

Saints Triumphant

Third Sunday of End Time



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
November 18, 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 10:00

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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 Jesus, when you rose victorious from death, you gave us a day of great rejoicing. The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone of our faith. Let cries of joy and exultation ring out to celebrate the good news of your resurrection, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, 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.

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

Blessed Are the Saints of God

Christian Worship #394

1 Bless - ed are the saints of God; They are bought with Christ's own blood.
2 They are jus - ti - fied by grace; They en - joy the Sav - ior's peace.
3 They are lights up - on the earth, Chil - dren of a heav'n - ly birth.

They are ran-somed from the grave; Life e - ter - nal they shall have.
All their sins are washed a - way; They shall stand in God's great day.
One with God, with Je - sus one, Glo - ry is in them be - gun.

With them num-bered may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
With them num-bered may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.
With them num-bered may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty.

Please stand

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

Congregation: Amen.

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.**

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.”*

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

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

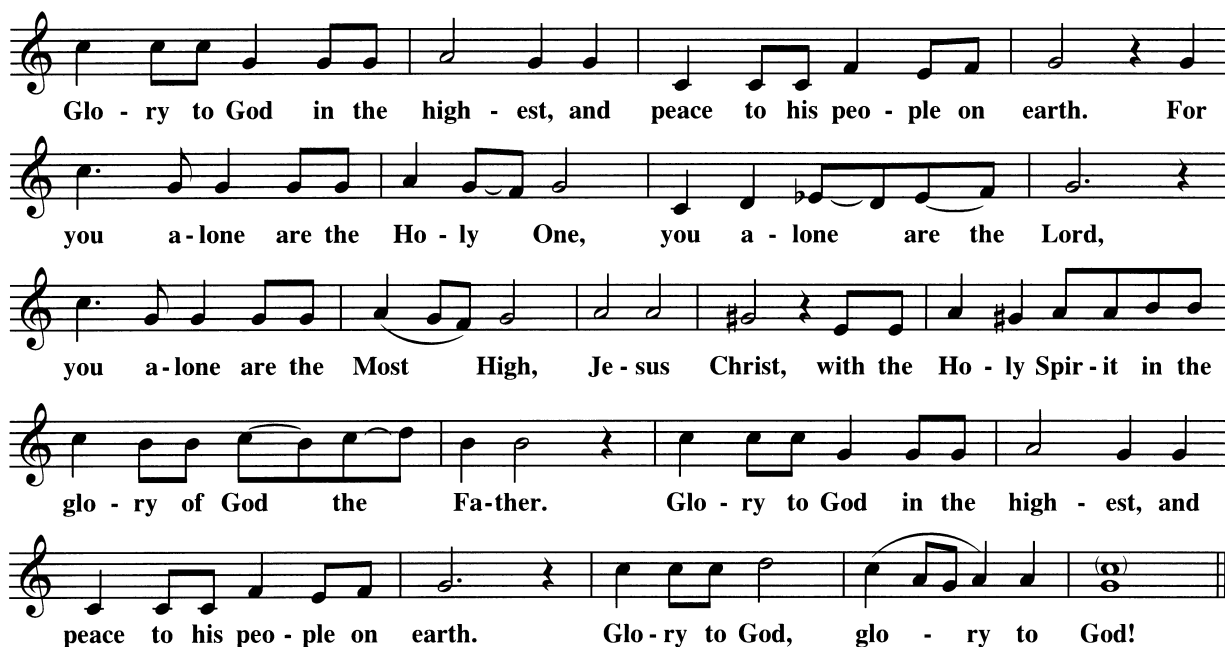
M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

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

C: 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, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry! Glo - ry to God in the
high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. ² (music) 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 mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered.

Daniel 12:1-3

Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. (NIV)

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 118

M: The LORD is my strength and my song;

C: he has become my salvation.

M: The LORD'S right hand is lifted high;

C: the LORD'S right hand has done mighty things!

M: I will not die but live,

C: and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

M: I will give you thanks, for you answered me;

C: you have become my salvation.

