

The Ascension of Our Lord



The Ascension of Christ – Garofalo (c. 1530)

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 12, 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.

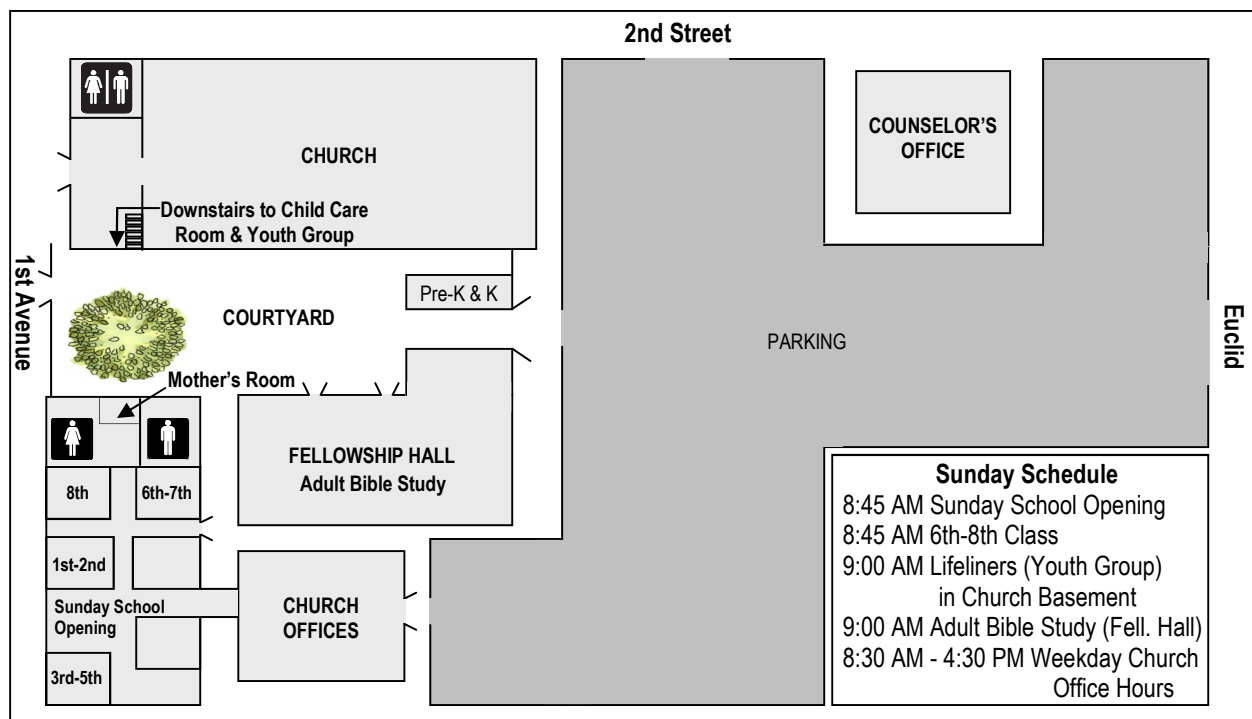
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



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DIVINE SERVICE II

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Christian Worship #171

STAND

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.**

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie—Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

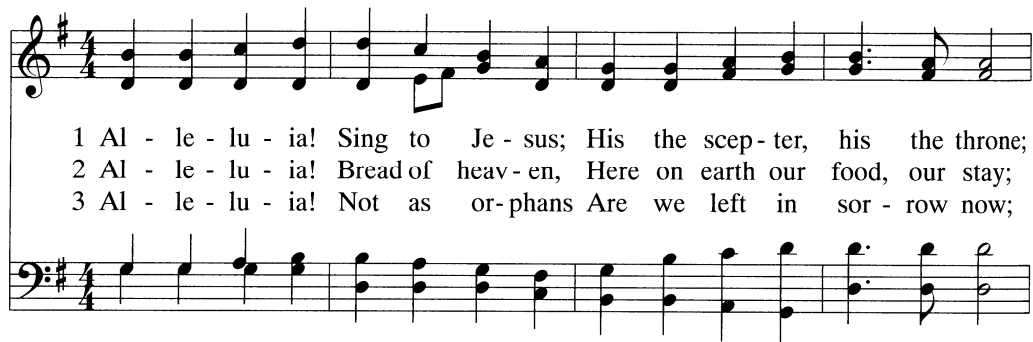
M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

