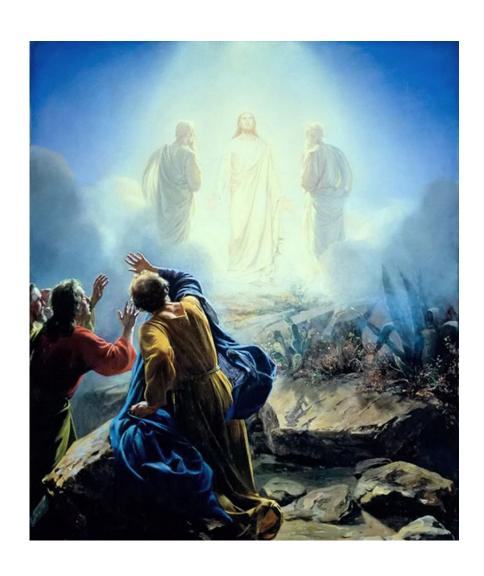
# Last Sunday after the Epiphany— The Transfiguration of Our Lord



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church February 10, 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.

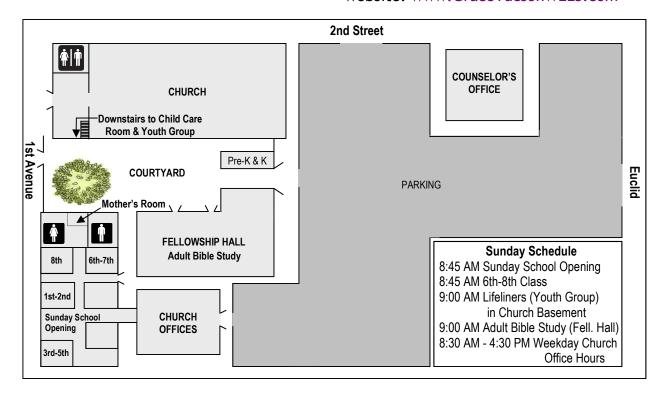
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

PRESERVICE MUSIC: 10:00 AM— O Savior, Precious Savior Setting by Gerhard Krapf

WELCOME

**HYMN** 

O Savior, Precious Savior Christian Worship #368

Please stand

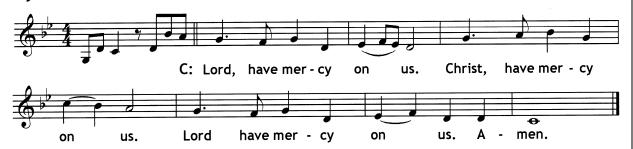
Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.

#### **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



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.

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, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

#### THE WORD

#### FIRST LESSON

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the

Exodus 34:29-35 (NIV)

commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

#### **PSALM OF THE DAY**

**PSALM 148** 

#### Refrain



#### Psalm Tone



- 1. Praise the Lord from the / heavens,\* praise him in the / heights above.
- 2. Praise him, all his / angels,\* praise him, all his / heavenly hosts.
- 3. Praise him, / sun and moon,\* praise him, all you / shining stars.

#### Refrain

- 4. Praise the Lord / from the earth,\* lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his / bidding,
- 5. you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all / cedars,\* wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and / flying birds,
- 6. kings of the earth and rul- / ers on earth,\* young men and maidens, old men and / children.

#### Refrain

- 7. Let them praise the name / of the Lord,\* for his splendor is above the earth and the / heavens.
- as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

8. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit.

## Refrain

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#### SECOND LESSON

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is

2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NIV)

freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

VERSE OF THE DAY Mark 9:7b (NIV)

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him." Alleluia.

Please stand

*T*/

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our Savior. GOSPEL Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men

were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him." When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

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

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

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

Please be seated

#### HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain Christian Worship Supplement #712



- What see there That your close com do you want us to
- hear there That vour dear dis -What do vou want us to
- moun-tain Where we 4 Take to that oth - er us see
- We be - held your glo - ry, Ris who have and as -



James, and John, pan - ions saw? ci - ples heard? glo - ri - fied, cend - ed Lord,

We are daz - zled by your glo - ry, Your di - vin - i re - vealed there ty Once a - gain the voice from heav - en Where you shout - ed, "It fin - ished!" is Can - not help tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us Fills with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like us "Lis -Says of the in car - nate Word: ten. lis - ten, Where for died. all the world you Hear the stunned cen -**A**11 that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,

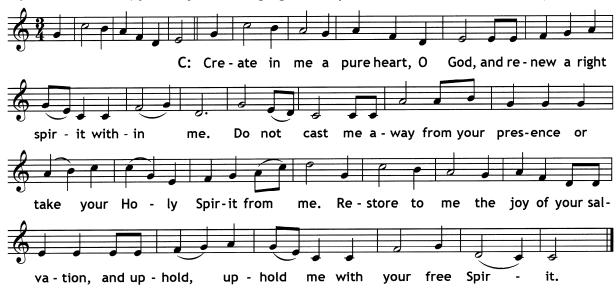


The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

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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: 10:00 AM— St. Catherine By Kevin Norris

#### **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—TRANSFIGURATION

M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection.

M: O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here Christian Worship #95

Please stand

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Lord bless you and keep you. M:

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

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.

#### **FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word "Alleluia," which means, "Praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to Alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.



