

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 22, 2011



**YOU ALSO, LIKE LIVING
STONES, ARE BEING BUILT
INTO A SPIRITUAL HOUSE**



*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.
John 1:16*

PRESERVICE MUSIC

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less (10:00 AM)

DIVINE SERVICE II

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Christ Is the World's Light
Christian Worship #343

STAND

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

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

Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

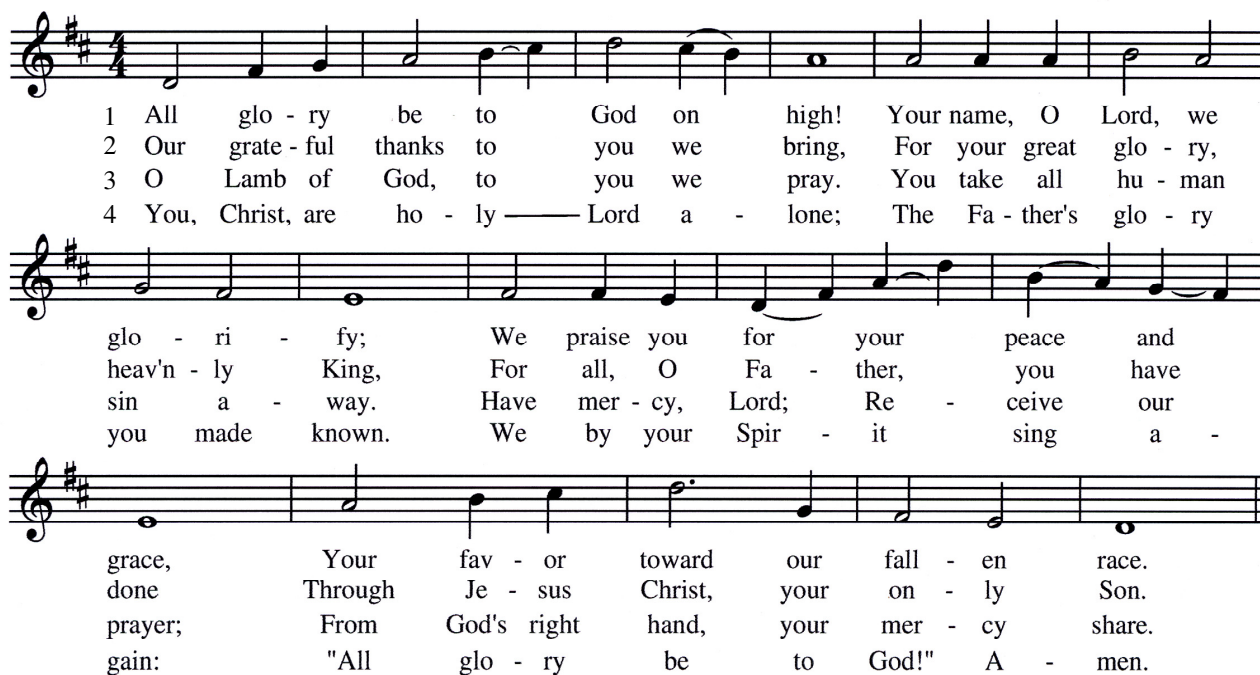
C: **Amen.**

GLORY BE 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, Christian Worship #152)



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.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; 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 LESSON**1 Kings 18:16-45**

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab and told him, and Ahab went to meet Elijah. When he saw Elijah, he said to him, “Is that you, you troubler of Israel?” “I have not made trouble for Israel,” Elijah replied. “But you and your father’s family have. You have abandoned the LORD’s commands and have followed the Baals. Now summon the people from all over Israel to meet me on Mount Carmel. And bring the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.” So Ahab sent word throughout all Israel and assembled the prophets on Mount Carmel. Elijah went before the people and said, “How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is God, follow him.” But the people said nothing. Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only one of the LORD’s prophets left, but Baal has four hundred and fifty prophets. Get two bulls for us. Let them choose one for themselves, and let them cut it into pieces and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and put it on the wood but not set fire to it. Then you call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by fire—he is God.” Then all the people said, “What you say is good.” Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose one of the bulls and prepare it first, since there are so many of you. Call on the name of your god, but do not light the fire.” So they took the bull given them and prepared it. Then they called on the name of Baal from morning till noon. “O Baal, answer us!” they shouted. But there was no response; no one answered. And they danced around the altar they had made. At noon Elijah began to taunt them. “Shout louder!” he said. “Surely he is a god! Perhaps he is deep in thought, or busy, or traveling. Maybe he is sleeping and must be awakened.” So they shouted louder and slashed themselves with swords and spears, as was their custom, until their blood flowed. Midday passed, and they continued their frantic prophesying until the time for the evening sacrifice. But there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention. Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come here to

