

# First Sunday in Lent



*"Follow Me, Satan (Temptation of Jesus Christ)" by Ilya Repin 1903*

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 17, 2013





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.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

## Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

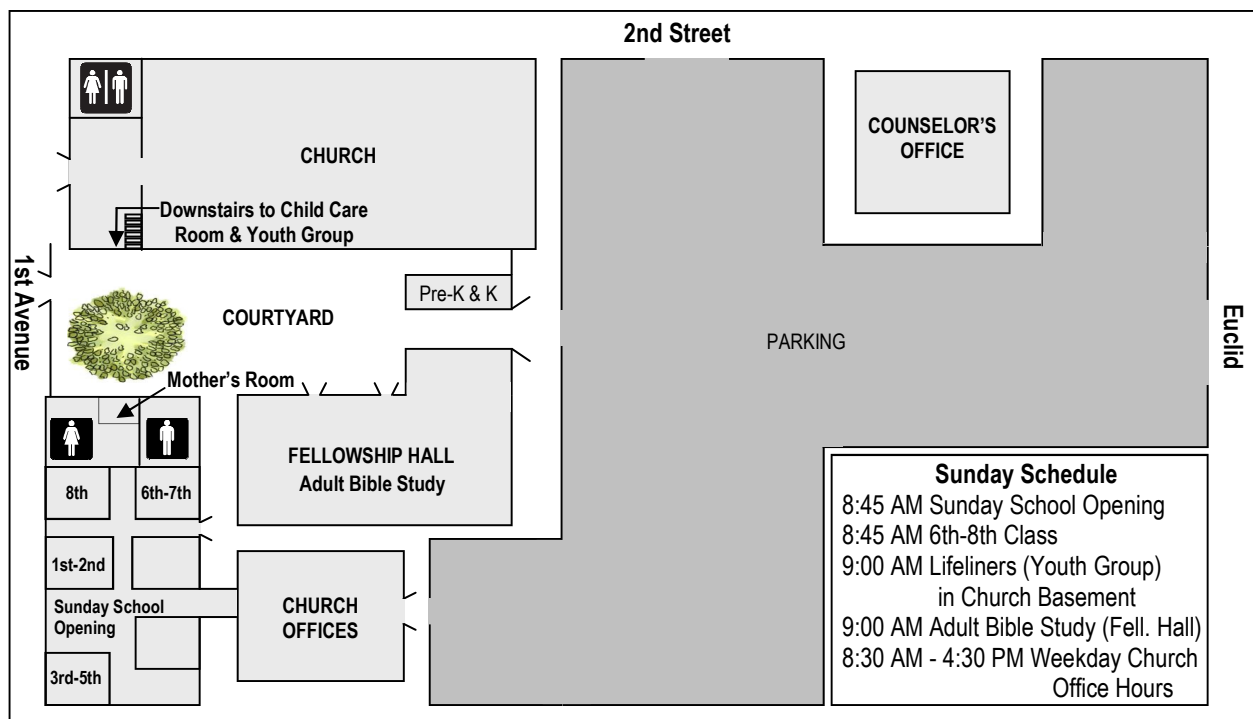
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**Large print** hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



## DIVINE SERVICE II

### New Service Settings

#### WELCOME

#### HYMN

#### Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle

*Christian Worship #122*

*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.



**C:** I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.



**C:** But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray; Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.



**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.

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**

*A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Arr. by Larry Shackley

**10:00 AM—**

*Supplication*

By F. Melius Christiansen

#### Hymn 122:

*Last Sunday we saw the glory of Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration and we closed our worship with “Farewell to Alleluia,” which noted the more sober and reflective mood of the upcoming Lenten season. Our opening hymn on this First Sunday in Lent uses the same tune as that hymn, and the words of “Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle” point us to the works of Jesus and his glory which was hidden on the way to the cross.*

**GLORY BE TO GOD**  
*Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.  
(Sung to the tune of "Jesus, Your Blood and Righteousness," Christian Worship #376)*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high!  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray.  
4 You, Christ, as ho - ly — Lord a - lone;

Your name, O Lord, we glo - ri - fy;  
For your great glo - ry, heav'n - ly King,  
You take all hu - man sin a - way.  
The Fa - ther's glo - ry you made known.

