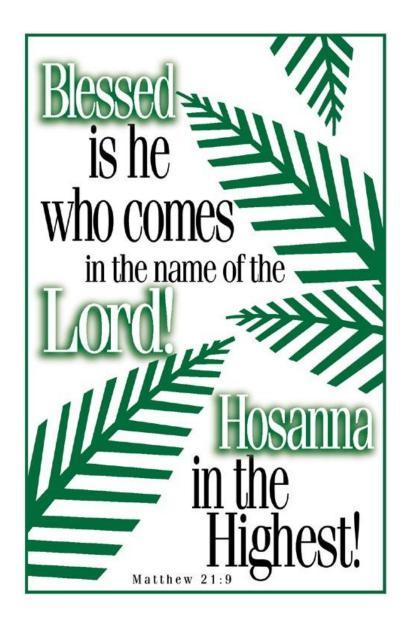
# Sixth Sunday in Lent Palm Sunday



Grace Lutheran Church April 1, 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

Worshiping Sunday Morning at 9:00

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## As We Gather

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

## A Prayer Before Worship

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

## **Palm Sunday**

On the first day of the first Holy Week, Jesus made his way into Jerusalem. It was not without a fanfare. Jesus showed everyone he was the Messiah the Old Testament prophets prophesied about. He rode in on a colt, the foal of a donkey. The people showed him the respect of a king, laying down their cloaks and palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna in the highest." And yet, this was not Jesus' victory march. That would come a week later, after much blood, sweat and tears.

## **DIVINE SERVICE I**

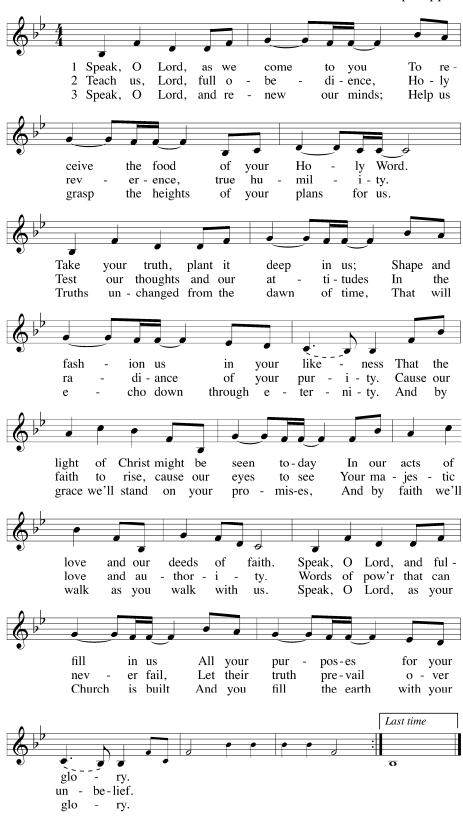
## Christian Worship Supplement

## **WELCOME**

## **HYMN**

## Speak, O Lord

Christian Worship Supplement #735



Tune: SPEAK, O LORD (8 10 8 10 10 10 8 10)

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Preservice Music:

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna Arr. by James Biery Played by John & Eileen Rayman

#### INVOCATION

**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.

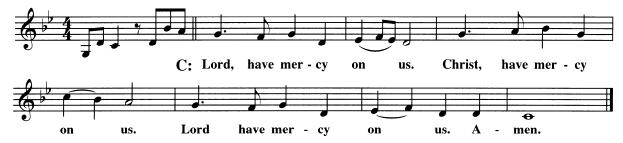
## **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- **M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.
- C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

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



God promises forgiveness of sins in his Word. As repentant sinners, we are assured of this forgiveness by the pastor, with the same certainty as if this were coming from God himself.

#### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

#### PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

#### **GLORY TO GOD** Gloria in Excelsis Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction: Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al might - y God and Fa-ther, wor-ship you, your Glo-ry to God in the give you thanks, we praise you for glo-ry! (music) high - est and peace to his peo - ple on Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have seat - ed at the mer - cy on us. You are right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer. to his peo - ple on Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and For peace earth. One, a - lone are the you a - lone are the Ho - ly you Lord, Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus glo - ry of God Glo - ry to God in the the Fa-ther. high - est, and

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** The Lord be with you.

peace to his peo - ple on

earth.

Glo-ry to God,

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God!

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C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray. We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

**BE SEATED** 

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

-2 Timothy 3:16

## WE READ FROM SCRIPTURE

FIRST LESSON Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots from

Ephraim and the warhorses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**WORSHIP CHOIR** 

**Do You See That Man?** *By Russell Nagy* 

Philippians 2:5-11

## SECOND LESSON

In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

STAND

GOSPEL Mark 11:1-10

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C Glo-ry be to you, O Lord! Glo-ry be to you, O Lord!

