

Second Sunday of Easter



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 15, 2012



PRESERVICE MUSIC

7:45 AM

The Day of Resurrection

Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Arr. by Mona Williams Coalter

DIVINE SERVICE II

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King

Christian Worship #165 st. 1-4

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

Mark 10:47

Kyrie—Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

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.**

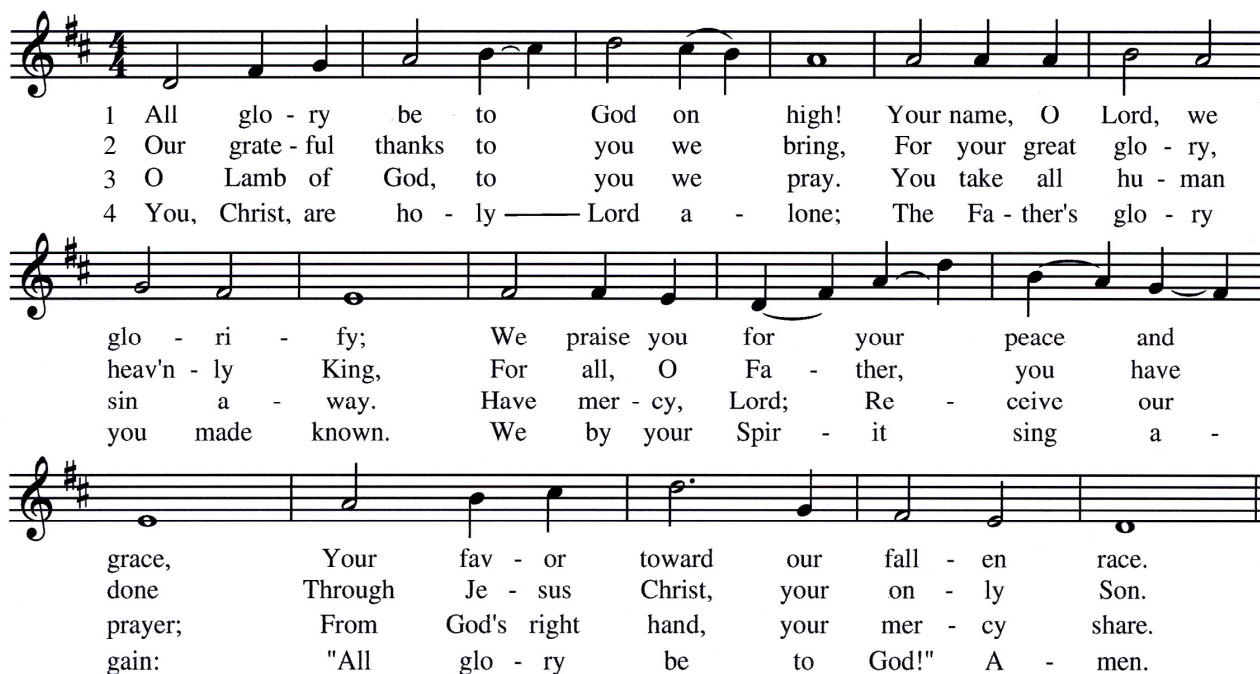
GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

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

C: **Amen.**

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Acts 26:19-29

“So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. But I have had God’s help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles.” At this point Festus interrupted Paul’s defense. “You are out of your

mind, Paul!” he shouted. “Your great learning is driving you insane.” “I am not insane, most excellent Festus,” Paul replied. “What I am saying is true and reasonable. The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do.” Then Agrippa said to Paul, “Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?” Paul replied, “Short time or long—I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.”

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:12-22

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then

Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17

C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear-ing the mes-sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - - - ia!

STAND

M: The Gospel according to John chapter twenty.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand

into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King
Christian Worship #165 st. 5-9

SERMON

Acts 26:19-29
A Message Fit for a King

STAND

NICENE CREED

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 fully 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.

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

7:45 AM

Hallelujah! What a Savior
Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM

How Great His Love
Arr. by Ruth Elaine Schram

7:45 AM - Please continue on page 6 with the Prayer of the Church.

ADULT CONFIRMATION
of
Ben Menges

M: Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having been instructed in the basic teachings of the Bible, you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised 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. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

R: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

R: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

R: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

R: I do, and I ask God to help me.

The Pastor blesses the confirmand and hands him a confirmation certificate.

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER SEASON

M: God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

Preserve us from all assaults on our souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and preserve us from worldly wisdom and false teaching.

Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and faithless. Bring back the forgetful and wayward, and comfort the anxious and the distressed.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

7:45 AM - Please continue on page 7 with the Prayer of Thanksgiving.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

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 good and right so to do.**

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 rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

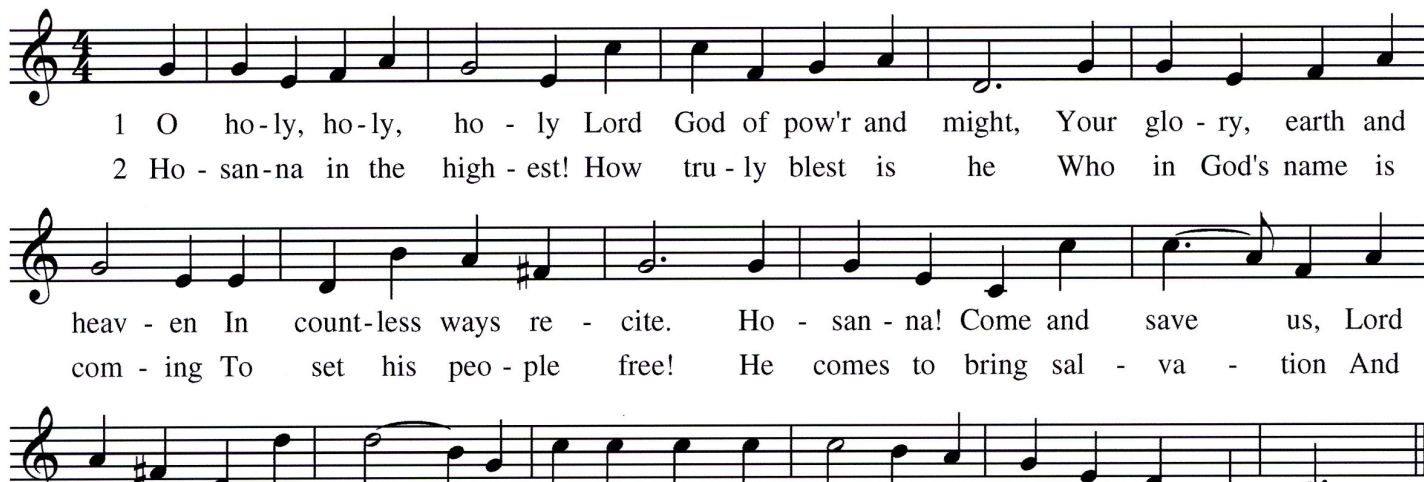
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

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

(Sung to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection," Christian Worship #166)



1 O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might, Your glo - ry, earth and
2 Ho - san-na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is he Who in God's name is
heav - en In count-less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and save us, Lord
com - ing To set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal - va - tion And
God of hosts on high, And in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.
with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er us from bond-age Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28
1 Corinthians 11:24, 25

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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

John 1:29

Agnus Dei

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - - - men.

BE SEATED

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices "Member Communion." If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS church, we invite you to the Lord's Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to one of the pastors after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord's Supper with us in the future.

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are “bread” as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

I Am Content! My Jesus Lives Again
Christian Worship #158

STAND

SONG OF SIMEON

Luke 2:29-32

Nunc Dimittis

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

(Sung to the tune of "Come unto Me, Ye Weary," Christian Worship #336)



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in peace, as - sured: For
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the Son, All

I have seen your prom - ised in - car - nate, sav - ing Word — A Light that will en -
glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

glo - - - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

With High Delight Let Us Unite
Christian Worship #168

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

Christ the Lord is Risen Today, Alleluia
Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM

I Know That My Redeemer Lives!
Theme and Variations by Anne Krentz Organ

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants (10:00 AM) Pastor Sam Clemons
Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Piano Duet Teri Guenther & Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Soloist Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Rick Street, Ed Ethington, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, AJ Di Domizio, Jon Dongoske (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)



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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.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 8 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Confirmation

Ben Menges will be confirmed during 10:00 AM worship this morning. We welcome him to Grace and ask God's blessings on him!

Altar Flowers have been given by the Hawkins family with thanks to the Lord for Christian parents, Mr. & Mrs. Herman Oberfeld.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Acts 12:1-19
2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6
Luke 24:36-49

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Acts 12:1-19
The Ugly Side of Easter

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by the Sunday School children. Please join us in the courtyard.

LWMS Spring Rally—Register TODAY

The Grand Canyon Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) will hold its Spring Rally at Christ Lutheran Church in Prescott Valley on April 28. The registration fee is just \$10 which includes breakfast and lunch and needs to be in by **tomorrow, April 16**. Diane Kramm and Dorothy Rauh will be available in the courtyard after both services today if you'd like to sign up and pay at that time.

Tuition Tax Credit Donations

As you prepare your 2011 tax return, don't forget about the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets used. A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2011 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org). You may even recommend your donation for a specific student. Donations are eligible for the tax credit up to \$500 for a single person or \$1000 for a married couple in 2011, with a slight increase to \$503 and \$1006 in 2012. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

This Week's Schedule (4/15/12 - 4/22/12)

Today

- Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a
- Adult Bible Studies:
 - *The Life of Christ* (Fellowship Hall)9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office).....9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*9:00a
- Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary**9:00a
- Grace-Vail Service at Cottonwood Elementary** 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship.....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study 7:00p

Monday

- Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts***9:30a
- English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

Tuesday

- Handbells 5:30p
- Council Meeting** 6:15p
- English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
- Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p
- Bible Study at the Prigge's: *Prepared to Answer*** 7:00p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Study: *Genesis*.....9:00a
- Worship Choir.....6:30p
- Men's Bible Study.....7:30p

Saturday

- Vail Canvassing Blitz in Rita Ranch**9:00a
- Pioneer Activity**..... 10:00a
- ALA Choir at the D-Backs Game in Phoenix**..... 5:10p

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Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. *We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own.* Our computer software makes it very easy to generate these statements for you on a quarterly basis. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

ALA Day at the D'Backs Game

The Arizona Lutheran Academy's A Cappella choir is singing the National Anthem at the Diamondback game this Saturday, April 21. Game time is 5:10 PM. \$15 tickets for the game are available online at www.ALAcoyotes.org. For more information see the flyer posted in the courtyard display case.