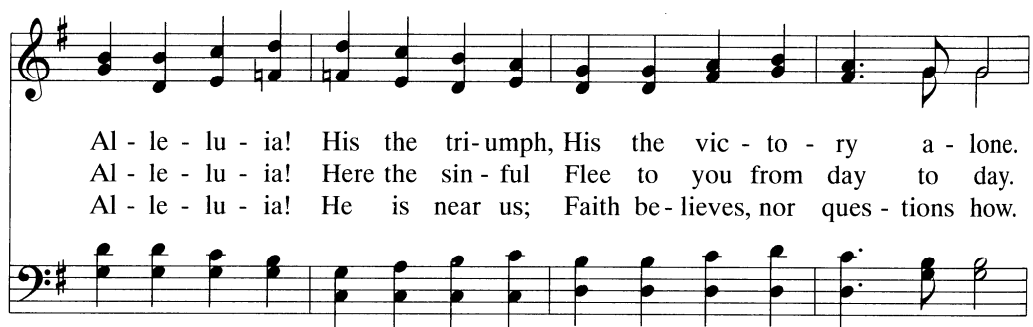
HYMN

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

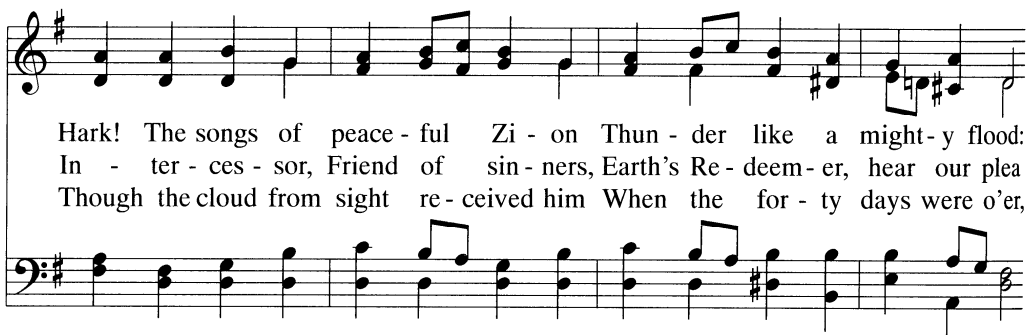
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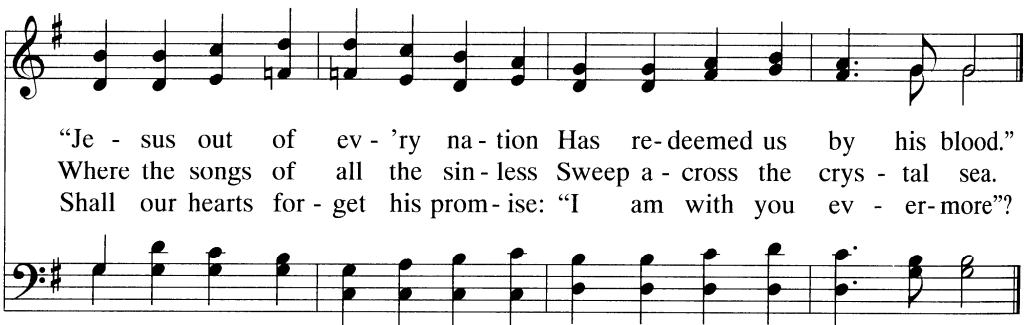
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; His the scep - ter, his the throne;
2 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, Here on earth our food, our stay;
3 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans Are we left in sor - row now;



Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph, His the vic - to - ry a - lone.
Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful Flee to you from day to day.
Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us; Faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.



Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on Thun - der like a might - y flood:
In - ter - ces - sor, Friend of sin - ners, Earth's Re - deem - er, hear our plea
Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him When the for - ty days were o'er,



"Je - sus out of ev - 'ry na - tion Has re - deemed us by his blood."
Where the songs of all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
Shall our hearts for - get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

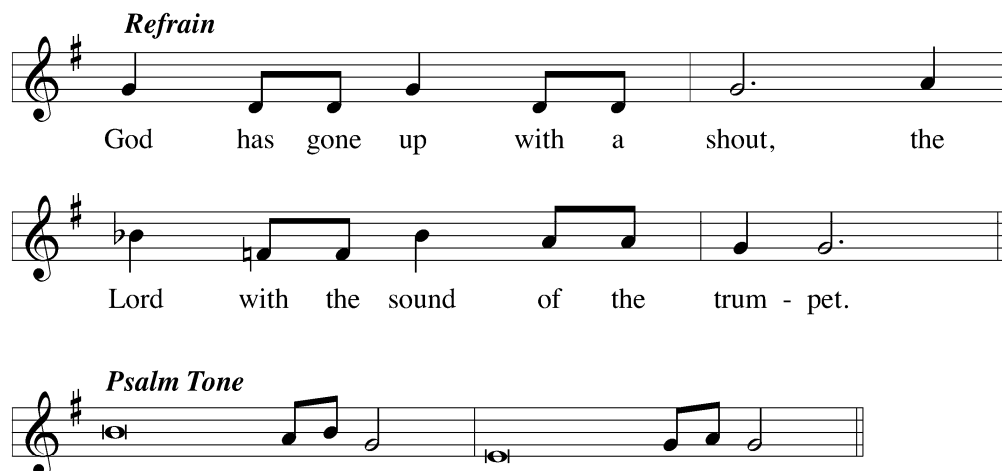
BE SEATED

FIRST LESSON

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and all that night the LORD drove the sea back with a strong east wind and turned it into dry land. The waters were divided, and the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued them, and all Pharaoh's horses and chariots and horsemen followed them into the sea. During the last watch of the night the LORD looked down from the pillar of fire and cloud at the Egyptian army and threw it into confusion. He made the wheels of their chariots come off so that they had difficulty driving. And the Egyptians said, "Let's get away from the Israelites! The LORD is fighting for them against Egypt." Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea so that the waters may

Exodus 14:21-31 (NIV)

flow back over the Egyptians and their chariots and horsemen." Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at daybreak the sea went back to its place. The Egyptians were fleeing toward it, and the LORD swept them into the sea. The water flowed back and covered the chariots and horsemen—the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed the Israelites into the sea. Not one of them survived. But the Israelites went through the sea on dry ground, with a wall of water on their right and on their left. That day the LORD saved Israel from the hands of the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians lying dead on the shore. And when the Israelites saw the great power the LORD displayed against the Egyptians, the people feared the LORD and put their trust in him and in Moses his servant.



Clap your hands, all you nations;
shout to God with cries of joy.

How awesome is the LORD Most High,
the great King over all the earth!

