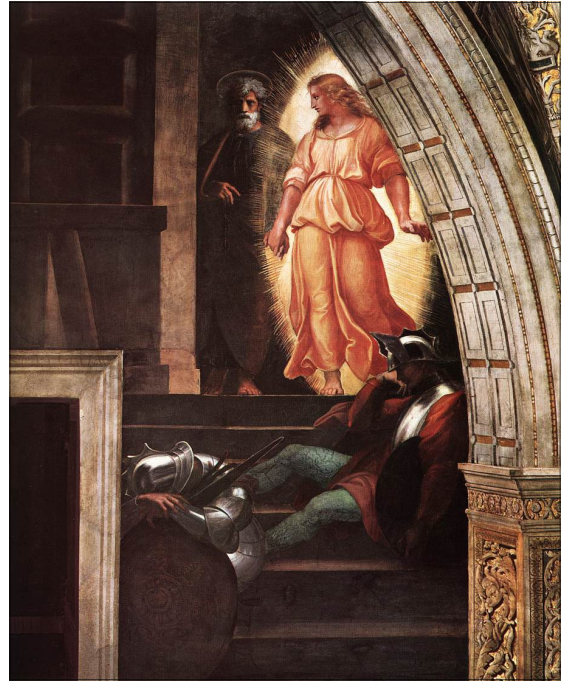


Third Sunday of Easter



Liberation of St. Peter
by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617-1682)



The Liberation of St. Peter
by Raphael (1483-1520)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 22, 2012

PRESERVICE MUSIC

7:45 AM

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Arr. by Johann Cruger

10:00 AM

The Power of the Cross (Oh, to See the Dawn)

By Carol Tornquist

DIVINE SERVICE II

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made

Christian Worship #225

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.**

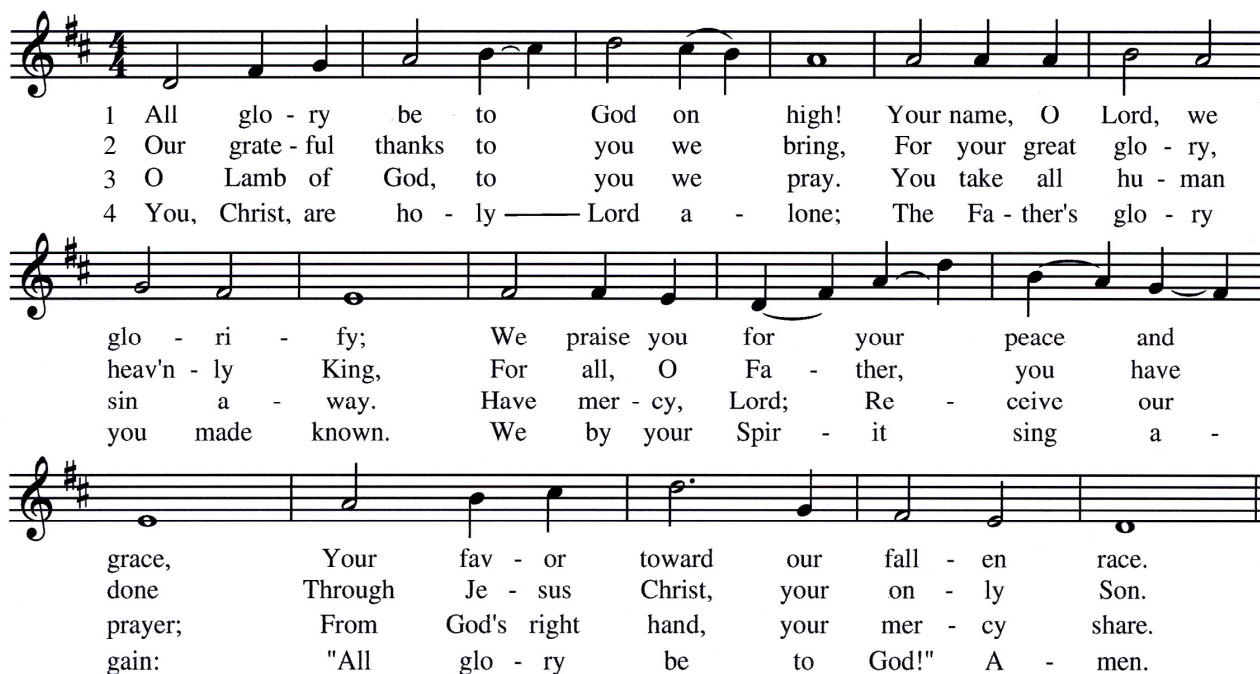
GLORY BE TO GOD

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

C: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

Acts 12:1-19

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through

it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating." When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place. In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 118

Refrain



This is the day the Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!____

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!____

Psalms Tone



1. The LORD is my strength / and my song;*
he has become my sal- / vation.
2. The LORD'S right hand is / lifted high;*
the LORD'S right hand has done / mighty things!
3. I will not / die but live,*
and will proclaim what the / LORD has done.
4. I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;*
you have become my sal- / vation.
5. The stone the builders rejected has become the /
capstone;*
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous /
in our eyes.
6. This is the day the / LORD has made;*
let us rejoice and be / glad in it.
7. **Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

Refrain

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-by to them and went on to Macedonia. But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God. Are we beginning

to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

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!

GOSPEL

Luke 24:36-49

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter twenty-four.

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

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said to them, "This is

what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds
Christian Worship #358 st. 1-3, 6

SERMON

Acts 12:1-19

The Ugly Side of Easter

- 1. Creates Many Fears.**
- 2. Reveals the Love and Protection of the Risen Christ.**

STAND

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.

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

7:45 AM

I Know that My Redeemer Lives

Arr. by John Hatton

10:00 AM

Gloria

Arr. by Michael D. Schultz

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.

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
Christian Worship #145

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.

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

Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name
Christian Worship #321

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

God Will Take Care of You
Arr. by David Smither

10:00 AM

Lead On, O King Eternal
By Henry T. Smart, Arr. by Melody Bober

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler

Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)

Accompanists.....Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)

Vocalists Teri Guenther, Kathy Parra (10:00 AM)

Guitar Jim Goldie (10:00 AM)

Trumpet Tyler Koehler (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 Jeremy Snavelly (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.

New Members

Reinette & Holgar Van Den Berg and Laura Langan were made members of Grace through Profession of Faith this morning at the 10:00 AM service at Grace-Vail. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings on them!

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Acts 20:28-32
1 Peter 5:1-4
John 10:11-18

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

John 10:11-18
Within the Shepherd's Fold

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by Bud and Donna Brown. Please join us in the courtyard.

Funeral Service

Warren Lorenzen, member of Redeemer Lutheran Church and father of Debbie Dyjak was called to his heavenly home Wednesday, April 18. Visitation will be today from 2:30-6:00 PM at Adair Funeral Home (1050 N. Dodge Blvd). A funeral service will be held at Redeemer (8845 N. Silverbell Rd) tomorrow, April 23 at 10:30 AM followed by a luncheon.

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.

You're Invited to a 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 next 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 by this Wednesday, April 25 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.

This Week's Schedule (4/22/12 - 4/29/12)

Today

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Studies:
 - *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Teaching* (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
- 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

Friday

- Men's Fellowship (in Church Basement) 7:00p

Saturday

- Vail Canvassing Blitz in Rita Ranch..... 9:00a

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Upcoming Men's Fellowship

Men's Fellowship will meet this 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).

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.

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 began a new topic last week (10:00 AM or 7:00 PM). The Thursday Morning Women's Bible Study started 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.



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!”



WELS
Christ's Love, Our Calling.

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.



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.

