Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



The jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

1 Kings 17:16 (NIV)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church February 3, 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.

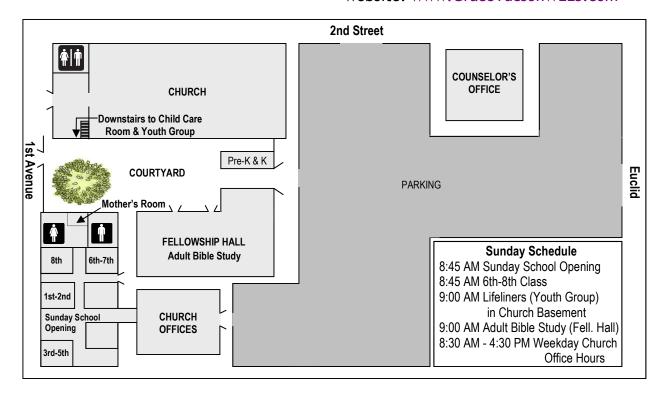
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening Christian Worship #283

Please stand

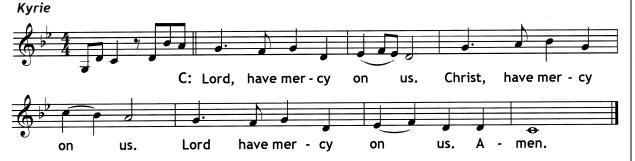
Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY



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."

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 intro:

The text of Gloria in Excelsis (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread." "As surely as the LORD your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread-only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for

1 Kings 17:7-16 (NIV)

myself and my son, that we may eat it-and die." Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land." She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

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.

SECOND LESSON

But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: "Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world." Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, "I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding." And Isaiah boldly says, "I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me." But concerning Israel he says, "All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people." I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of

Romans 10:18-11:6 (NIV)

Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't vou know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL Luke 4:20-32 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine

throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed-only Naaman the Syrian." All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



NICENE CREED

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

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.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Seek Where You May to Find a Way Christian Worship #395

SERMON

1 Kings 17:7-16 First Listen to the Lord

Please stand

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



Please be seated



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Accept, O Lord, the Gifts We Bring Arr. J. Bert Carlson

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-EPIPHANY

- M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.
- M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging.
- C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- **M:** Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of your salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.
- C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.
- C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

- **M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.
- C: 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.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

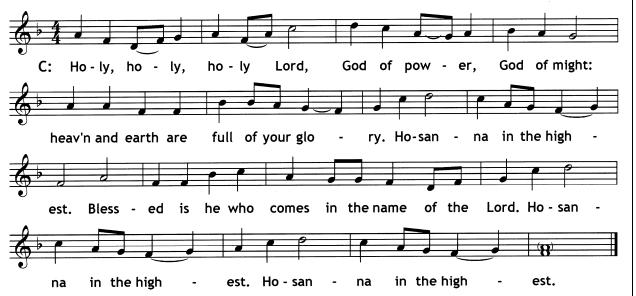
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

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



This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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."

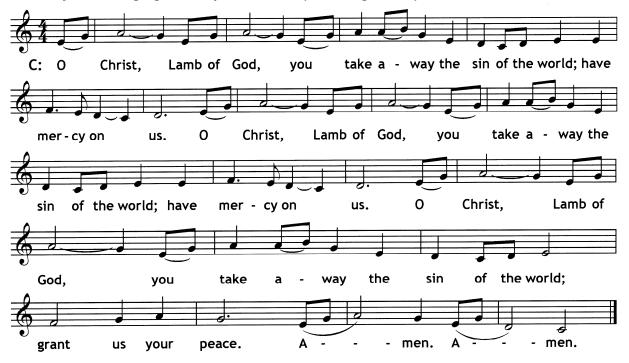
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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



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.

We provide glutenfree communion wafers for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid crosscontamination. 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

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.