me.” They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which was in ruins. Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, “Your name shall be Israel.” With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, “Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood.” “Do it again,” he said, and they did it again. “Do it a third time,” he ordered, and they did it the third time. The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again.” Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench. When all the people saw this, they fell prostrate and cried, “The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!” Then Elijah commanded them, “Seize the prophets of Baal. Don’t let anyone get away!” They seized them, and Elijah had them brought down to the Kishon Valley and slaughtered there. And Elijah said to Ahab, “Go, eat and drink, for there is the sound of a heavy rain.” So Ahab went off to eat and drink, but Elijah climbed to the top of Carmel, bent down to the ground and put his face between his knees. “Go and look toward the sea,” he told his servant. And he went up and looked. “There is nothing there,” he said. Seven times Elijah said, “Go back.” The seventh time the servant reported, “A cloud as small as a man’s hand is rising from the sea.” So Elijah said, “Go and tell Ahab, ‘Hitch up your chariot and go down before the rain stops you.’” Meanwhile, the sky grew black with clouds, the wind rose, a heavy rain came on and Ahab rode off to Jezreel.

SECOND LESSON

1 Peter 2:4-10

As you come to him, the living Stone—rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him—you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” Now to you who believe, this stone is precious. But to those who do not believe, “The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone,” and, “A stone that causes

men to stumble and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the message—which is also what they were destined for. But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 14:6

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord. Alleluia.

STAND

GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?” Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really knew me, you would know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.” Philip said, “Lord, show us the

Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus answered: “Don’t you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Don’t you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Day Full of Grace
Christian Worship #254

SERMON

1 Peter 2:4-9
God's Chosen Stones Live For Him

STAND

APOSTLES' CREED

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.

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 along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC (10:00 AM)

It Is Well with My Soul
Text: Horatio G. Spafford, Tune: Philip P. Bliss
Sung by the Dyjaks & Lipkes

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER SEASON

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

Christ Is Our Cornerstone
Christian Worship #528

STAND

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.**

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)**

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- CLOSING HYMN (7:45 AM)**

You Are the Way; through You Alone
Christian Worship #356
- WORSHIP CHOIR (10:00 AM)**

May the Peace of the Lord Be With You Today
Words & Music by Kevin McChesney
- POSTLUDE (7:45 AM)**

God Be With You Till We Meet Again
Played by the Brass Quintet

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Preacher**

Pastor Ron Koehler
- Worship Leader**

Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
- Accompanists**

Jonathan Rovey (7:45 AM)
Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)
- Brass Quintet**

John Rayman, Cade Johnson, Dallas Johnson (Trombones)
Eileen Rayman (Baritone)
Cora Kosanke (French Horn)
- Trumpet**

Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM)
- Soloist**

Natalie Dyjak (10:00 AM)
- Worship Choir Director**

Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
- Ushers**

Vernon Neal, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech**

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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

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.

Altar flowers have been given by Channing & Sue Sargent to the glory of God and in thanks for our three pastors here at Grace.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Genesis 4:1-16
1 John 3:11-18
John 14:15-21

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

1 John 3:11-18
Love with Actions and in Truth

Today is Pastor Appreciation Sunday!

Today we will be celebrating Pastor Appreciation Sunday with a special reception in the courtyard and light lunch after the 10:00 AM service. Please join us in showing your appreciation to our Pastors and their wives. There will be a short presentation in the courtyard immediately following the 10:00 AM service. To allow the Pastors to gather in the courtyard immediately after the service you will be greeted at the exits by a member of the Church Council.

In Need of Tin Cans for Vacation Bible School!

Vacation Bible School is in need of 30 tin cans for one of the craft projects during VBS week. The tin cans must be 8-12 ounces, cleaned, and without labels or tops. You may drop them off in the church office or give them to Sandy Weir (795-0062) or Nadine Rentschler (299-3974). **The deadline for donating is May 29.**

Please see the VBS wish list in the courtyard display for "Family Ministry" for other items we could use.

Graduation Open House

The congregation is invited to an Open House hosted by the Lipkes this Saturday, May 28, from 1:00-6:00 PM to celebrate Travis Lipke's high school graduation. Address: 7531 N. Rasmussen Ave, Phone: 742-0211.

Pastor Colin Rieke Called to Grace

Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein and Pastor Koehler traveled to Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary this past week to attend the Call Day Service. At that service on Thursday, Seminary graduate Colin Rieke was assigned to serve as Pastor at Grace's planned second site in Vail. Pastor Rieke and his wife, Kristin, are expecting their first child in September. Please watch for details about their arrival in Tucson and the upcoming Installation Service for Pastor Rieke.



