

Fifth Sunday in Lent



I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. -Isaiah 43:19

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 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.

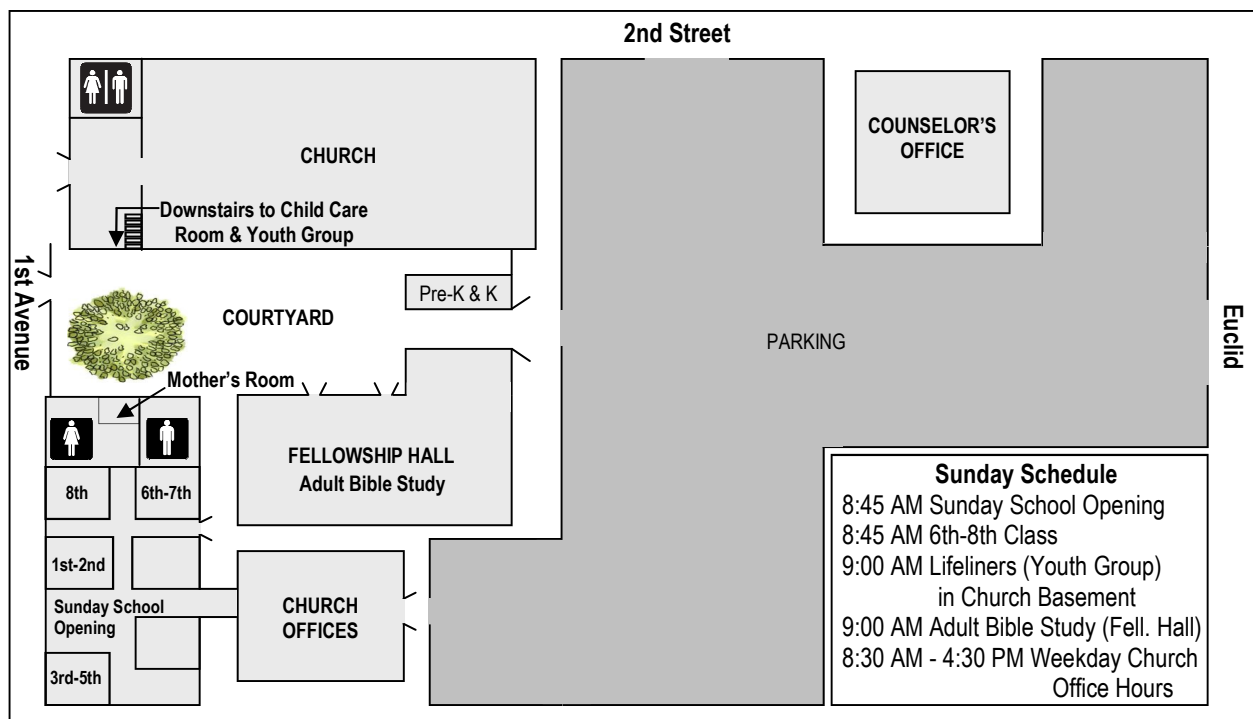
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE II

New Service Settings

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

*When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross
By Victor Labenske*

WELCOME

HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Christian Worship #125

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.

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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. Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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

This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland, to give drink

Isaiah 43:16-24 (NIV)

to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. Yet you have not called on me, Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, Israel. You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense. You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses.”

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)

Lamb of God

*Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God.*

*Your gift of love we crucified. We laughed and scorned him as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

*I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod and to be called the lamb of God.*

*O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.*

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SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:11-21 (NIV)

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring! I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as

firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, “Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in.” Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 10:45 (NIV)

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 20:9-19 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter twenty.

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

He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they

threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "God forbid!" Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed." The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven
Christian Worship #388

SERMON

Isaiah 43:16-24
God is Doing Something New!

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.

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.

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



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

*His Wondrous Love
Arr. by Kathy Parra*

*Clarinet played by
Missy Wiechmann*

10:00 AM—
*There is a Redeemer
CWS 747*

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.**

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.