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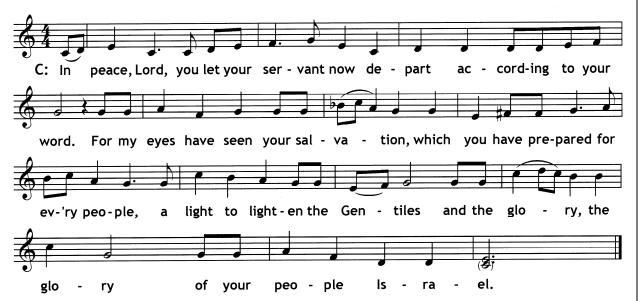
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THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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



- M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C: And his mercy endures forever.
- M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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

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**

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Christian Worship #203

POSTLUDE

Thy Word Arr. by Hal Leonard

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Pastor Ron Koeh	nler, Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
Accompanist	Kathy Parra
Offertory Music	
•	Lisa Goldie (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)

"State of Grace" Presentations

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 the Bible Study time at Grace-Vail on Sunday, February 10 (9 AM) and at Grace-University on Sunday, February 24 (9 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!

Thank You!

It has been very encouraging to receive your prayers, cards and well-wishes over the last month or so while I have struggled with some health issues. I appreciate the Christian love and understanding that so many have expressed during this time as well as the help of the other pastors in covering my duties. I ask for your continued prayers as I gradually return to my usual tasks.

Pastor Koehler

Called Home to Heaven

Vera Hess was called home to heaven Wednesday, January 30. Funeral arrangements are still pending.

Pioneer/Sunbeam Bake Sale—Next Sunday!

The Grace Lutheran Pioneers will have bake sale items available for a donation after both services next Sunday, February 10. Proceeds will be used in support of this year's Kids CARE mission project. Members who have picked up a mission box are asked to return them before Easter so that the donations may be sent.



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 3-Feb 10

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

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Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
WELS TCM Super Bowl Party!4:00p
Monday
NO Bible Study at Vail Golf Club
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
Pastors' Conference in Pinos Altos, NM Mon-Tues (Pastor
Kassulke and Pastor Rieke will be attending)
Tuesday

Handbell Practice......5:30p

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Grace Extension Meeting9:00a

Wednesday (Continued) Midweek Rible Study: Church History

Midweek Bible Study: Church History	10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: Church History	7:00p
Bible Study at the Prigge's	7:00p
Thursday	
Women's Bible Study: Philippians	9:00a
Boy & Girl Pioneers	6:30p
Saturday	

Christian Fellowship Potluck with Guest Speaker 12:00p

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Grace-Vail Bible Study: State of Grace Presente	ation 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

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.

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.

Ordering Altar Flowers

If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Information about ordering is located on the front cover.



You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Super Bowl Party

This afternoon at 4:00 PM in the Grace-University basement, college students and others of approximately college age are invited to our Super Bowl Party. We'll have food and watch the game (and the commercials) together. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some socializing with fellow Christians and fellow students.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Exodus 34:29-35 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 Luke 9:28-36

> Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 9:28-36 Glory Revealed

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 24 to March 3 to assist with outreach at Grace. They will be working primarily with Grace-Vail to promote upcoming activities. Please watch for more information about how you can help with the work that they are doing here. You may also make a donation to WELS Kingdom Workers in support of their visit. A link to the Kingdom Workers fundraising website is on our Grace website or facebook page (www.facebook.com/GraceTucsonWELS).

Christian Fellowship Special Presentation—February 9

Please join us for a noontime potluck and special presentation this Saturday, February 9 in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Margie & Dan Rhodes will be here from Bring Funeral Home to talk about "All That Necessary Paperwork." This subject will help create an awareness for making informed decisions concerning what needs to be done soon after a funeral. This topic is relevant for young and old, so all are welcome! The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.

Women of Grace Valentine Tea—February 16

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 16 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Our guest speaker is Marilyn Miller, Deaconess, from Abiding Word, Houston, TX. The title of her presentation is "Self-Esteem" vs. Christ-Esteem." There is a sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to host a table or bring sandwiches, desserts or your own teapot.

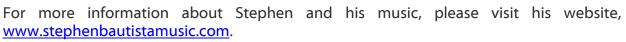


Marilyn Miller

Please RSVP by February 11 to Dianne Kramm (440-8564) or the Church Office (623-6633) if you plan to attend. This invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson. It should be a wonderful presentation so please invite your girl friends. Questions? Contact Diane Kramm (440-8564) or Sue Sargent (647-3049).

Guest Musician at Grace-Vail

WELS singer Stephen Bautista will be the guest musician at Grace-Vail on Sunday, February 17 at the 10:00 AM worship service. Join us to hear some of his original Christian songs in our regular worship service that Sunday.







Names of Wondrous Love

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.

Wednesday services will be held at Grace-University starting February 13 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 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, March 6, March 13 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 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.