M: The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

C: the LORD had done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

M: This is the day the LORD has made;

C: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For

the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words. (NIV)

VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 7:15a

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-27

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



"But in those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time men will see the Son of Man

coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens." (NIV)

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY *(see page 10)*

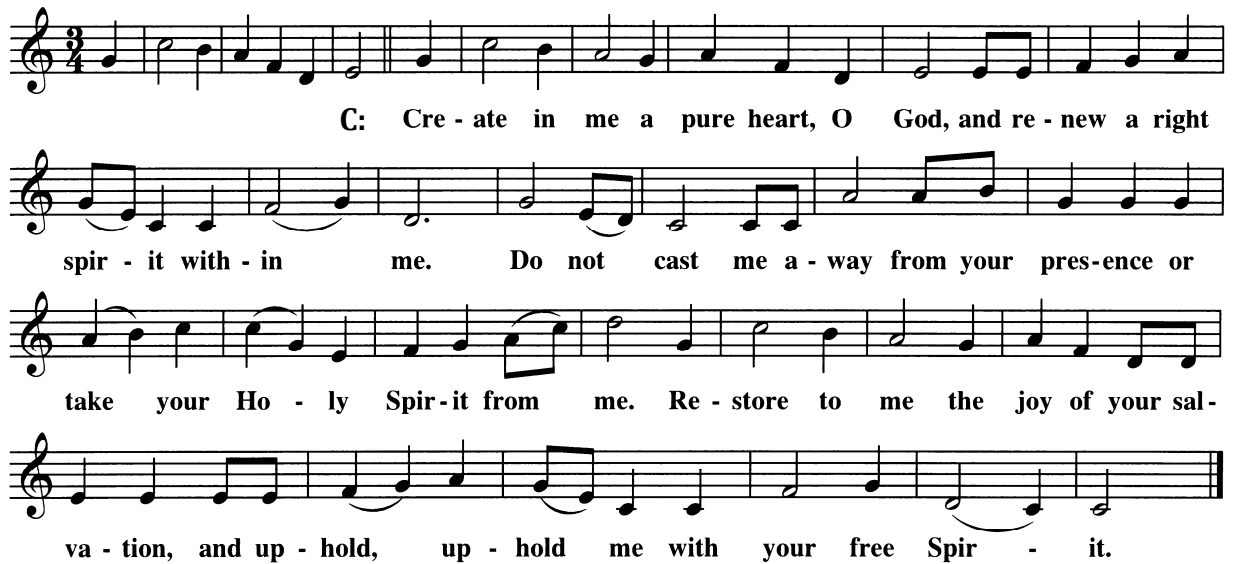
Behold a Host, Arrayed in White
Christian Worship #550

SERMON

Mark 13:24-27
Keep Your Eyes on What Matters

Copies of the sermon are available in the back at the information table and will be posted on the Grace website.

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



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

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

Lord When Your Glory I Shall See
WELS Seminary Chorus

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

M: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: **We too join them to praise your majesty.**

M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: **We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.**

M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: **Give us power to live as your faithful people.**

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."

- M:** Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.
- C:** **Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M:** Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.
- C:** **Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.**

Please be seated

HYMN (see page 11)

There Is a Blessed Home
Christian Worship Supplement #729

Please stand

- M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

- M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Jerusalem the Golden Christian Worship #728



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The

milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the

fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There

know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -

there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The

bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
bring us To that dear land of rest Where
glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound-ing full with song.
sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Cluny, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene. The hymn is gloriously set to the English folk tune THAXTED.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century
Tune: THAXTED (76 76 76 D) Gustav Holst, 1874–1934, alt.

Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

1 Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
 2 De - spised and scorned, they so - journed here; But now, how
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; A thou - sand

snow - clad moun - tains bright; With palms they stand. Who is
 glo - rious they ap - pear! Those mar - tyrs stand, A priest -
 times you will be blessed For keep - ing faith Firm un -

this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
 ly band, God's throne for - ev - er near. So oft in
 to death And scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you

saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af - flic - tion
 trou - bled days gone by, In an - guish they would weep and
 live at home with God; You toiled and sowed the Word a -

came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood Are cleansed from
 sigh; At home a - bove The God of love For - e'er their
 broad. Re - joice and bring Your fruits and sing Be - fore the

guilt and blame. Now gath - ered in the ho - ly place,
 tears shall dry. They now en - joy the Sab - bath rest,
 throne of God. The myr - iad an - gels raise the song;

Their voic - es they in wor - ship raise. Their an - thems
 The heav'n - ly ban - quet of the blest; The Lamb, their
 O saints, sing with that hap - py throng! Lift up one

swell Where God does dwell Mid an - gels' songs of praise.
 Lord, At fes - tive board Him - self is host and guest.
 voice; Let heav'n re - joice In our Re - deem - er's song.

