

Easter Sunrise Service March 31, 2013

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

PRESERVICE MUSIC

I Know That My Redeemer Lives! Theme and Variations

Arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

EASTER PROCLAMATION

LEADER: Christ is risen!

GROUP: HE IS RISEN, INDEED! ALLELUIA!

L: Christ is alive and victorious over death!

G: ALLELUIA TO OUR LIVING LORD!

L: Christ has won the battle over evil, and has reunited us with God.

G: ALLELUIA TO OUR SAVING LORD!

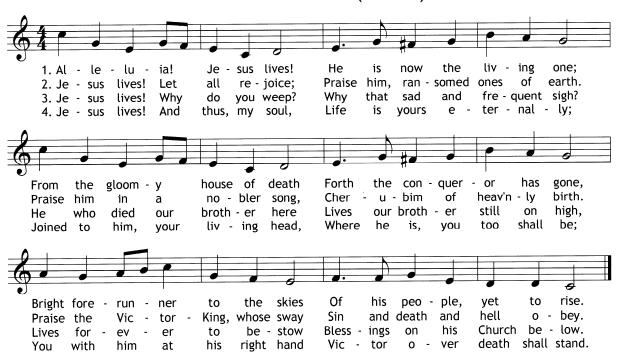
L: Christ is present with us, and proclaiming peace and joy.

G: ALLELUIA TO OUR LOVING LORD!

L: Christ is in power forever, and ruling now in glory and grace.

G: ALLELUIA TO OUR REIGNING LORD! AMEN!

Alleluia! Jesus Lives (CW 153)



INVOCATION AND CONFESSION OF SINS

Psalm 118:24

- L: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
- G: Amen.
- L: In the morning, O Lord, I call to you;
- G: be merciful to me and hear my prayer.
- L: Almighty God, we poor sinners confess to you that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against you by our thoughts, words, and actions.
- G: Lord, have mercy.
- L: We flee to your infinite mercy and grace for the sake of our crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ.
- G: Christ, have mercy.
- L: In thanksgiving for all your goodness to us, help us to amend our sinful lives and to faithfully serve you.
- G: Lord, have mercy.
- L: Our heavenly Father has had mercy on us and has given his only Son to die for us. For his sake he forgives all our sins. Glory be to his name.
- G: Amen.
- L: This is the day the Lord has made;
- G: let us rejoice and be glad in it.

BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 12:1-6

In that day you will say: "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. In that day you will say:

"Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that his name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you."

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 30

The choir will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains and final verse.





Sing to the LORD, you <u>saints</u> of his; praise his <u>holy</u> name.

For his anger lasts only a <u>moment</u>, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

weeping may remain <u>for</u> a night, but rejoicing comes in the <u>morning</u>.

Refrain

To you, O <u>LORD</u>, I called; to the Lord I cried for <u>mercy</u>:

"Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."

You turned my wailing into <u>dancing</u>, that my heart may sing to you and not be <u>si</u>lent.

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son and to the Holy <u>Spirit</u>,

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 15:51-57

Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed - in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been

clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY 1 Corinthians 15:22

- L: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen!
- G: He is risen indeed! Alleluia.
- L: For as in Adam all die,
- G: so in Christ all will be made alive. Alleluia.

STAND

EASTER GOSPEL RESPONSIVE READING John 20:1-18

L: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said,

Women: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!"

L: So Peter and the other disciple started for the tomb. Both were running, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent over and looked in at the strips of linen lying there but did not go in.

Men: Then Simon Peter, who was behind him, arrived and went into the tomb. He saw the strips of linen lying there, as well as the burial cloth that had been around Jesus' head. The cloth was folded up by itself, separate from the linen.

- L: Finally the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went inside. He saw and believed. (They still did not understand from Scripture that Jesus had to rise from the dead.)
- G: Then the disciples went back to their homes, but Mary stood outside the tomb crying. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. They asked her,

Men: "Woman, why are you crying?"

Women: "They have taken my Lord away," she said, "and I don't know where they have put him."