We praise you for your peace and grace,  
For all, O Fa - ther, you have done  
Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer;  
We by your Spir - it sing a - gain:

Your fa - vor toward our fall - en race.  
Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
"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. Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us 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*

## FIRST LESSON

Early the next morning Joshua had Israel come forward by tribes, and Judah was taken. The clans of Judah came forward, and he took the Zerahites. He had the clan of the Zerahites come forward by families, and Zimri was taken. Joshua had his family come forward man by man, and Achan son of Carmi, the son of Zimri, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, was taken. Then Joshua said to Achan, "My son, give glory to the LORD, the God of Israel, and give him the praise. Tell me what you have done; do not hide it from me." Achan replied, "It is true! I have sinned against the LORD, the God of Israel. This is what I have done: When I saw in the plunder a beautiful robe from Babylonia, two hundred shekels of silver and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. They are hidden in the ground inside my tent,

## Joshua 7:16-26 (NIV)

with the silver underneath." So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent, and there it was, hidden in his tent, with the silver underneath. They took the things from the tent, brought them to Joshua and all the Israelites and spread them out before the LORD. Then Joshua, together with all Israel, took Achan son of Zerah, the silver, the robe, the gold wedge, his sons and daughters, his cattle, donkeys and sheep, his tent and all that he had, to the Valley of Achor. Joshua said, "Why have you brought this trouble on us? The LORD will bring trouble on you today." Then all Israel stoned him, and after they had stoned the rest, they burned them. Over Achan they heaped up a large pile of rocks, which remains to this day. Then the LORD turned from his fierce anger. Therefore that place has been called the Valley of Achor ever since.

*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.*

## WORSHIP CHOIR (10:00 AM)

## Before the Throne of God

*Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me then depart.*

*When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me.*

*Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect spotless righteousness;  
The great unchangeable "I am," the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased with his blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.*

*Music by Vikki Cook  
Words by Charitie L. Bancroft and Vikki Cook  
Musical setting by Joel Raney*

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## SECOND LESSON

## Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has

been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

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

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:10b (NIV)

M: It is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only."

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Luke 4:1-13 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter four.

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

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the desert, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone.'" The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship

me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. For it is written: "'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" Jesus answered, "It says: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

**A Mighty Fortress Is Our God**  
*Christian Worship #201*

## SERMON

Luke 4:1-13

**From Beginning To End**  
**1. Satan Tempted Jesus**  
**2. Jesus Defeated Satan**

*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**C:** We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

*Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—LENT

**M:** Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

**C:** We confess that without your love we are lost.

**M:** Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

**C:** Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.

**M:** Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

**C:** Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.

**M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

**C:** Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

*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.*

**7:45 AM—**  
*The Solid Rock*  
Arr. by Victor Labenske

**10:00 AM—**  
*Dernier Kyrie*  
Arr. by F. Couperin

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## THE SACRAMENT

### PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is good and right so to do.

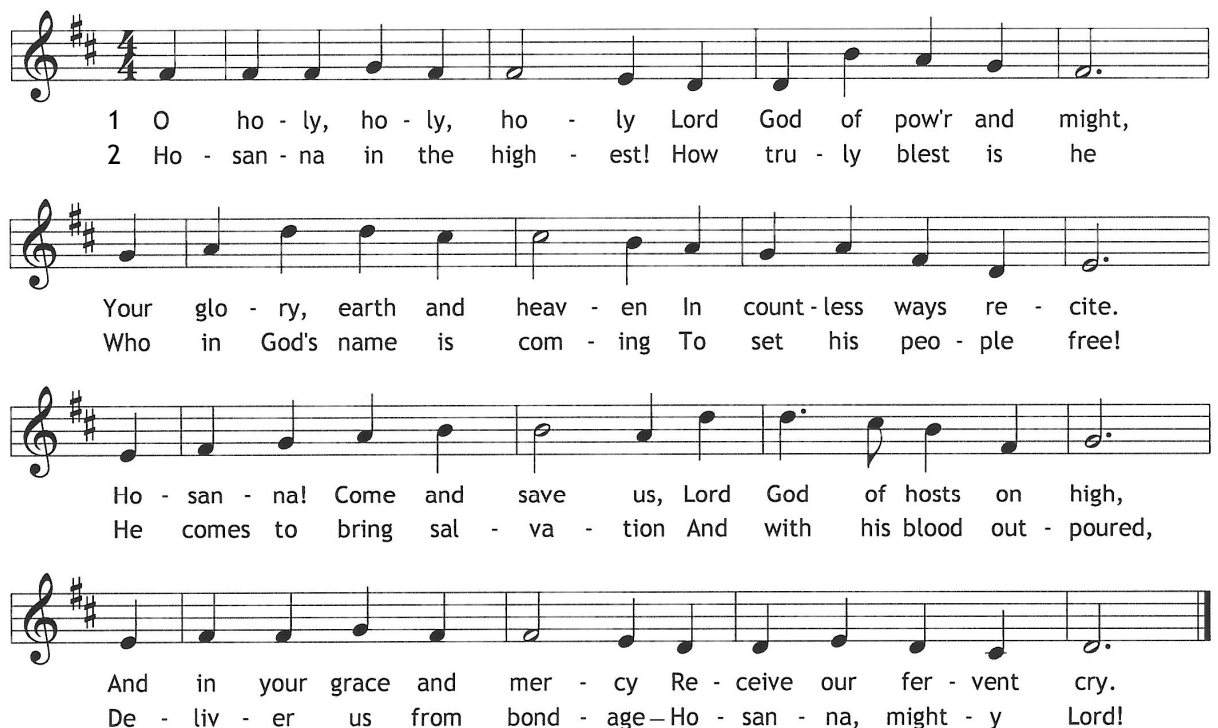
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who willingly died under the curse of this world's sin so that we may live forever in the light of God's blessing. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY *Gloria in Excelsis*

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

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

*(Sung to the tune of "I Lay My Sins on Jesus," Christian Worship #372)*



1 O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might,  
2 Ho - san - na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is he

Your glo - ry, earth and heav - en In count - less ways re - cite.  
Who in God's name is com - ing To set his peo - ple free!

Ho - san - na! Come and save us, Lord God of hosts on high,  
He comes to bring sal - va - tion And with his blood out - poured,

And in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
De - liv - er us from bond - age—Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!



## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

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

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

**C:** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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

*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.*

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*Matthew 26:26-28*

*1 Corinthians 11:24, 25*

**M:** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

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

**C:** Amen.

**LAMB OF GOD**  
**Agnus Dei**

John 1:29

*The vocalists will sing the refrain the first time. Please join in singing the refrain as indicated.*

Words: Traditional Agnus Dei, atl. And Psalm 103:11-13, para.  
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Refrain: Vocalists

**REFRAIN: CONGREGATION**

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take a-way the world's sin,

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, have mer-cy up-on us.

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

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

Vocalists: *As high as the heav'ns are over the earth, so great is Your love for us.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far have You removed our sin.*

**REFRAIN: CONGREGATION**

Vocalists: *A Father's heart you turn to us, You hear us when we call,  
Now, Lord, in compassion, lend Your ear, You know our needs, O hear our prayer.*

**REFRAIN: CONGREGATION SINGS TWICE**

*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.*

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)**

**Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face**  
*Christian Worship #315*

*Please stand*

## SONG OF SIMEON

### Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.  
(Sung to the tune of "Down from the Mount of Glory," Christian Worship #97)*



1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in peace, as - sured:  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the Son,  
For I have seen your prom - ised in - car - nate, sav - ing Word—  
All glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er three in one;  
A Light that will en - light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell;  
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be,  
The bril - liant, crown - ing glo - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
God's tri - une name re - sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

## PRAYER

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

**C:** Amen.

## BLESSING

**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*

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Your Works, Not Mine, O Christ**  
*Christian Worship #401*