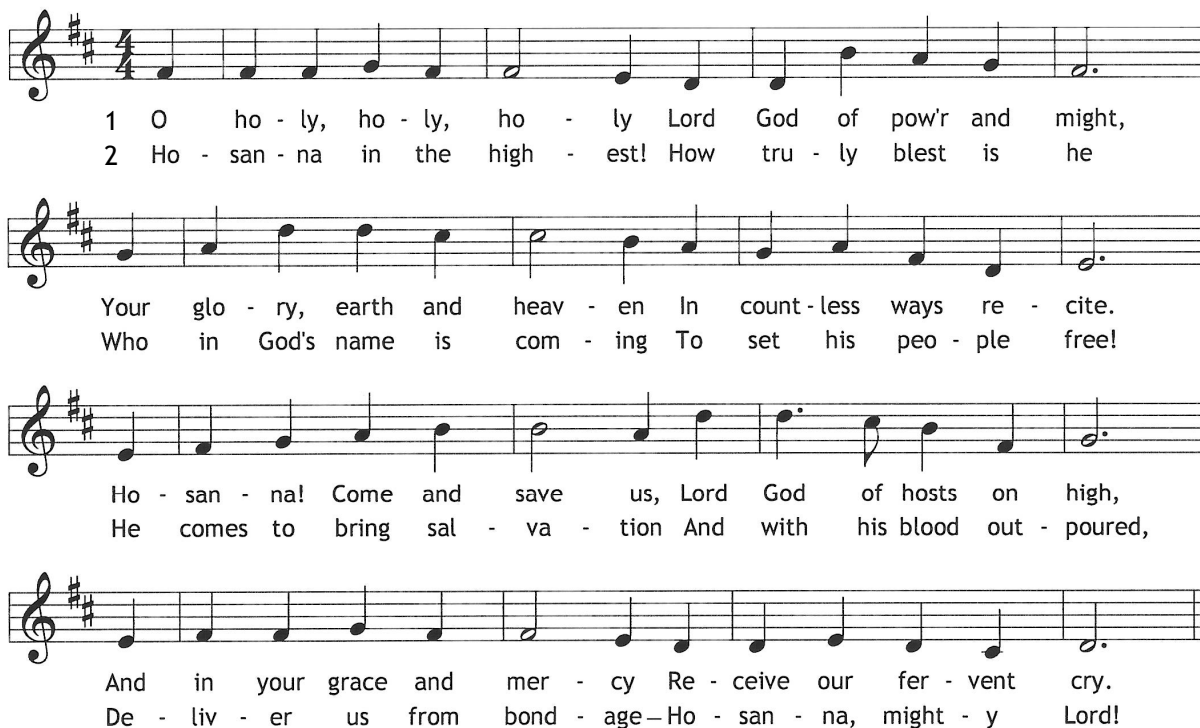
C: **It is good and right so to do.**

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.

7:45 AM—
Vocalist: Johneth
Myrmo

10:00 AM—
Violin: Maya Parra

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

The vocalist(s) will sing the refrain the first time. Please join in singing the refrain as indicated.

Refrain: Vocalists

REFRAIN: CONGREGATION

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, You take away the world's sin,

Lamb of God, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

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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)

Not unto Us
Christian Worship #392

DISTRIBUTION MUSIC (10:00 AM)

Piano: Lisa Goldie

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.

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.

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

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

CLOSING HYMN

Not All the Blood of Beasts
Christian Worship #128

POSTLUDE

Lord Most High with Prasie Him! Praise Him!
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanist Kathy Parra
Clarinet Missy Wiechmann
Vocalist Johneth Myrmo (7:45 AM)
Violin Maya Parra (10:00 AM)
Distribution Music Lisa Goldie (10:00 AM)
Worship Choir Director Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ferdie Kramm, Tyler Koehler, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jay Pauley (10:00 AM)

Midweek Service and Lenten Supper

The final Midweek Lenten worship services are this Wednesday, March 20 at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM. The Lenten Supper starts at 6:00 PM before the evening midweek worship service. We hope you can join us!

Easter Invitations!

Easter is a great time to invite your unchurched friends, family members, co-workers, and neighbors to church! If you have someone in your life who does not have a church home, we'd like to help you make that invitation. There are business card invitations available at the church entryways, in the Fellowship Hall, and on the Grace-Vail welcome table.

These full-color business cards have information about our Easter day breakfast and worship services at both Grace-University and Grace-Vail. They can be given in person or left for a friend. Especially if you leave one for someone, make an effort to follow up in person.

