

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Lazarus' Tomb in modern Al-Eizariya (ancient Bethany),
less than two miles outside of Jerusalem.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 6, 2014



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.

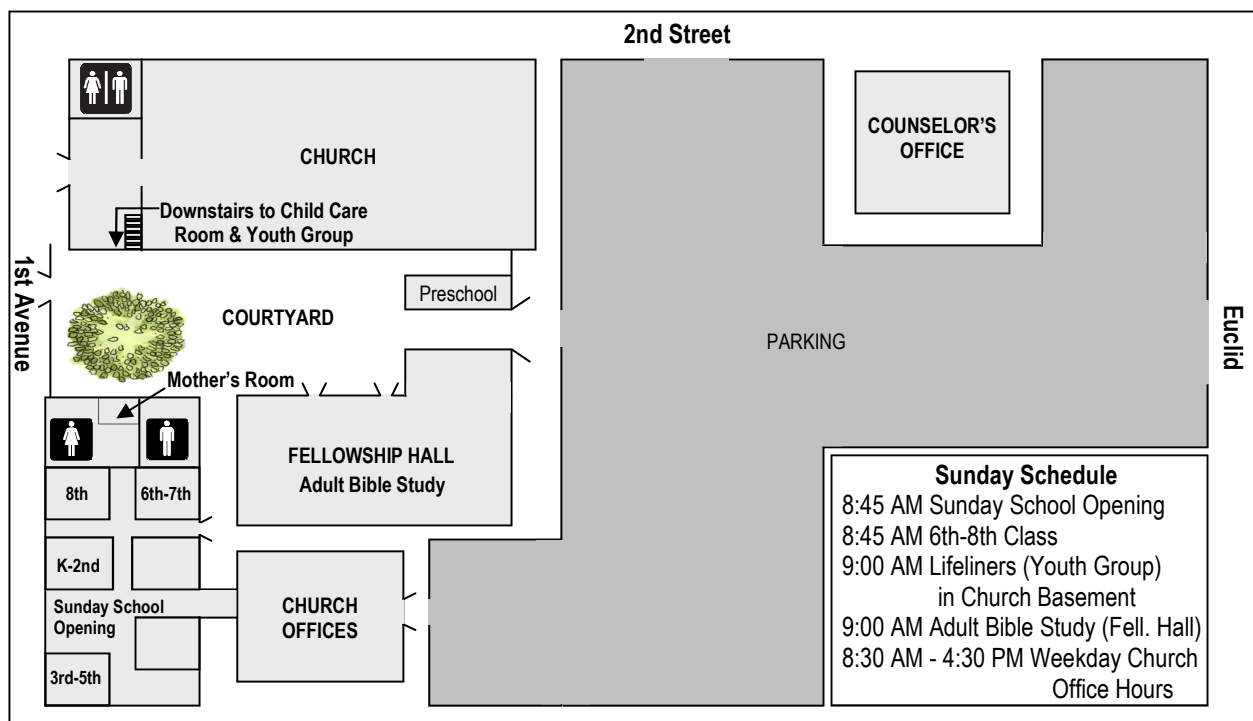
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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:

7:45 AM—

It Is Well with My Soul
Arr. by Victor Labenske

WELCOME

HYMN

This Is the Day the Lord Has Made
Christian Worship #225

Please stand

Hymn 225:
This hymn by Isaac Watts is a paraphrase of a portion of Psalm 118.

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.

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 his 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.

FIRST LESSON

The child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. “My head! My head!” he said to his father. His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. She called her husband and said, “Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return.” “Why go to him today?” he asked. “It’s not the New Moon or the Sabbath.” “It’s all right,” she said. She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead on; don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.” So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, “Look! There’s the Shunammite! Run to meet her and ask her, ‘Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?’” “Everything is all right,” she said. When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, “Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why.”

2 Kings 4:18-37 (NIV)

“Did I ask you for a son, my lord?” she said. “Didn’t I tell you, ‘Don’t raise my hopes?’” Elisha said to Gehazi, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy’s face.” But the child’s mother said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So he got up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy’s face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, “The boy has not awakened.” When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. Then he got on the bed and lay upon the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out upon him, the boy’s body grew warm. Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out upon him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, “Call the Shunammite.” And he did. When she came, he said, “Take your son.” She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

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

Romans 8:11-19 (NIV)

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear,

but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba*, Father.” The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

VERSE OF THE DAY *(Sung by the Voices of Grace Choir)*

Mark 10:45 (NIV)

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

Words from John
11:25-26, Job 19:25
-27, Job 1:21. Music
by William Croft.

VOICES OF GRACE

I Am the Resurrection and the Life

I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Please stand

GOSPEL

John 11:17-27, 38-45 (NIV)

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

M: The Gospel according to John chapter eleven.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults
Christian Worship #398

Isaac Watts originally published this hymn under the title "Salvation by Grace."

SERMON

John 11:17-27, 38-45

The Death and Resurrection of a Friend

As Viewed by Jesus

As Viewed by Martha

As Viewed by Us

Please stand

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.

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.

Please be seated



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*We Give Thee But
Thine Own*
Arr. by Kathy Parra

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—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 a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

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.