**POSTLUDE**

**(7:45 AM)**

**How Firm a Foundation**  
*Arr. by Victor Labenske*

**(10:00 AM)**

**A Mighty Fortress**  
*Arr. by Andrew Clarke*

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

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**Preacher** ..... Pastor Ron Koehler  
**Worship Leader** ..... Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)  
..... Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists** ..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)  
..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Vocalist** ..... Johneth Myrmo (7:45 AM)  
**Worship Choir Director** ..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)



**Grace is one congregation  
at TWO places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study  
and activities at both  
Grace-University and Grace-Vail.**



## This Week at Grace • Feb 17-Feb 24

\*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

### TODAY

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
Children's Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us* ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship with Stephen Bautista** ..... 10:00a  
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study ..... 7:00p

### Monday

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

### Tuesday

Handbell Practice ..... 5:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p  
Voters' Meeting ..... 7:00p

### Wednesday

**Midweek Lenten Worship** ..... 10:00a  
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall ..... 6:00-6:45p  
**Midweek Lenten Worship** ..... 7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Philippians* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Choir ..... 6:30p  
Grace Iron Men ..... 7:30p

### Sunday

Worship Services ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
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Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *State of Grace Presentation* ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** ..... 9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study ..... 7:00p

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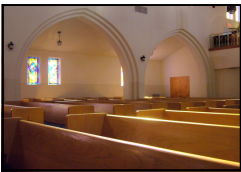
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## For Our Guests

If you are visiting Grace today, we are happy that you joined us for Worship. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet as you leave this morning. You'll find them in the church entryway.

## Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.



During this time of year, the sun shines through the stained glass windows and directs its light on the church pews. Feel free to move during the service if the sun is bothering you. For more information about what the symbols and pictures in the windows represent, please take a pamphlet from the main entryway.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Greg & Karen Grorud to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen's mother, Dorothy Lehet.

## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Jim & Rosemary Bounds. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Jeremiah 26:8-15  
Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Luke 13:31-35

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

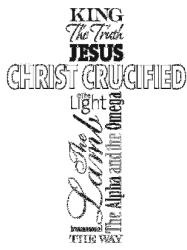
Luke 13:31-35  
*Love Leads Jesus to Jerusalem*

## "State of Grace" Presentation Next Sunday

Each year we pause to reflect on some of the specific blessings of the previous year by looking at highlights from Grace's Annual Report. This allows us to rejoice over God's goodness, recognize many individuals who served with their gifts, and give thanks to the Lord for the ministry here at Grace. Pastor Koehler will present and lead the discussion during Bible Study next Sunday, February 24 9:00 AM. We hope that everyone will set aside the time to review God's blessings to us. You will also learn some things you never knew about your church!

## Church History Bible Study

Pastor Clemons' Church History Bible Study will not be meeting on Wednesdays during Lent. Our Midweek Lenten Worship Services are scheduled for the same times that the Bible Study has been meeting. We will continue with this study after Easter, beginning April 17.



## Lent Services and Suppers

Our 2013 Lenten Series will be *Names of Wondrous Love*. Jesus, Immanuel, the Truth, King, Christ Crucified, the Way, the Lamb, the Alpha and the Omega, the Light—all names we use for the one Savior-God. During this Lenten season, we will reflect on each of these names and why we use them. Follow along with Jesus from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday and see how each of these names tells us of God's plan for our salvation.

*Names of Wondrous Love*

Services will be held at Grace-University this Wednesday, February 20 at 10:00 AM and at 7:00 PM with a meal served at 6:00 PM. These Lenten services are opportunities for us all to join for worship and contemplate the love of Jesus our Savior, who lived and died to bring us salvation.

**We need volunteers to host the meals Feb 27, March 6 and March 20** (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There are information sheets in the Fellowship Hall at Grace-University and on the worship table at Grace-Vail which explain how to host one of these meals. Please sign up or call the church office (623-6633) if you would like to serve in this way.