The congregation stands and sings a song of praise out of respect for the words of Christ, our King. As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly.'" They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that

colt?" They answered as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



## **OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH**

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

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

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

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

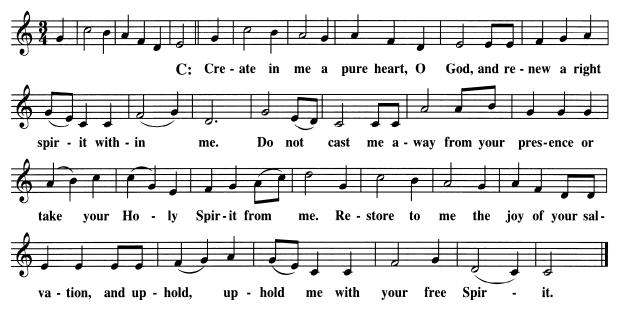
BE SEATED

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Christian Worship #131



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



**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**

**We Will Glorify** *By Twila Paris* 

Played by the Guitar Ensemble

## **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

# of Boz Lomasney

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 — PALM SUNDAY

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

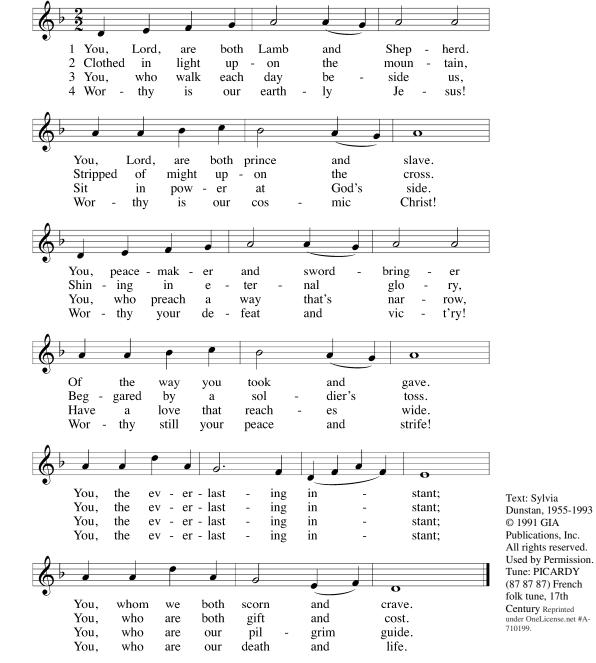
C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**BE SEATED** 

## **HYMN**

## You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd

Christian Worship Supplement #746



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.

## PRAYER FOR THE WORD

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

C: Amen.

The blessing of Aaron

has been spoken over God's people for over

Lord said, "So I will

3,500 years. The

put my name on [them], and I will

bless them" (Numbers 6:27).

## THE BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen. (spoken)

**BE SEATED** 

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## HYMN

## Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Christian Worship #133



Postlude: We Will Worship the Lamb of Glory Arr. by Carol Tornquist

> 5 Ride on, ride on in majesty! In Lowly pomp ride on to die. Bow your meek head to mortal pain, Then take, O Christ, your power and reign.



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**Pastor:** 

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# Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Colin Rieke
Confirming Pastor	Pastor Ron Koehler,
	Pastor Koehler is one of the pastors serving
	at the Grace-University site
Accompanist	Elaine Goldie
Trombone	John Rayman
Baritone	Eileen Rayman
Vocalist	Jeff Weinstein

## You are invited

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. We invite you to join us for Easter activities for the kids and a pig roast following the service today.

## **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.

## Monday—Acts Bible Study

We invite you to join us for a journey through the book of Acts found in the New Testament. This book recounts the history of the early Christian Church. It shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the challenges that the early Christians faced to spread his gospel message. Many of these challenges are similar to the ones we face today. Join us on Mondays at the Del Lago Golf Club (14155 East Vía Rancho Del Lago – Vail) at 9:30 AM.

## Easter at Grace-Vail—Next Sunday, April 8!

On the day we celebrate our Savior's resurrection, we invite you to our Easter breakfast at 8:00 AM, followed by our Festival service at 9:00 AM.

## **Easter Lilies!**

If you would like to buy an Easter lily to beautify worship on Easter Sunday (April 8), please sign the sheet located on the front table. Lilies are \$8 each (make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church"). Please place your payment in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" and place it in the offering plate or give it to Pastor Rieke.



Grace-Vail Easter Schedule

At Cottonwood Elementary (9950 E. Rees Loop)

Easter Breakfast—8 AM

Festival Worship—9 AM



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# Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

## **Easter Caroling at the Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center**

This is a final reminder for Easter Caroling at Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation (5830 E. Pima Road, east of Craycroft on the south side of Pima) **this afternoon**! Please arrive by 1:15 PM so we can begin at 1:30 PM. We will be singing familiar Easter hymns with piano accompaniment. Please come if you've been contacted by a Grace Extension member. Please come if you haven't been asked, but enjoy singing about our Savior from sin. Help us remind the staff and residents about what gets us excited about Easter!

