Christ the King Last Sunday of End Time



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church November 25, 2012





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

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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, you called the Church to be the bride of Christ and to listen always to the voice of the Bridegroom. Anoint our hearts with the oil of joy that we may serve you in righteousness and sing your praises now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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. 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.

Sundays in End Times

The last season of the Church Year lifts the believer's eyes to the end. To the time when the gospel has been preached to all nations, and when our Lord Jesus Christ will come to take believers to be with him in heaven. It is a time we look forward to with great anticipation.

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

The Head that Once Was Crowned

Christian Worship #217

PRESERVICE:

to the King Arr. by Carol

Tornquist

Oh, for a Thousand

Tongues to Sing/Sing



- 5 They suffer with their Lord below; They reign with him above, Their profit and their joy, to know The myst'ry of his love.
- 6 The cross he bore is life and health, Though shame and death to him; His people's hope, his people's wealth, Their everlasting theme.

Please stand

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit. **Congregation:** Amen.

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.

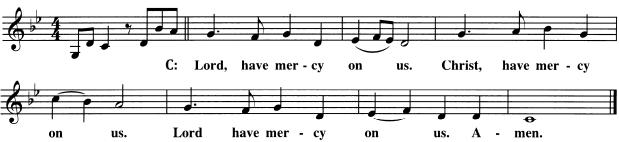
Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means "Lord have mercy."

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



- 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.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

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





PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, by your victory you have broken the power of the evil one. Fill our hearts with joy and peace as we look with hope to that day when every creature in heaven and earth will acclaim you King of kings and Lord of lords to your unending praise and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

FIRST LESSON Daniel 7:13-14

"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshiped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (NIV)

SECOND LESSON

...from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be

Revelation 1:4b-8

glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and all the peoples of the earth will mourn because of him. So shall it be! Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 24:42

M: Alleluia. I am the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. Alleluia.

Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King. GOSPEL John 18:33-37

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Pilate then went back inside the palace, summoned Jesus and asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "Is that your own idea," Jesus asked, "or did others talk to you about me?" "Am I a Jew?" Pilate replied. "It was your people and your chief priests who handed you over to me. What is it you have done?" Jesus said, "My kingdom is not of this world. If it

were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. But now my kingdom is from another place." "You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (NIV) After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



NICENE CREED

C: 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.

Please be seated

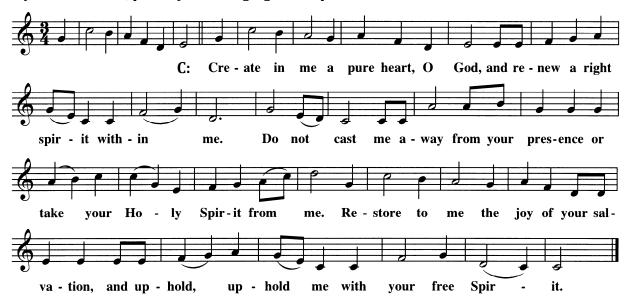
HYMN OF THE DAY (see page 12)

At the Name of Jesus Christian Worship #344

SERMON

Revelation 1:4b-8 Give Thanks to God's Almighty King

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.



If you prefer, use your smart phone to give online by scanning this QR code.

Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence. The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing...as a sign of the Resurrection."

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 row and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

He is Exalted *By Twila Paris*

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—CHRIST THE KING

- M: To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power for ever and ever!
- C: Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory.
- M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise, for you created all things and by your will they were created and have their being.
- C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns!
- M: You are worthy, O Christ our King, to receive honor and glory and praise because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased us for God. From every tribe and language and people and nation, you have called us into your kingdom and have made us priests to serve you, our God and Father.
- C: Help us live as royal priests.
- M: We give thanks to you, O Christ our Shepherd-King, because you have searched for us and found us. Lead us to the green pastures and quiet waters of your saving love, so that we may enjoy peace and comfort for our souls.
- C: Heal our hearts when they are broken with sin and guilt. Strengthen us when we are weak.
- M: We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Come with your mighty power to break and defeat every evil plan and purpose of the devil, of the ungodly influences and ideas of the world, and of our own sinful nature. Use your power to calm the unrest among nations and peoples so that your kingdom may spread and grow.
- C: Strengthen our confidence in knowing that your kingdom will never be destroyed.
- M: O Christ our King, you have supremacy over all. You will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity. You have destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. Reign in our hearts that we may serve you more faithfully and speak more boldly to others of your saving love.
- C: Praise be to the Lord God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Look, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he will reign for ever and ever, King of kings and Lord of lords.
- C: The Lord God Almighty reigns! Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory! 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.

THE SACRAMENT

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.

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.