God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

Refrain

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,**

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

Refrain

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SECOND LESSON

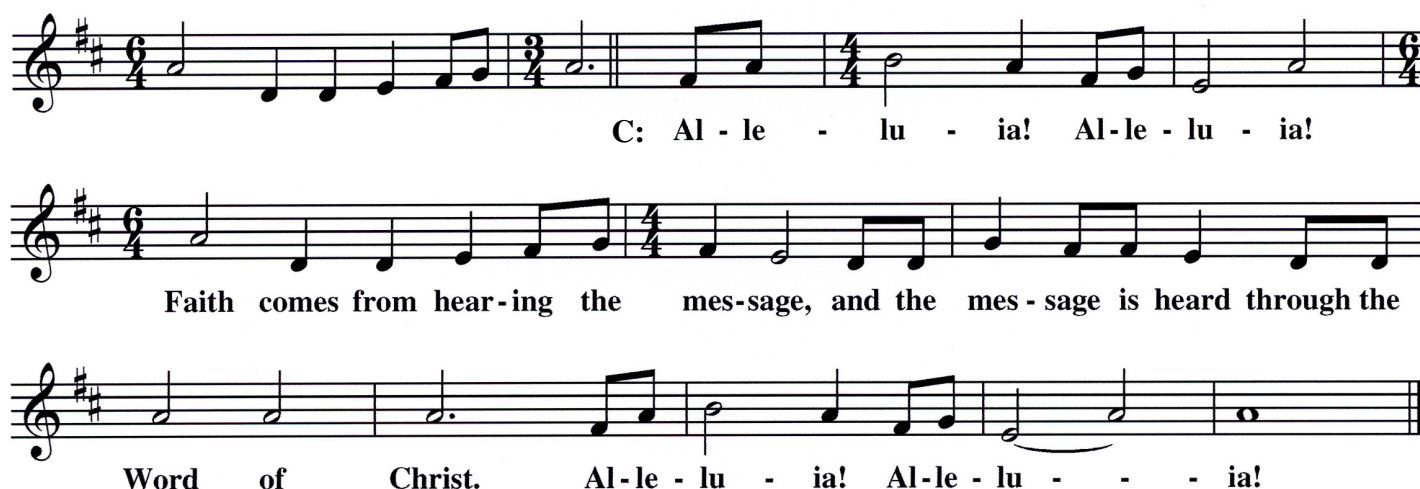
I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. The armies of heaven were following him,

Revelation 19:11-16 (NIV)

riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear-ing the mes-sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - - - ia!

STAND

GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter twenty-four.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I

am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY (10:00 AM—see page 10)

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Christian Worship #175

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
- ² How awesome is the LORD Most High, the great King over all the earth!
- ³ He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom he loved. Selah
- ⁵ God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the LORD amid the sounding of trumpets.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.
- ⁸ God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.

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.

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 pew and pass it along. Thank You!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

M: Father of Glory, your Son lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. We offer our prayers to you, confident that you hear them for the sake of our resurrected and ascended Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for taking on our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. By your resurrection and ascension into heaven, you crushed sin, death, and Satan. Increase in us patient trust as we continue to wait for the fullness of your glory to be revealed on the Last Day. Fix our minds firmly on the day of our own resurrection and ascension victory. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

M: Eternal God, though your Son has ascended to sit at your right hand, he continues to rule over all things for the sake of his Church. Help us not to doubt his care and concern for our lives. By your Spirit, strengthen our faith to trust that Jesus does indeed live to silence our fears and to wipe away our tears by his comforting word of forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

C: Hear our prayer.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Heavenly Father, your Son came from heaven to enact your plan for our salvation. Perfectly completing this plan to the point of death and burial, he returned to you as our Mighty Lord and sits above all rule and authority and power and dominion. Rejoicing in his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with the angels and archangels and all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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.

BE SEATED

HYMN

On Christ's Ascension I Now Build
Christian Worship #173

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.**

BLESSING *Numbers 6:24-26*

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

CLOSING HYMN **Crown Him with Many Crowns**
Christian Worship #341

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Sam Clemons

Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)

Accompanists..... Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)
Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)

Trumpets Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Carl Buchholz (10:00 AM)

