# Second Sunday in Lent



Mosaic of the hen and her chicks on the altar of Dominus Flevit (Jesus Wept), a small church located on the Mount of Olives in the traditional spot where Jesus wept over the city of Jerusalem (Matthew 23:37). Jesus also spoke those same words earlier on his way to Jerusalem to give his life on the cross (Luke 13:34).

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church February 24, 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.

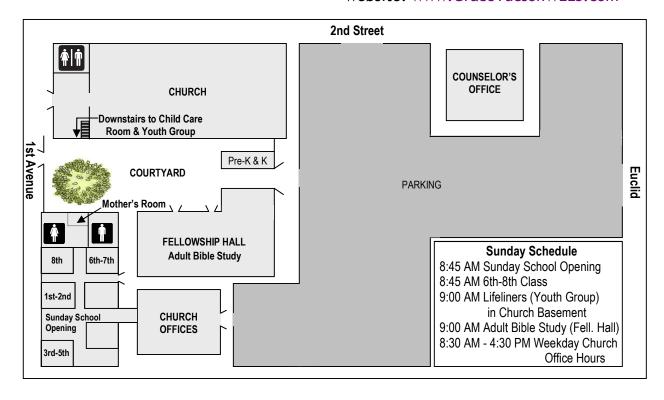
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



# DIVINE SERVICE II

New Service Settings

WELCOME

My Jesus, I Love Thee Arr. by Martha Mier

7:45 AM-

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

**HYMN** 

My Song Is Love Unknown Christian Worship #110

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.

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



## THE WORD

#### **SALUTATION**

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through 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

But as soon as Jeremiah finished telling all the people everything the LORD had commanded him to say, the priests, the prophets and all the people seized him and said, "You must die! Why do you prophesy in the LORD's name that this house will be like Shiloh and this city will be desolate and deserted?" And all the people crowded around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. When the officials of Judah heard about these things, they went up from the royal palace to the house of the LORD and took their places at the entrance of the New Gate of the LORD's house. Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and all the people, "This man should be

sentenced to death because he has

**Jeremiah 26:8-15 (NIV)** 

**PSALM 42-43** 

prophesied against this city. You have heard it with your own ears!" Then Jeremiah said to all the officials and all the people: "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the things you have heard. Now reform your ways and your actions and obey the LORD your God. Then the LORD will relent and not bring the disaster he has pronounced against you. As for me, I am in your hands; do with me whatever you think is good and right. Be assured, however, that if you put me to death, you will bring the guilt of innocent blood on yourselves and on this city and on those who live in it, for in truth the LORD has sent me to you to speak all these words in your hearing."

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**

Vocalist(s) will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the Refrains.

## Refrain



## Psalm Tone



- 1. As the deer pants for streams of / water,\* so my soul pants for / you, O God.
- 2. My soul thirsts for God, for the / living God.\* Where can I go and / meet with God?
- 3. Why are you downcast, / O my soul?\* Why so disturbed with- / in me?
- 4. Put your / hope in God,\* for I will yet praise him, my Savior / and my God.

#### Refrain

- 5. Send forth your light and your truth, let them / guide me;\* let them bring me to the place / where you dwell.
- 6. Then will I go to the altar of God, my joy and / my delight.\* I will praise you with the harp, O / God, my God.
- 7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit. as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

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#### SECOND LESSON

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you. For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven.

Philippians 3:17-4:1 (NIV)

And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body. Therefore, my brothers, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, that is how you should stand firm in the Lord, dear friends!

## **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Philippians 2:8b (NIV)

M: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

**VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)** 

God Loves Me Dearly Setting by John C. Reim

God loves me dearly, therefore I'll say again, God loves me dearly. God loves me dearly, loves even me.