Today PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- Adult Bible Class:
 - *The Life of Christ: The Birth of Jesus*9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
- Pastor Appreciation Brunch Following 10 AM Worship.....

Monday

- Women of Grace Night Out at Mimi's Cafe**6:00p
- NEW!** Financial Peace University.....6:30p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*..... 10:00a
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*.....6:45p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Class.....9:00a
- Redeemer Graduation..... 7:00p

Friday

- ALA Commencement Concert..... 7:00p

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- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship

Tomorrow is the Women of Grace Night Out!

The **Women of Grace Night Out** is tomorrow, May 23 at 6:00 PM. This year's event will be at **Mimi's Cafe** at 4420 North Oracle Road, near the Tucson Mall. Their food is great and we will have a private room! RSVP to Debbie Koehler 293-5617 or Teri Guenther 235-1177 **TODAY**. If you plan to attend, there are Scrip gift cards available for the restaurant. Be sure to join us for an evening of Christian friendship. You don't want to miss this enjoyable event!

Footsteps of the Apostle Paul Greece and Rome Trip

Speak to one of the pastors for more information about this trip scheduled for May-June 2012. Brochures outlining the trip may be found in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a meeting on Sunday, June 5 after the 10:00 worship service where you can receive more information and ask questions. All who have an interest are encouraged to attend.

10-9-8-7...

We've already begun the countdown to our Vacation Bible School! Blast off with us to "Space Station Salvation" June 6-10, 9:00-11:30 AM. We'll explore the universe that God created and learn about many of the amazing things God has done. Invite your friends to join us for this fun, free, faith-building activity. Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall and online at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindy Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

Church Picnic

Please plan to join us on Sunday, June 12 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 12 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share along with our grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed. Please speak to Eric Hanson (269-7602) if you have any questions or suggestions.

Financial Peace University Starts Tomorrow

For practical advice and training in money management, check out Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This Bible-based course offers much encouragement to Christians striving to practice good stewardship of their finances. Grace will again be hosting the 13-week video-based course beginning tomorrow, May 23 at 6:30 PM. You may attend the first lesson for free to check it out. To attend the rest of the classes, a lifetime FPU membership is \$100. Pastor Nathan Kassulke is facilitating this class. You may register online (information is on the Grace website at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/FPU) or by calling the church office. Childcare is provided on request.

Redeemer Graduation this Week

Three boys from Grace comprise this year's 8th grade class at Redeemer Lutheran School. Danny Koehler, Christian Watson, and Josiah Weinstein will graduate in a service at Redeemer this Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 PM. Pastor Koehler will be preaching and you are invited to attend.

ALA Day at the D'Backs Game

The Arizona Lutheran Academy's A Cappella choir is singing the National Anthem at the Diamondback game Sunday, June 5. \$10 tickets for the game are available from ALA. For more information see the flyer posted in the courtyard display case.

Friends & Family Sunday is Coming!

Sunday, June 12, in addition to being the closing service for Vacation Bible School, will be our first Friends & Family Sunday. This is a great opportunity for you to invite an unchurched friend or family member—it is the Festival of Pentecost, the VBS children will sing in the 10 AM service, and the Church Picnic will be held right after the late service. Start thinking now about whom you will invite. We would love to get to know them. Perhaps Grace is the church they've been looking for!

Dishes in the Kitchen

There are a number of dishes waiting in the kitchen to be picked up by their rightful owners. They tend to take up a lot of space so if you have brought food to one of our many functions recently, please stop by the kitchen and pick up your dishware today. Thanks!

Thank You

The family of Ruth Panthen would like to thank the members of Grace for the love and fellowship they provided to both Ken and Ruth Panthen during their lives, and to Ruth's family at the time of her passing. The family would also like to thank Pastor Clemons for his soothing words on the day of Ruth's memorial and all those who organized and served the luncheon following the service. The food was wonderful! We are forever grateful for your dedication and care.

Arizona Lutheran Academy Commencement Concert

The ALA Commencement Concert is this Friday, May 27 at 7:00 PM. If you are unable to make it up to Phoenix you can view it online at the ALA website: www.alacoyotes.org. Tyler Koehler and Ariana Weinstein will both be performing.

Women of Grace Craft Fair

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the roast beef dinner this Fall. Anyone interested in donating crafts please let Beth Kassulke (293-2935) or Debbie Koehler (293-5617) know. Don't forget, there are Scrip gift cards available for Michael's & Joann's Fabrics.

