are also invited to join us for our holiday worship services at Grace-University:

Christmas Eve Children’s Service

Saturday, December 24
at 7:00 PM.

Christmas Day Festival Worship

Sunday, December 25 at
10:00 AM.

New Year’s Eve Worship

Saturday, December 31
at 7:00 PM.

Please note that there
will only be one
service Christmas day.



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