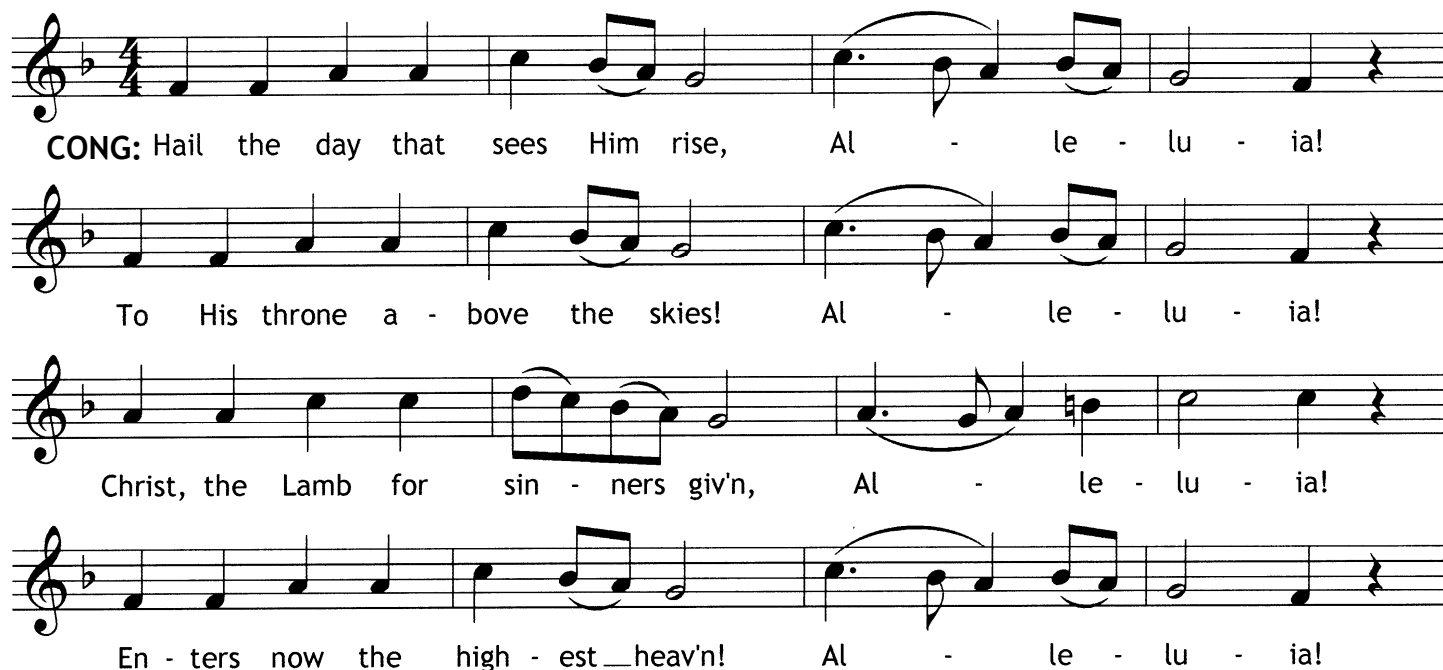
Worship Choir Director..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)

Ushers..... Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Tyler Koehler, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)

Sound & Recording Tech..... Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

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Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise



CONG: Hail the day that sees Him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