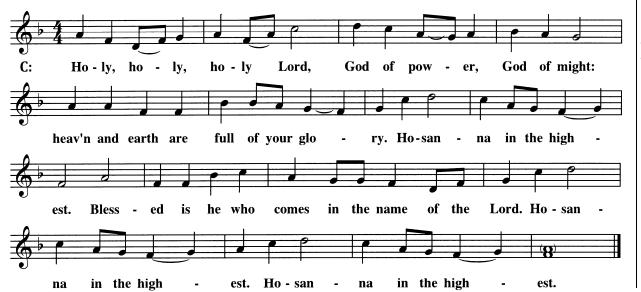
C: It is good and right so to do.

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 preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. 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

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



This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

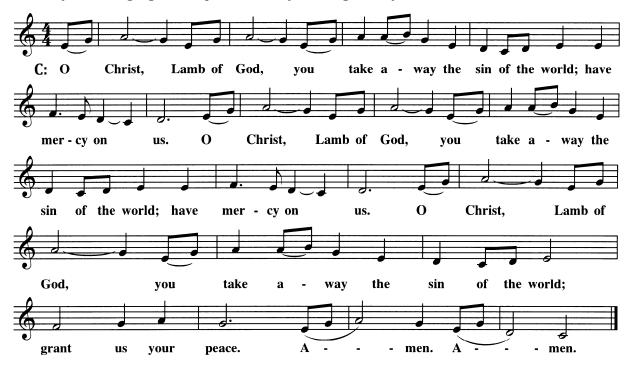
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

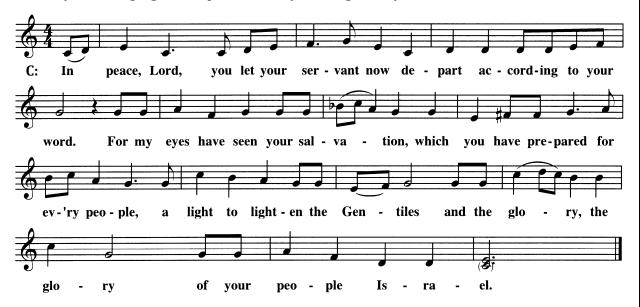
Jesus is the Lamb of God who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. The words of this song are based on John 1:29, where John the Baptist refers to Jesus this way.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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



- M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C: And his mercy endures forever.
- M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Christian Worship #341



POSTLUDE:

The Solid Rock Arr. by Cindy Berry

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THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

| Worship Leader | Pastor Colin Rieke |
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| Communion Assistant | Jason Watson |
| Accompanist | Élaine Goldie |
| Sound Technician | Iason Watson & Christian Watson |

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At the Name of Jesus



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- 5 In your hearts enthrone him;
 There let him subdue
 All that is not holy,
 All that is not true.
 Crown him as your captain
 In temptation's hour;
 Let his will enfold you
 In its light and pow'r.
- 6 Christians, this Lord Jesus
 Shall return again
 In his Father's glory,
 With his angel train;
 For all wreaths of empire
 Meet upon his brow,
 And our hearts confess him
 King of glory now.



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Service

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Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Genesis 19:15-17, 23-29 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13 Luke 21:25-36

You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invited 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 worshiping with you this morning.

Help with Take-Down and Clean-Up

If you have extra time following the service and would like to help break down the worship area and put equipment away, it would be appreciated. The more hands we have helping, the faster it gets done. Please speak with Pastor Rieke or Jason Watson (the guy working the sound table) if you have questions.

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.

Scrip Now Available Here at Vail!

Do you spend money? Of course you do. Do you buy groceries, go out to eat, buy gifts, gas for your vehicle, travel? We all do. If you already spend the money, why not have a percentage of it donated to Christian education or our congregation at <u>no</u> additional cost to you? Does it sound too good to be true? There is a way to do it and it is called **Scrip!** The Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) Scrip Program was set up to raise money for ALA and other Arizona WELS schools and churches and is used by many of our churches all over the state. How does it work? You buy gift cards from our Scrip representatives for the stores, restaurants, hotels, or airlines at which you want to shop. Use the cards to make your purchases. It's that easy! The hardest part is remembering to do it and knowing what you want in advance. Our scrip reps try to make it easy for you. They have lists available for you to choose your retailers. They have many cards on hand and have them available each Sunday or you can meet up with them during the week. They will work with you to help you get what you want. Grace has three Scrip Representatives. Vic & Lois Thornton and Debbie Koehler sell at our University site and **Jen Watson sells at our Vail site**. We are all trying to make our money go farther and we are not asking you to spend extra money. Plan ahead, use Scrip and help raise money for Christian Education and our congregation. If you have questions please ask!

Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

Installation Service Today

We rejoice with our sister church in Marana, Redeemer Lutheran, that God has provided them with a new full time pastor. Pastor Adam Mueller will be installed in a special worship service today at 3:00 PM. Officiating at the service will be Pastor Aaron Mueller, AZ-CA District President Jon Buchholz and Vacancy Pastor John Sullivan. Please join with members of area congregations in welcoming Pastor Mueller and his family to Redeemer. A welcome dinner will be served in the Ministry Center immediately following the installation service.

Christmas for Kids at Both Grace Locations

Make plans to join us for our annual Christmas for Kids at Grace-Vail this Saturday, December 1 from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM and at Grace-University Saturday, December 8 from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. Registration forms can be found online at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/c4k, on the table in the Fellowship Hall, and on the Grace-Vail welcome table.

Koiné CDs

CDs by the WELS musical group Koiné are being sold as a fundraiser for Redeemer Lutheran School. There are six CD choices, including their brand new Christmas CD, each available for \$15. If you would like to order a CD or to get more information, please see Lucas Guenther or the other Redeemer students that will be in the Courtyard after worship or speak to Pastor Kassulke. We will be taking orders today and next week only.



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NEW Grow in Grace Class!

A new Grow In Grace class will be starting this week at Grace-University for those who are curious about what the Bible teaches or who may be interested in membership here at Grace. Pastor Koehler will be teaching this class on Wednesdays at 3:30 PM in the Office Meeting Room. Call the church office with questions at 623-6633 or simply come on Wednesday and give it a try!



Advent Services and Suppers

Midweek Advent Services will be held on December 5, 12 and 19 at Grace-University at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. Advent Through the Fathers' Eyes is our theme as we consider the Savior's coming into the world through the eyes of God the Father and Jesus' earthly father, Joseph. These services are designed to help us prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Savior's birth on Christmas.

You are invited to join your brothers and sisters in Christ for supper at 6:00 PM in the fellowship hall prior to each of these services. We need volunteers to host the meals on December 12 and 19 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There are information sheets in the Fellowship Hall which explain how to host one of these meals. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

This Week at Grace (11/25/12 - 12/2/12)

Grace—University

Grace—Vail

TODAY

| Worship Services | 7:45 & 10:00a |
|-------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Coffee Fellowship following both services | |
| Children's Sunday School | 8:45a |
| Youth Confirmation Class | |
| Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study | |
| Adult Bible Study: | |
| • The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles (Fellowsh | ip Hall)9:00a |

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| Installation of Adam Mueller at Redeemer | .3:00p |
| NO WELS TCM Bible Study | |

Monday

| English as a S | Second Lang | uage Classes | 6 | 5:30p |
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| Handbell Practice | a08:5 |
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| English as a Second Language Classes | |

Wednesday

| Midweek Bible Study: Church History | 10:00a |
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| Wind Ensemble | 5:00p |
| Midweek Bible Study: Church History | 7:00p |

Thursday

| Women's Bible Study: Philippians | 9:00a |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|
| Worship Choir | 6:30p |
| Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office) | 7:30p |

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| Sunday School | 9:00a |
| Worship Service/Communion | |
| "Meet & Greet" Fellowship | |
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Wednesday

| Bible Study at | the Prigges: Book of Hebrews . | 7:00p |
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Saturday

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Christian Fellowship Group Christmas Potluck

The Christian Fellowship Group will hold their annual Potluck Christmas Party at Jo Davis' home (1899 W. Camelot) on Saturday, December 8 at noon. Dorothy Kaiser is co-hostess. Following the meal Christmas carols will be sung. Call Jo at 624-9156 or Dorothy at 622-3159 for more information and/or directions. Please join us for good fellowship as we prepare to receive our King. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Christmas Cantata

Sunday, December 16 at 7:00 PM the Grace Worship Choir will present "Shout the Good News!" This work shares the Christmas message in Scripture and song. Join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall for a lasagna dinner at 5:00 PM before the concert. Dinner is served until about 6:30 PM. The concert will begin at 7:00 in the Church. You are invited to contribute to a freewill offering. The offering will be used to offset the cost of the dinner and of this and future musical performances. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and on the Grace-Vail welcome table for anyone who would like to help with various aspects of the dinner.



Grace Iron Men

The newly formed men's group for men of Grace who are 21 and older met for the first time in November for Gridiron Monday to watch Monday night football together. Our second event will take place on Friday, December 7 at Click's Billiards, 3325 N. First Avenue. No need to RSVP, just show up and shoot some pool—we'll be looking for you from 7 PM on! Bring some cash for pool and food and drinks if you want them. Grace Iron Men will be meeting about once per month on various days of the week for fellowship events and Bible studies. You can help us decide what we we'll do in the coming months!