L: At this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not realize that it was Jesus. "Woman," he said, "why are you crying? Who is it you are looking for?" Thinking he was the gardener, she said,

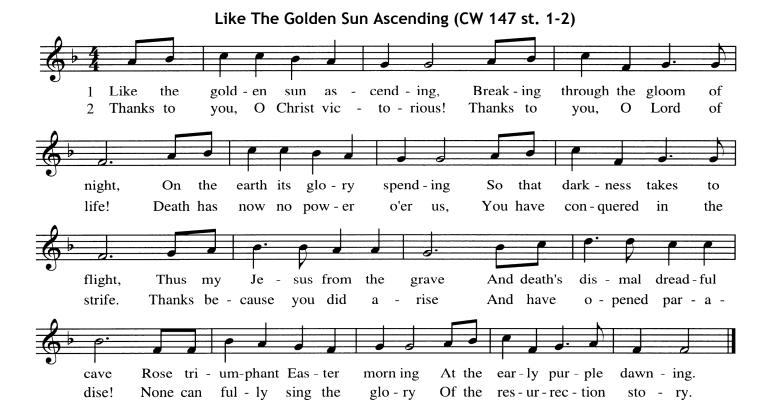
Women: "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have put him, and I will get him."

L: Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said, "Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, 'I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.""

Men: Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news:

Women: "I have seen the Lord!"

L: And she told them that he had said these things to her.



SERMON

Names of Wondrous Love: The Light

John 20:1-2, 11-18

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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.

VOICES OF GRACE

On That Great, Great Mornin' Words and Music by Mary McDonald

On that great, great mornin' when the stone was rolled away, On that resurrection mornin' Jesus rose to life that day. There the tomb was empty; they said, "Jesus is not here! He's alive!" Great mornin', hallelu!

On that great, great mornin', at the risin' of the sun, Those who saw the tomb was empty knew the vict'ry had been won. "He's alive! Go, tell it." Jesus lives forevermore! He's alive! Great mornin', hallelu!

Jesus is alive! Hallelu, He's alive! What a great, great day! Jesus is alive! Jesus is alive! Hallelujah, He's alive! What a great, great day, He is alive!

On-a that great mornin', on-a that great mornin', On that great, great mornin', Hallelu! Hallelu!

On that great, great mornin' Jesus came to set us free; On that resurrection mornin' Jesus won the victory! Heaven's gates are opened, hallelujah, let us sing! He's alive, great mornin'; hallelujah, great mornin'; On that great, great mornin', Jesus is alive, Great mornin', He's alive!

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STAND

EASTER PRAYER

- L: Dearest Jesus, just as the sun rises in the sky bringing light and life,
- G: So your rising from the grave brings light to a world dark with sin and new life with God which will extend into eternity!
- L: We praise and thank you, Holy Spirit, for giving us faith to see Jesus and believe in him as our Savior. Thank you for making us witnesses of the resurrection.
- G: What comfort and peace we enjoy knowing that our Savior conquered sin, death and Satan for us!
- L: Heavenly Father, thank you for allowing us this morning to look into that empty tomb. We are filled with rejoicing! Today we find full forgiveness, a dramatic change in our outlook on earthly life, and the sure hope of eternal life with you. Encourage us each day and each week to hear you speak to us in your Word and to join with our brothers and sisters in faith to worship you.
- G: Lord, give us the courage and love to go into the world with the good news of the resurrection and what it means for all people. Help us to proclaim to friends, family, neighbors and others, the joy and comfort and peace of knowing you as Lord and Savior. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

ALL: 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.

Scatter the Darkness, Break the Gloom (CWS 722)



The joyful French carol BESANÇON is set to the even more joyful message of our Savior's triumphant resurrection from the dead.

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PRAYER AND BENEDICTION

- **M**: O God, you made the dawn of this most holy day shine with the glory of our Lord's resurrection. Grant that we who have been raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, 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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS





POSTLUDE

Christ is the World's Light / I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light By Charles Callahan & Gregory Hamilton

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Preacher	Pastor Sam Clemons
	Pastor Ron Koehler
•	Stephanie Kania
•	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
•	Beth Kassulke
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeff Weinstein

TODAY

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 WELCOME all who are visiting with us on this joyful Easter morning! Please join us again. We look forward to sharing the joy of our Risen Savior with you throughout the year! If you do not have a church home, we would love to have you worship with us regularly. If you are interested in membership at Grace, please speak to one of the pastors today or at any time.