WELS TCM Special Event

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry invites you to join us to hear guest speaker Scott Barefoot present on the topic of "Leaving the Gay Lifestyle." Scott will share his personal experience with us on Sunday, April 29 at 7:00 PM in the Grace-University Sanctuary. Scott is a WELS member who has shared his story in the Forward in Christ magazine and at many WELS churches. WELS TCM will also provide a lasagna dinner at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP for the dinner on the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall, online at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/TCMEvent or by calling the Church Office. A freewill offering will be received to help defray the cost of the dinner.

Youth Confirmation

This year's Youth Confirmation is Sunday, May 6. Four eighth graders (Tori Johnson, Analiese Kincade, Sarah Oberhofer, James Pauley) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service. Please be prepared as we anticipate that the church will be quite full that morning. All are invited to congratulate the confirmands with a cake reception following the service.

Upcoming Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will meet Friday, April 27 at 7:00 PM in the church basement for a night of poker. All men of the congregation are invited to join us, to get to know each other better, and to support and encourage one another. We meet on Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM for Bible study as well (except the first Thursday of the month).

Groundskeeper Needed

After serving as our church groundskeeper for 12 years, Ted Malchow has decided to leave that position. We thank him for his faithful service and for taking such good care of the property. We are also beginning our search for a new groundskeeper. If you would be interested in serving in this capacity or in receiving more information, please speak to Dave Breitreitz (298-9758) or call the church office (623-6633).

Join Us for Bible Study

Now is a great time to get started in a Bible Study at Grace if you haven't been already! You are always welcome in the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study (9:00-9:45 AM). The Wednesday Church History Bible Study begins a new topic this week (10:00 AM or 7:00 PM). The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study is starting a new topic as well, the book of Genesis (9:00 AM). The Thursday Evening Men's Bible Study has adjusted its schedule. It will meet at 7:30 PM every Thursday except for the first Thursday of the month. This men's group is also planning a separate fellowship activity each month. It is a blessing to have so many opportunities to grow in faith together with friends. We hope you will be a part of it.

Apache Clothing Drive

The Christian Fellowship Group (CFG) is sponsoring an on-going clothing drive for the Apache Indians. Gently used or new clothing for all ages is accepted. The first donation period will run March through May and will be collected at the Counseling Building (white building in the church parking lot) after the early and late services each Sunday. Other times may be scheduled through the Weirs (795-0062), Hansons (269-7602), Rauhs (296-8840), or Cinda Drescher & Geri DeRosa (615-6059) if Sundays aren't convenient.

Do You Know How To Drive?

If you know how to drive and would like to be of service to a few of our members who can no longer drive, consider volunteering to drive the Grace van on Sunday mornings. We would like to have a few drivers so that it's not an every Sunday job (unless you want that!). If you'd like a little more information, please speak with Pastor Clemons.

Grace Website

The Grace website has been redesigned! Check it out at www.gracetucsonwels.com.



As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

GALATIANS 6:10

Grace invites its members to “Do Good” by following the Apostle Paul’s encouragement to help others. Gifts of clothing, food and household items will assist those in need on the Apache reservation, children in our Lutheran schools, and others in our own community. Please consider how you might “Do Good!”



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APACHE LUTHERAN CHURCHES

Your donations of gently used clothing are received on Sunday mornings after worship at the counseling building behind the church at Grace-University. These will help our Apache brothers and sisters in Christ on the reservation. Other drop off times may be coordinated through Russ and Sandy Weir (795-0062), Cinda Drescher (615-6059), Geri DeRosa (615-6059), or Bill & Dorothy Rauh (296-8840). Grace’s Christian Fellowship Group coordinates this effort.

**LUTHERAN
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Your Donation...
Their Christian Education.



Donations of toys, household items and clothing collected here in Tucson will be taken to the Lutheran Thrift Store in Phoenix. Proceeds from the store support Arizona Lutheran Academy, our high school in Phoenix. Jeff Weinstein can be contacted about receiving items you would like to donate (909-7649).



**Community Food Bank
of Southern Arizona**



Grace has supported the Food Bank for many years. Those wishing to donate boxed and canned food items may leave them in the southwest corner of the fellowship hall under the greeting card table. Monetary donations may also be made through your regular offering envelopes by simply writing the dollar amount and “Food Bank” on the envelope.