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation, God loves me dearly, loves even me. Therefore I'll say again, God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

I was in bondage, sin, death, and darkness, God's love was working to make me free. Therefore I'll say again, God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer, he sent forth Jesus, and set me free. Therefore I'll say again, God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Jesus, my Savior, Himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior paid all I owed. Therefore I'll say again, God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our Savior. GOSPEL Luke 13:31-35 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter thirteen.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

At that time some Pharisees came to Jesus and said to him, "Leave this place and go somewhere else. Herod wants to kill you." He replied, "Go tell that fox, 'I will drive out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and on the third day I will reach my goal.' In any case, I must keep going today and tomorrow and the next day—for surely no prophet can die outside

Jerusalem! O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! Look, your house is left to you desolate. I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

Lord, You I Love with All My Heart Christian Worship #434

**SERMON** 

Luke 13:31-35 Love Leads Jesus to Jerusalem

Please stand

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

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

Please be seated

#### OFFERING

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

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the 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.

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



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

7:45 AM— O How He Loves You and Me By Kurt Kaiser

- 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.

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.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

What Wondrous Love Is This Christian Worship #120

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.

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.

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

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**

Lord Jesus Christ, You Set Us Free Christian Worship #123 POSTLUDE:

**7:45 AM**— Son of God, Eternal Savior Arr. by Valerie Floeter

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocalist	Johneth Myrmo (7:45 AM)
Voices of Grace Director	
Ushers	,
Rick Street, Mark Ch	nristianson, Jon Dongoske (10:00 AM)
Tay	ylor Parra, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)

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# **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.

Services will be held at Grace-University this Wednesday, February 27 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 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 is one congregation at TWO places!

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



## This Week at Grace • Feb 24-Mar 3

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

#### **TODAY**

Worship Services	7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services	5
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	y9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	
<ul> <li>State of Grace Presentation</li> </ul>	9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Eleme	
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood	
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Eleme	
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Stud	y7:00p
Monday	
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club	9:30a
English as a Second Language Classes	
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English as a Second Language Classes	

#### Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Worship	р
Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Philippians</i>	
Sunday Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00 Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School8:45	
Youth Confirmation Class8:45	a
Lifeliners (High School Group): <i>Bible Study</i> 9:00 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	a
ALA Presentation9:00	a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary 9:00 Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem 9:00 Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00	a

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study...... 7:00p

# Check out the NEW GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com!

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## **TODAY**

#### **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.

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the family of Pastor Hallemeyer in thanksgiving to God on his 70th birthday.

## 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 Shirley Modless and John & Marsha Hoffman. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## "State of Grace" Presentation this Morning

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 this morning at 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!

# **ALA Sunday**

Next Sunday, March 3 will be ALA Sunday at Grace-University. The A Cappella Choir from Arizona Lutheran Academy will sing in both of our worship services that morning. Pastor Brad Bode from ALA will be our guest preacher. During the Bible study hour, we'll have the opportunity to learn more about our Area Lutheran High School.

## **Tuition Tax Credit Donations**

We need your help as we support our students at Lutheran schools! As you prepare your 2012 tax return, please make use of the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets



used. A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2012 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org). You may even recommend your donation for a specific student – and recommending a Grace member can directly help the church. Donations are eligible for the tax credit up to \$503 for a single person or \$1006 for a married couple in 2012. You can make a donation online or pick up one of the donation forms located at both entrances of church. For more details about this and the Plus Donation feature, please see the courtyard display case. Contact the Church Office or one of the pastors if you have questions.

# **Christian Fellowship Group**

The Christian Fellowship Group will meet Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker is Grace member Jon Guenther. He will talk about his life as a missionary kid. It's guaranteed to be entertaining, so we hope you'll join us. Members are asked to bring a snack to share. The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis. They are hosting this special event and all ages are welcome to attend!

#### **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, and a lunch will be provided after canvassing. 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.

#### Thank You

The family of Vera Warskow-Hess would like to thank you for all your thoughts, cards, and prayers in the days since Vera was called home to heaven.

## **Mexican Dinner at Grace-University**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Friday evening, March 15 from 4:30-6:30 PM 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.

## 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.

# **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)

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.



## **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—9 AM Festival Worship—10 AM