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#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader	Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Trumpets	
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)

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## **Pioneer/Sunbeam Bake Sale Today!**

The Grace Lutheran Pioneers will have bake sale items available for a donation after both services today. 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.

#### "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 this morning 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!

## **Church History Bible Study**

Pastor Clemons' Church History Bible Study will not be meeting on Wednesdays during Lent. Our Midweek Lenten Worship Services are scheduled for the same times that the Bible Study has been meeting. We will continue with this study after Easter.

## Women of Grace Valentine Tea—This Saturday!

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea this 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 tomorrow, 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).



## 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 10-Feb 17

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

#### **TODAY**

Worship Services
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• As We Forgive Those Who Sin Against Us9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study: State of Grace Presentation 9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem 9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary10:00a
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study7:00p
Monday
Bible Study at Vail Golf Club9:30a
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
Tuesday
Handbell Practice5:30p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
Wednesday
Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion10:00a

#### Wednesday (continued)

Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall6:00- Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion6:00-	6:45p 7:00p
Thursday Women's Bible Study: <i>Philippians</i> Worship Choir	
Saturday Women of Grace Valentine Tea1	1:30a
Sunday Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 1 Coffee Fellowship following both services	
Children's Sunday School	
Youth Confirmation Class	
Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study	.9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	
State of Grace Presentation	.9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary	.9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem	.9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship with Stephen Bautista1	0:00a
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study	7:00p

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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.



During this time of year, the sun shines through the stained glass windows and directs its light on the church pews. Feel free to move during the service if the sun is bothering you. For more information about what the symbols and pictures in the windows represent, please take a pamphlet from the main entryway.

#### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Eric Hanson in thanksgiving to God for the blessing of his wife, Erika, on her birthday. Additional flowers are in memory of Vera Warskow-Hess.

## **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Joshua 7:16-26 Hebrews 4:14-16 Luke 4:1-13

#### Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 4:1-13
From Beginning to End



#### **Called Home to Heaven**

Vera Hess was called home to heaven Wednesday, January 30. Her funeral was yesterday, February 9 here at Grace.



## **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 this Wednesday, 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 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.

#### **Guest Musician at Grace-Vail**

WELS singer Stephen Bautista will be the guest musician at Grace-Vail next 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. A freewill offering will be collected to support Stephen in his music ministry. CD recordings will also be available for purchase.



For more information about Stephen and his music, please visit his website, www.stephenbautistamusic.com.

#### **Picnic Brunch at Grace-Vail**

Join us **next Sunday, February 17** after 10:00 AM worship at Grace-Vail for a picnic. Stick around after the service for food and fellowship as we discuss upcoming events at our Vail site (Easter, VBS, and canvassing). This will also provide a time to talk more with Stephen Bautista.

#### **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.



## **Redeemer Preschool Early Registration**

Redeemer has started early registration in preschool for 2013-2014! We are proud to offer a Christian, academic preschool for your children. Redeemer offers a comprehensive preschool program for 3 and 4 year olds. Our 2, 3, or 5 day a week sessions are flexible for every family schedule. If you or someone you know is interested in preschool for their family, please stop by the front office for an application or call 572-8136 to schedule a tour!

#### **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 (<a href="https://www.facebook.com/GraceTucsonWELS">www.facebook.com/GraceTucsonWELS</a>).

#### **Thank You**

It was a joy to return to church after being hospitalized and recuperating at home. Your visits, phone calls, messages and cards with your prayers were encouraging. Grace's on-line services let me worship along with you. My thanks to everyone, especially Pastor Clemons who brought me the Word and Sacrament.

-Rev. Paul V. Borchardt

#### **WELS Kingdom Workers Annual Meeting**

The WELS Kingdom Workers Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, March 3 at 2:30 PM at the Arizona Lutheran Retirement Center (1918 W Orangewood Ave, Phx, 85021). There will be local project updates and presentations from the Faith In Action Team and WELS Kingdom Workers. Refreshments and snacks will be provided. There is a flyer on both bulletin boards in the Fellowship Hall with more details.

#### **Mexican Dinner**

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us on Friday evening, March 15 for our annual Mexican Dinner hosted by the Women of Grace. This is a great opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal and time with friends.

## **Holy Week and Easter**

Easter Sunday this year is March 31. You are invited to join us that morning for special worship services and other activities at either site, Grace-Vail or Grace University.

You are also invited to Holy Week Worship Services at Grace-University on Maundy Thursday (March 28) at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM and Good Friday (March 29) at 7:00 PM.

#### **MLS Choir Concert**

The Michigan Lutheran Seminary Choir will present a concert at Grace-University on Wednesday, April 3. 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. We will also be seeking volunteers to host the MLS students for the night of April 3. Please watch for more details as the event approaches!

## **Apache Clothing Drive**

Our Apache Clothing Drive is preparing for our next delivery in April. We already have 26 boxes packed, but we are hoping to completely fill the trailer, which will take another 49 boxes. Bring clothing donations to the Counseling Building on a Sunday morning, and someone will be available to help carry them in. Scrip cards for Wal-Mart and Safeway are also welcome. This support of our friends and fellow Christians in Whiteriver, East Fork, Canyon Day, and Fort Apache is one way that we can "love [not] with words or tongue, but with actions and in truth" (1 John 3:18).