## Grace Iron Men

The Grace Iron Men began meeting in 2012 for fellowship and Bible Study activities. The goal of this group is for men 21 and older to encourage and support one another as we grow in faith together. Our next meeting is this **Thursday, February 21 at 7:30 PM** in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. This is right after a choir rehearsal so that those who are interested could participate in both. Our meeting will be a Bible study on **"The Christian's High Calling."** We will consider some of the many ways that God calls us to serve him throughout our lives. Even if you have not participated before, you are encouraged to join us for this study.



## Faith in Action Team

A team of students from Martin Luther College, our WELS college for future pastors and teachers, will be in Tucson February 23 to March 3 to assist with outreach at Grace. They will be working primarily with Grace-Vail to promote upcoming activities. They will be worshiping with us at Grace-Vail on Sunday, February 24 and helping canvass. You are invited to help with our canvassing efforts on Saturday, March 2. We'll meet at Cottonwood Elementary at 9:30 AM. This would be a great opportunity to meet the MLC students and to help out with outreach.

You may also make a donation to WELS Kingdom Workers in support of the program that is bringing these students to us. A link to the Kingdom Workers fundraising website for this trip is on our Grace website or facebook page.

## Redeemer Preschool Early Registration

Redeemer has started early registration in preschool for 2013-2014! We are proud to offer a Christian, academic preschool for your children. Redeemer offers a comprehensive preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds. Our 2, 3, or 5 day a week sessions are flexible for every family schedule. If you or someone you know is interested in preschool for their family, please stop by the front office for an application or call 572-8136 to schedule a tour!

## WELS Kingdom Workers Annual Meeting

The WELS Kingdom Workers Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 PM at the Arizona Lutheran Retirement Center (1918 W Orangewood Ave, Phx, 85021). There will be local project updates and presentations from the Faith In Action Team and WELS Kingdom Workers. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. There is a flyer on both bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall with more details.



## Mexican Dinner

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Friday evening, March 15 for our annual Mexican Dinner hosted by the Women of Grace. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal and time with friends.

### **Maundy Thursday**

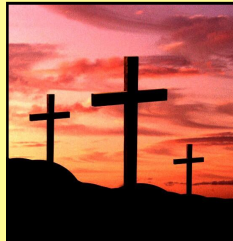
Thursday, March 28, 10 AM &  
7 PM at Grace-University

### **Good Friday**

Friday, March 29, 7 PM  
at Grace-University

### **Tenebrae Service**

(Service of Darkness)



### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, March 31  
at Grace-University

**Sunrise Worship—7 AM**

**Easter Breakfast—8 AM**

**Easter Concert—9 AM**

**Festival Worship—10 AM**

### **Easter Sunday**

at Grace-Vail

**Easter Breakfast—8 AM**

**Festival Worship—10 AM**

Worshippers are asked to leave this church 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.

## MLS Choir Concert April 3—Dinner and Hosts Needed

The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir will present a concert at Grace-University on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 PM. All are invited to this evening concert. MLS is one of two prep schools operated by our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. The goal of these prep schools is to encourage and to equip WELS members to continue their studies at Martin Luther College in preparation for becoming pastors, teachers, or staff ministers in our WELS congregations and schools.

Prior to their 7 PM concert, we will be feeding them dinner. If you would like to help cover the cost of this dinner, please give your contribution to Debbie Koehler or drop it off in the office in an envelope marked "MLS Dinner." If you would like to write a check, please make it payable to Women of Grace and note MLS Choir. Also, please let us know if you are interested in helping prepare the meal for the choir.

The choir will be spending the night in Tucson and will need housing for the evening. This is a GREAT opportunity to get to know some high school students who attend one of our synod's prep schools! If you would be willing to host a group of 2 or 3 students, please contact Debbie Koehler (293-5617) and she will give you the details.

## Apache Clothing Drive

Our Apache Clothing Drive is preparing for our next delivery in April. We already have 26 boxes packed, but we are hoping to completely fill the trailer, which will take another 49 boxes. Bring clothing donations to the Counseling Building on a Sunday morning, and someone will be available to help carry them in. Scrip cards for Wal-Mart and Safeway are also welcome. This support of our friends and fellow Christians in Whiteriver, East Fork, Canyon Day, and Fort Apache is one way that we can "love [not] with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:18).