PLEASE STAY and celebrate with us! Our Easter Celebration continues with <u>Easter Breakfast</u> in the Fellowship Hall. The <u>Easter Concert</u> will be in the church at 9 AM, followed by <u>Easter Festival Worship</u> at 10 AM.

For Our Guests

If you do not have a church home of your own, we would love to have you worship with us on a regular basis. To learn more about Grace, please take a Guest Packet from the Fellowship Hall. We also appreciate receiving your contact information on our Friendship Registers. If you would like a pastor to follow up with you, please mark "Desire a Call" there. Of course, you should feel free to speak to one of the pastors or to any Grace member today or in the future if you have questions.

Our regular Sunday schedule here at Grace-University is: 7:45 AM Worship Service

8:45 AM Children's Sunday School 9:00 AM Teen and Adult Bible Studies

10:00 AM Worship Service.

You are also invited to our second site, Grace-Vail. We currently worship in Cottonwood

Elementary School at 9950 E. Rees Loop in Rita Ranch.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Vail is: 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School

9:00 AM Adult Bible Study 10:00 AM Worship Service.

Easter Lilies

The lilies beautifying our worship space have been given by the individuals below:

Dorothy Lietha—In thanks for her family and friends.

Audrey Street—In thanks to God for all of her blessings and in memory of Richard Street.

Trucynda Hawkins—In loving memory of Bruce and in thanks to God for all the blessings given to her.

Nani Witter-In loving memory and thanks to God for her husband, John, and son, Joel.

Sally Littau—In thanks to God for her Christian parents.

A.J. Richter & Liz Gray—In memory of their parents.

Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In loving memory of their parents.

Brian & Linda Morris—In loving memory of their parents.

Ruth Hoefer—In loving memory of Roland, Bill, and Troy Hoefer.

Robert Nessinger—In memory of Linda, his beloved wife.

Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of Karen's parents, August & Dorothy Lehet and Greg's parents, Al & Joan Grorud.

Dorothy Kaiser—In memory of Jerry Wachsmann and her parents, Fred and Margaret Bonn. Sean & Mary Brearcliffe

For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!



Grace is one congregation at TWO places!

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



This Week at Grace • Mar 31-Apr 7

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

TODAY EASTER

Sunrise Service (in the Courtyard)	7:00a
Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall)	
Grace-Vail Easter Breakfast at Cottonwood Elem	9:00a
Easter Concert (in the Church)	9:00a
Festival Worship (in the Church)	.10:00a
Grace-Vail Outdoor Festival Worship	.10:00a

There is NO Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, or TCM Bible study on Easter Sunday.

Monday

NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club	
English as a Second Language Classes	6:30p

Tuesday

NO Handbell Practice	
English as a Second Language Classes6:	30p

Wednesday	
NO Midweek Bible Studies	
Grace Extension Group Meeting	9:00a
Michigan Lutheran Seminary Concert at Grace	

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study	
NO Worship Choir	
Boy & Girl Pioneers	
Friday	

Boy Pioneer District Campout (Fri-Sun)

Saturday

Grace-Vail Canvassing at Rancho del Lago...... 9:30a-12:00p

Sunday	
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):	
• Road to Emmaus	9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Element	ary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Ele	em9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementa	ary 10:00a
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study	7:00p

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

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NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Genesis 15:1-6 2 Peter 1:16-21 John 20:19-31

Sermon Text & Theme

2 Peter 1:16-21 Witness the Majesty of Christ

MLS Choir Concert—April 3

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.



Wiffle Ball Tournament & Chili Cook-Off

On Sunday, April 14 at 1:00 PM, Grace-Vail will be hosting a wiffle ball tournament and chili cook-off. There will be a choice of Scrip gift cards for prizes in both the chili and cornbread cook-off. Please arrive by 1:00 PM if you'd like to play in the wiffle ball game so teams can be divided up. If you'd like to enter a chili or cornbread dish please call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. Hope to see you there!