## **Easter Invitations**

Easter is a great time to invite your unchurched friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors to church! If you have someone in your life who does not have a church home, we'd like to help you make that invitation. The following resources are all available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall: Printed Postcard Invitations, Road to Emmaus DVDs, and Grace-University Easter for Kids Registration Forms and Invitations (March 31 from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM).

## **Easter Breakfast**

The Easter breakfast at Grace-University this year will consist of pancakes, sausage, and orange juice, graciously made and served by the Lifeliners. Members are asked to bring fruit or sweet rolls to share. Members are also encouraged to bring griddles or electric skillets. Please contact Laura Lipke with any questions at 742-0211.



Grace is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, the third largest Lutheran church body in America. The WELS is made up of 1279 churches and 389, 545 baptized members.

# Maundy Thursday Thursday, April 5, 7 PM Receive the Blessings of the Cross!

**Good Friday** Friday, April 6, 7 PM Tenebrae Service

(Service of Darkness) *Jesus Died Willingly* 

Worshipers are asked to leave the Tenebrae service in silence, leaving in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day. Please visit with friends and family prior to entering church for worship.

Holy Week Schedule At Grace-University



Easter Sunday Sunday, April 8

Sunrise Worship—7 AM Christ's Victory is Our Victory

Easter Breakfast—8 AM

Members please bring fruit or sweet rolls to share

Easter Concert—9 AM

Festival Worship—10 AM

Peace and Life Are Yours

# This Week at Grace (4/1/12 - 4/8/12)

## **Grace—University**

Today DALM SUNDAY

## **Grace—Vail**

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-Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a		
-Children's Sunday School8:45a		
-Youth Confirmation Class8:45a		
-Adult Bible Classes:		
• "The Road to Emmaus" DVD (Fellowship Hall)9:00a		
• Grow in Grace Class (Conference Room in Office)9:00		
-Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a		
-Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship		
-WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Movie Night6:00p		
Monday		
-Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts9:30a		
-Worship Choir Rehearsal10:00a		
-NO English as a Second Language Classes		
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-Grace Extension Meeting9:00a		
-Wind Ensemble Practice: Brass5:00p		
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Sunday EASTER -Easter Breakfast at Cottonwood Elementary





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## **Christian Fellowship Potluck**

The Christian Fellowship Group will meet at noon on Saturday, April 14, at the home of Ron & Helen Kwart (2706 N. Walnut Avenue). Please bring meat to barbecue and a side dish to share. Debbie Dyjak will show a slide presentation and relate her ESL and nursing experiences she and her son, Erik, encountered while in Thailand recently. The potluck will be held outside so bring your hat and sunscreen. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with

The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

## WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Movie Night

This evening, WELS Tucson Campus Ministry is meeting at 6:00 PM downstairs in the Grace-University basement to watch *The Passion of the Christ*. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Because of our early start time, supper will be provided. Hope to see you there!

# **Lutheran Pioneers Apache Mission Collection**

The Lutheran Pioneers are meeting at Grace-University on Saturday, April 7 at 10:00 AM to color Easter eggs and to prepare for the Easter Breakfast. All Pioneer families are asked to bring one dozen hard-boiled eggs. They will also be counting their offerings for the Apache mission project. If you have been collecting using the mission boxes, or if you'd like to contribute, please turn in your offerings to one of the Pioneers, Pastor Kassulke, or to the Church Office this week.

My name is Colin Rieke, and I am the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church's second site in the Vail area. There are some people who view pastors, and even religious people in general to be a bunch of "better than thou" type of people. Perhaps you are one of those. I want to combat that impression by opening up and sharing a little bit about myself.

My life began as a missionary's kid in Africa, but since my high school years, I have spent my time here in the United States, mostly in the Midwest. After I graduated from college, I married my wife Kristin and started going to Seminary in Wisconsin. Upon graduating from Seminary I was called to be a pastor of this new church to be starting in the Vail area (we are in the Vail School District). Last October, my wife and I welcomed into the world a beautiful baby girl—Grace Elizabeth.

Even though I am a pastor and like to talk to people about Jesus, I also like to do a variety of other things as well. These include (but are not limited to) running, biking, going out to a movie, reading a good book, and even dabbling in video games from time to time. As a pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, I hope not only to be able to open God's Word to you, but also to be someone you can just have a casual conversation with. If this sounds like a place you might be interested in, come join us again, you never know, you might just like us!

## Pastor Colin Rieke