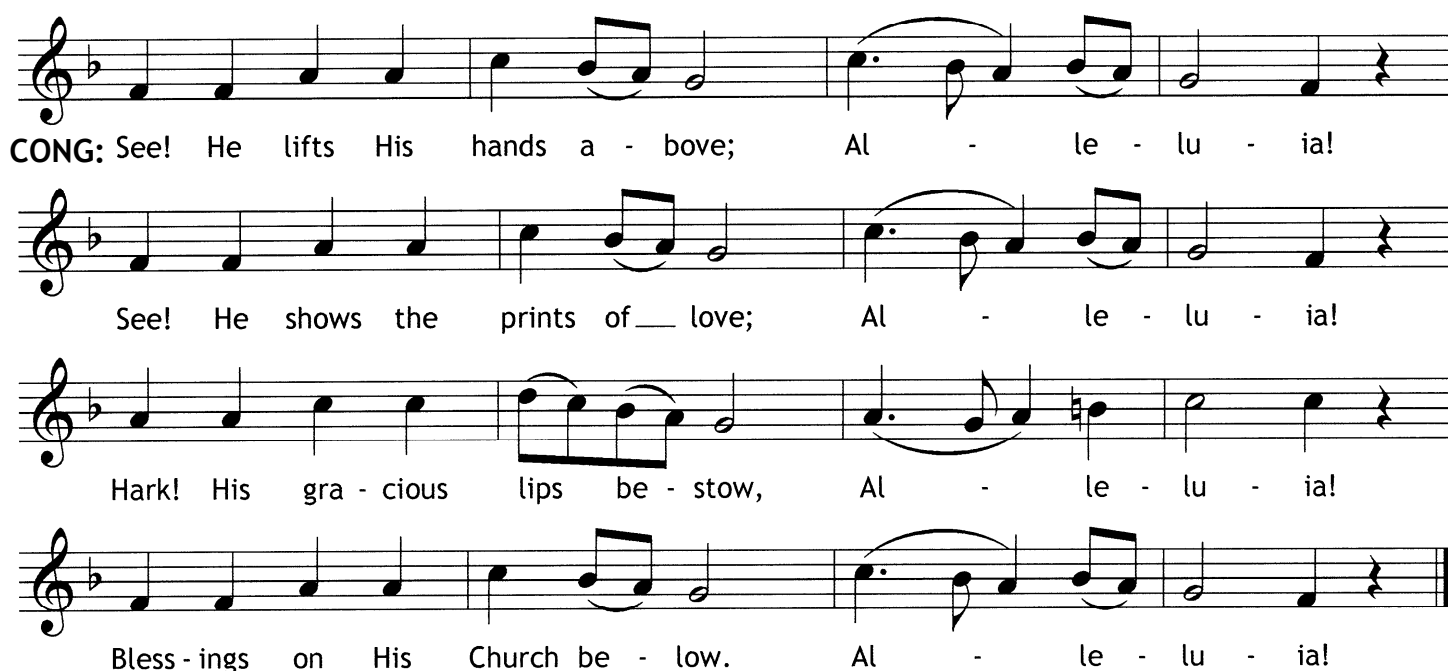
To His throne a - bove the skies! Al - le - lu - ia!

Christ, the Lamb for sin - ners giv'n, Al - le - lu - ia!

En - ters now the high - est heav'n! Al - le - lu - ia!

CHOIR: *There for Him high triumph waits; Alleluia! Lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia! He hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia! Take the King of glory in! Alleluia!*

Lo! The heav'n its Lord receives, Alleluia! Yet He loves the earth He leaves; Alleluia! Though returning to His throne, still He calls mankind His own, Alleluia! Alleluia! ...



CONG: See! He lifts His hands a - bove; Al - le - lu - ia!

See! He shows the prints of love; Al - le - lu - ia!

Hark! His gra - cious lips be - stow, Al - le - lu - ia!

Bless - ings on His Church be - low. Al - le - lu - ia!



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

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



This Week at Grace • May 12-May 19

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

TODAY ASCENSION

Worship Services 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: Prayers of Jesus* 9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem. 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a

Monday

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

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Final Potluck 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Bible Study at the Prigge's: *Life of David* 7:00p
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a

Saturday

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

Sunday PENTECOST

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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 Judy & Ed Ethington in memory of Bernie Ethington.

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

Genesis 11:1-9

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27

Sermon Text & Theme

John 15:26-27

The Spirit Creates Witness for the Truth

Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. *We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own.* Our computer software makes it very easy to generate these statements for you on a quarterly basis. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next voters' meeting is Tuesday, May 21 at 7:00 PM. Pastor and Council reports can be found at both exits and in the Fellowship Hall. The report keeps members informed and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

LWMS Board of Director and Mission Project Vote Next Sunday

Next Sunday, May 19, there will be a table set up in the courtyard for the Women of Grace to vote on two subjects. The first is the choice of a new member for the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society National Board of Directors. The second is to choose a Mission Offering Project for next year. If you have any questions or want to learn more about the candidates and mission projects please talk to Cindi Breitzkreitz (298-9758).