Pioneer Meeting this Thursday

The Pioneers have their monthly meeting this Thursday, April 4 at 6:30 PM. The Boy Pioneers are attending and hosting the District Campout this weekend, April 5-7.

Apache Clothing Drive Ending

Please help bring the Apache Clothing Drive to its end for now with its fourth delivery on April 18, sponsored by the Christian Fellowship Group. This effort has been on-going during the last 13 months, with deliveries to Cibecue, San Carlos, and Whiteriver.

Approximately 16 boxes of clothing are needed for delivery #4 to Whiteriver. Arrangements are being made to drop off at Cibecue any extra boxes beyond the 70 planned for Whiteriver. We have about three weeks to gather clean, useable clothing before a planned hiatus in this effort goes into effect.

Please talk to Russ & Sandy Weir (795-0062), Bill & Dorothy Rauh (296-8840) and Cinda Drescher or Geri DeRosa (615-6059) for arranging a drop-off at church—preferably on a Sunday morning. Scrip is also welcomed. Thanks so much!

New Beginnings Service Project

The Christian Fellowship Group is starting a new service project with a WELS-related organization called *New Beginnings*. This organization focuses on young mothers and their newborns.

There will be an informational meeting/potluck on Saturday, April 20 at noon in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Pastor Aaron Mueller from Shepherd of the Hills will be the guest speaker. As former Chairman of the Board of Directors of Christian Life Resources, the parent organization of *New Beginnings*, Pastor Mueller will have a lot of information to share with us and input about our service project.

Everyone can attend this special meeting/potluck—even young people. We'll start promptly at noon, so bring yourself and a friend and some food to share. If you have questions or concerns contact Russ Weir at 795-0062.

English as a Second Language Childcare Volunteers Needed

The ESL program staff is looking for one more childcare volunteer on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 PM. Please call Betty Hauser (795-3311) or the Church Office (623-6633) if you're interested. Classes will run until May 14.

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally—April 13!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally will be Saturday, April 13 at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N Silverbell Rd). There will be presentations by Multi-Language Publications and Mission to the Children. Election of new officers will also take place. Coffee and registration begins at 8:00 AM and goes till 8:45 AM.

Registration forms are available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail. You may also access the forms online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org. The deadline to register and to give Mission Money is next Sunday, April 7. More details about this rally can be found on the flyer in the Grace-University courtyard display case.

Leadership Conference

On Saturday, May 4, Grace will be hosting a simulcast of Wisconsin Lutheran College's "LEADLIVE" Leadership Conference. Topics presented will include "Developing Leaders," "Creating Mission Mindedness," and "Getting Things Done." Learn more at www.wlc.edu/leadership. Because of the time difference, the Conference will run 6:30 AM until 1:30 PM Tucson time. Current, future, and potential church leaders, both men and women, are invited to attend. Please watch for more details!

Upcoming Canvassing Dates at Grace-Vail

Below are the upcoming canvassing dates at Grace-Vail. This is a great way to share information about our second site and also a way to share the love of Christ. If you are interested in canvassing or have questions about it please give Pastor Rieke a call (343-9881). We will be meeting at the Rancho del Lago Golf Club (14155 E Via Rancho del Lago) at 9:30 AM and will canvass until 12:00 PM each Saturday. Lunch will also be provided.



March 2 Canvassing Group

April 6 May 4 April 20 May 18

Tuition Tax Credit

As you prepare your 2012 tax return in the coming weeks (or receive your tax refund, perhaps), don't forget about 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. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org). 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. You can even recommend one of the students for whom Grace pays tuition at our Lutheran schools, which directly benefits us with savings on tuition! See the flyer in the Family Ministry bulletin board in the Courtyard for more information and a list of our students.

Have you done your taxes already? One great way to get started with the Tuition Tax Credit is to use some or all of a tax refund to make a donation for 2013!