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There Is a Blessed Home



1 There is a bless - ed home be - yond this land of
 2 There is a land of peace, good an - gels know it
 3 O joy all joys be - yond, to see the Lamb who
 4 Look up, you saints of God, nor fear to tread be -



woe, Where tri - als nev - er come, nor tears of
 well; Glad songs that nev - er cease with - in its
 died, And count each sa - cred wound in hands and
 low The path your Sav - ior trod of dai - ly



sor - row flow; Where faith is ful - ly lost in
 por - tals swell. A - round the glo - rious throne of
 feet and side; To give to him e - ter - nal
 toil and woe: Wait on - ly for a lit - tle



sight, and pa - tient hope is crowned, And ev - er -
 God the count - less saints a - dore Christ, with the
 praise for ev - 'ry tri - umph won, And sing through
 while in un - com - plain - ing love. His own most



last - ing light its glo - ry casts a - round.
 Fa - ther one, and Spir - it ev - er - more.
 end - less days the great things he has done!
 gra - cious smile will wel - come you a - bove.

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9:00 AM—Bible Class &
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10:00 AM—Worship
Service

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Grace-Vail Announcements and Upcoming Events

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader..... Pastor Colin Rieke
Accompanist..... Amanda Schulz
Sound & Recording Tech..... Jason Watson & Christian Watson

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Daniel 7:13-14
Revelation 1:4b-8
John 18:33-37

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.

Thanksgiving Worship Services this Week

You are invited to a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service this Wednesday, November 21 at 7:00 PM at Grace-University (830 N. First Ave). This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend or family member to attend. Following worship, there will be a dessert fellowship in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. Members are asked to bring a pie or dessert.

Here at Cottonwood Elementary we will also be holding a special Thanksgiving Day service this Thursday, November 22 at 10:00 AM.

The services will be very similar to each other. The same sermon will be preached at both locations. You are welcome to attend either (or both) of these services!

You will find business card sized invitations for our Thanksgiving services on the welcome table.

Grace-University Announcements and Upcoming Events

Installation Service

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 next Sunday, November 25 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 Cantata at Grace-University

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 any women of Grace who would like to help with various aspects of the dinner.

Christmas for Kids at Both Grace Locations

Make plans to join us for our annual Christmas for Kids at Grace-Vail on 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.



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 Grace-University Fellowship Hall prior to each of these services. We need volunteers to host the meals (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.



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This Week at Grace (11/18/12 - 11/25/12)

Grace—University

TODAY

Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*9:00a
Adult Bible Study:
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles* (Fellowship Hall).....9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Thoughts on Thanksgiving*7:00p

Monday

English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

Tuesday

Handbell Practice5:30p
Council Meeting5:30p
Worship Choir6:30p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies
Thanksgiving Worship at Grace-University
(dessert to follow)7:00p

Thursday **THANKSGIVING DAY** (Church Office Closed)

NO Women's Bible Study
NO Grow in Grace Class

Sunday

Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
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Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
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Installation of Adam Mueller at Redeemer.....3:00p
NO WELS TCM Bible Study

Grace—Vail

TODAY

Bible Study & Discussion 9:00a
Sunday School 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion..... 10:00a
"Meet & Greet" Fellowship after worship

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: *Book of Acts* 9:30a

Wednesday

NO Bible Study at the Priggs.....

Thursday **THANKSGIVING DAY**

Thanksgiving Worship 10:00a
NO Financial Peace University

Sunday

Bible Study & Discussion 9:00a
Sunday School 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
"Meet & Greet" Fellowship after worship



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New Cards in the Fellowship Hall

There are new cards and Christmas card boxes available for purchase on the south wall of the Fellowship Hall. Feel free to stop by and check them out! If you have any questions please contact Lisa Lenius at 308-4266.

Christmas Tea at Holy Cross

Ladies, mark your calendars for December 1. Holy Cross Ladies Guild will be hosting a Christmas Tea from 12:00-2:00 PM located at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (241 N. Harrison Road). There will be great fellowship, wonderful refreshments, and entertainment. Our Christmas Project is for the Bylas-Peridot school that needs kitchen supplies and library books. A free-will donation will go for that project. Please RSVP by November 29, to Karen Manning at 241-0909.

Thank You

We are very thankful to the students of Redeemer Lutheran School and their teachers for beautifying the Grace-University 10:00 AM worship service this morning. Redeemer is our local WELS Elementary School and is associated with our sister congregation in Marana. Grace currently offers financial support to 11 of our active members who are students at Redeemer. For more information about Redeemer, please visit their website at www.RedeemerTucson.org, or speak to our Youth and Family Pastor, Pastor Kassulke, or one of the other Redeemer parents.