Member Survey

The Church Council has been considering potentially necessary changes to our practice of financially supporting Lutheran education for our students. Together with the Voters as Grace's ultimate decision-making body, they would like to seek your feedback and input directly. Please visit www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/MemberSurvey to read and prayerfully consider the information there and to fill out the online survey that has been prepared. If you have any questions or trouble accessing the survey, please contact the Church Office. **Please complete the survey TODAY so that the results may be compiled and studied. Danny Koehler & Dylan Guenther will be stationed by the computer in the west wing of the Fellowship Hall to assist you if you would like to fill it out this morning.**

All Nations Service at Grace-Vail—Next Sunday

Next week, May 19, we will celebrate an All Nations Service at Grace-Vail. We will remember the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' disciples and they proclaimed the wonders of God to all nations. This special service will include a taste of what that was like with readers from different backgrounds and a special guest preacher – Missionary Mark Rieke from India. **Join us before the service at 9:00 AM for a presentation about Missionary Rieke's experience in India.**

ALA Commencement Concert & Graduation

The Arizona Lutheran Academy Commencement Concert is Friday, May 24 at 7:00 PM at ALA (6036 S 27th Ave, 85041). Nathanael Dyjak, Tyler Koehler, Sarah Oberhofer, James Pauley, and Ariana Weinstein will be performing.

ALA graduation is Saturday, May 25 at 10:00 AM. Pastor Koehler will be preaching for the service. Nathanael Dyjak, Tyler Koehler, and Ariana Weinstein will be graduating. If you are unable to make it up to Phoenix you can watch it live online at the ALA website: www.alacoyotes.org. *Arizona Lutheran Academy is our WELS Lutheran High School located in Phoenix.*



Graduation Open Houses

You are invited to two Open Houses on Sunday, May 26. The first is for Katelyn Lipke who graduates from Pusch Ridge Christian Academy. Her open house is from 1:00 PM-5:00 PM at 7531 N. Rasmussen Ave, 85741. If you have any questions please call Craig or Laura Lipke at 742-0211.

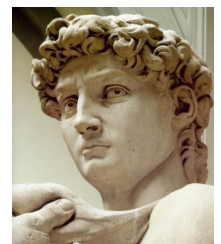
You're also invited to the Koehlers—2664 W. Lazybrook Dr, 85741, from 3:00-9:00 PM to celebrate the Arizona Lutheran Academy graduation of Ariana Weinstein and Tyler Koehler. We hope you can share in the celebration at both open houses!

NEW Women's Bible Study!

Join us this Thursday at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall for a new study of the book *"The Narrow Lutheran Middle"* by Pastor Daniel Deutschlander, who is also the author of *"Civil Government"* and *"The Theology of the Cross."* Topics covered include: the right and wrong uses of reason in religion; predestination, God's providence, and human responsibility; God's will and human will; the Great Commission and the public ministry; and finding the middle in "worship wars." People often favor one teaching over another or try to resolve Bible teachings according to human reason. You'll examine these topics, learning to let each teaching of Scripture stand on its own and appreciating God's will and Word.

Life of David Bible Study

Join us on Wednesday evenings from 7-8 PM at the Prigge home (5391 S Black Falls Dr) to study the life of King David. Enjoy the friendly small group atmosphere as we see the struggles and triumphs of the king after the Lord's heart. Everyone is invited (including kids).



Come Along for the Trip of a Lifetime!



June 3-7
9 AM - 11:30 AM
Age 3 - Grade 8

**Visit www.GraceTucsonWELS.com
for more information.**

Vacation Bible School Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

Church Picnic

Please plan to join us at Grace-University on Sunday, June 9 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 9 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed.

We are encouraging members of Grace who attend worship at Grace-Vail on June 9 (also at 10:00), to help take down and clean up after the service, and then to join us for food and fellowship at the Picnic. Even if you normally attend at Grace-University, perhaps you'd like to visit our second site and help with this process!

Thank You

Thank you to Pastor Mark Hallemeyer, Ferdie Kramm, Jon Guenther, and Russ Weir for helping to re-varnish the sanctuary doors. A special thanks to Sharon Guenther for re-varnishing the courtyard bench.