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at TWO places!**

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



This Week at Grace • Mar 17-Mar 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):
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at 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

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
Council Meeting 6:15p

Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Worship 10:00a

Wednesday (continued)

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

Saturday

Easter for Kids at Grace-University 9:30a-1:00p
Easter for Families at Grace-Vail 10:00a-1:00p

Sunday **PALM SUNDAY**

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
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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
Caroling at Sabino Canyon Rehab 1:00p
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Movie Night 6:00p

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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 & 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Robert Chappell in memory of his mother, Bernice Chappell.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Isaiah 45:22-25
Hebrews 12:1-3
Luke 19:28-40

Sermon Text & Theme

Hebrews 12:1-3
Fix Your Eyes on Jesus!

Easter Caroling at the Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 24 at 1:00 PM, a group from Grace will be singing about the joyous message of Christ's resurrection at Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center (5830 E. Pima Road, east of Craycroft on the south side of Pima). The music will be from the hymnal and we'll have piano accompaniment. There are no practice commitments required. Simply plan to arrive by 12:45 PM in the large meeting/craft room which is adjacent to the 300 room wing. All are welcome to join us for "Easter Caroling"! Your presence will be appreciated by the staff and their patients.

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.



Easter for Kids & Easter for Families

Easter for Kids will be held at Grace-University this Saturday, March 23 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us for an Easter Bible lesson, singing, crafts, lunch, and hunting Easter eggs. The event is free, but please register using the forms available in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall or online at www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/e4kregistration. The registration forms include an invitation for you to pass along to friends. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out, please speak to Pastor Kassulke.

Also on Saturday, March 23, from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, Grace-Vail will host an Easter for Families at Cottonwood Elementary (9950 E. Rees Loop). We want families to enjoy an Easter egg hunt, egg coloring, videos, crafts and more. Contact Pastor Rieke if you'd like to participate (343-9881).

Easter Lilies!

If you would like to buy an Easter lily to beautify worship on Easter Sunday (March 31), please sign the sheet located in the front or side entryways of church. Lilies are \$8 each (make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church"). Please put your payment in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Easter Concert Sign-Up

As part of our Easter celebration, we will be having a concert between services at Grace-University on Easter morning. Individuals and music groups from Grace are encouraged to participate and are asked to submit an application form to Music Coordinator Beth Kassulke **no later than March 20** for planning purposes. Forms can be found under the televisions in the fellowship hall, in the church office, or by contacting Beth. Any questions can be directed to Beth (293-2935 or music@gracetucsonwels.com).

Easter Breakfast

The Easter breakfast at Grace-University this year (March 31) will consist of pancakes, sausage, and orange juice, graciously made and served by the Lifeliners. **Members are asked to bring fruit to share. If you have a few minutes to help clean up following the breakfast it would be greatly appreciated!** Please contact Laura Lipke with any questions at 742-0211.

Maundy Thursday

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

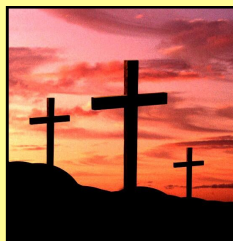
Good Friday

Friday, March 29, 7 PM
at Grace-University

Tenebrae Service

(Service of Darkness)

Worshippers are asked to leave the Good Friday 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

Outdoor Festival Worship—10 AM

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 the choir dinner. Please let Debbie Koehler know if you would like to help serve the meal.

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! **We still need 6 more volunteers to house a group of 2 or 3 students. Please contact Debbie Koehler (293-5617) if you are interested and she will give you the 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 Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop) at 10:00 AM and will canvass until 12:30 PM each Saturday. Lunch will also be provided.

April 6
April 20

May 4
May 18



March 2 Canvassing Group

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. More details to come, but mark it on your calendars now!

Bridal Shower

You are invited to a bridal shower for Cora Kosanke on Sunday, April 7 at 1:00 PM in the Grace Fellowship Hall. Cora and Chris are registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and myregistry.com. The hostesses are Missy Wiechmann, Jenn Miller, and Christina Kosanke. There will be snacks to enjoy. If you have questions please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Jenn Miller (909-2115).



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 a presentation 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 Sunday, April 7. More details about this rally can be found on the flyer in the Grace-University courtyard display case.