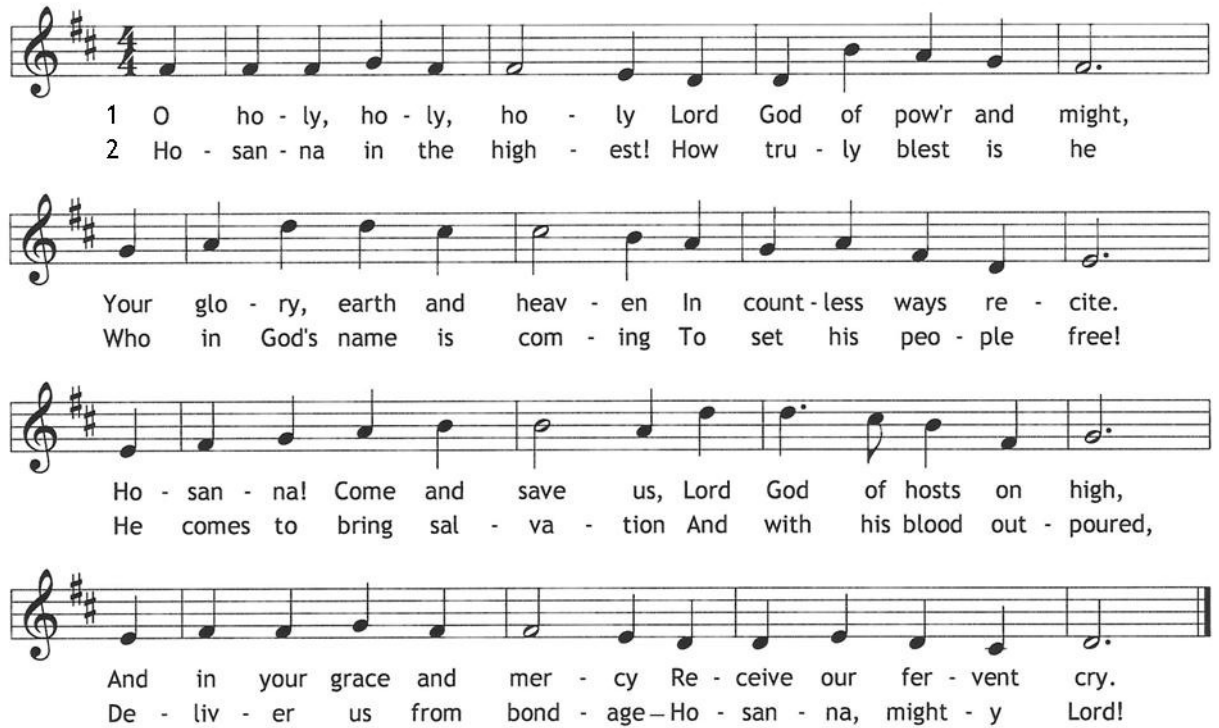
C: **It is good and right so to do.**

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.

LAMB OF GOD *Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

C: Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; grant us your peace. A - men.

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 the pastor 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 **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.

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON Luke 2:29-32
Nunc Dimittis

*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.

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

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

I Know of a Sleep in Jesus' Name
Christian Worship #211

This hymn by Magnus B. Landstad is believed to have been written on Easter morning 1851. In January of that year Landstad lost a ten-year-old daughter to typhus, and on Easter Eve his eight-year-old son died of the same disease.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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| Preacher | Pastor Ron Koehler |
| Worship Leader | Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM) |
| Communion Assistants | Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM) |
| | Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM) |
| Accompanists | Kathy Parra (7:45 AM) |
| | Tina Christianson (10:00 AM) |
| Clarinet | Missy Wiechmann (7:45 AM) |
| Voices of Grace Director | Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM) |
| Ushers | Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM) |
| | Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM) |
| | Taylor Parra, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM) |
| Sound & Recording Tech | Jay Pauley (10:00 AM) |
| Altar Prep Team | Navonne Baxter, Sally Littau, Merri Myrmo |

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

Lord, When Your
Glory I Shall See
CW #219

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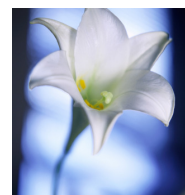
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Easter for Kids

Easter for Kids will be held at Grace-University this Saturday, April 12 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.

Easter Lilies!

If you would like to buy an Easter lily to beautify worship on Easter Sunday (April 20), 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.





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

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



This Week at Grace • Apr 6-Apr 13

*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
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Jesus' Last Days* 9:00a
• *Grow in Grace Class* (Office) Non-Members Only 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 TCM Bible Study: *A Matter of Interpretation?* 7:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club 9:00a
English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Kassulkes 9:30a-11:30a
Handbell Practice..... 5:00p
English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Worship..... 10:00a
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00-6:45p
Midweek Lenten Worship..... 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
Worship Choir 6:30p

Saturday

Easter for Kids at Grace-University 9:30a-1:00p
Grace-Vail Canvassing 9:30a-11:30a

Sunday PALM SUNDAY

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Caroling at Sabino Canyon Rehab 1:00p-2:00p
WELS TCM Movie Night: *The Passion of the Christ* 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.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Sally Littau and Nancy Miles. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Sean & Mary Brearcliffe in celebration of their daughter, Katie's, 22nd birthday.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Zechariah 9:9-10
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 21:1-11
Your King Comes to You

Redeemer's Great Exchange

Redeemer's Great Exchange is Monday, April 7, 7:00 AM-6:00 PM, Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 AM-6:00 PM, and Wednesday, April 9 7:00 AM-noon. All items are free and food is available to snack on while people shop. There is no limit to the number of items people can take. Feel free to invite your co-workers, neighbors and friends, especially if you know someone in need. Items range from seasonal decorations to clothes, household items, office supplies, toys, books, videos, etc. If you have any questions please call Ruth Schaller at 572-6686.

Confirmation Open House Invitation

This year's Youth Confirmation is Sunday, May 4. Four eighth graders (Lucas Guenther, Jon Miller, Caleb Prigge and Dustin Pauley) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service.

The Grace congregation is invited to an open house hosted by the confirmand families from 4:00-7:00 PM that afternoon (May 4) in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. It will be catered by El Molinito. **Please RSVP to Teri Guenther (235-1177) by April 28 if you plan to attend so enough food can be ordered.**

Support Lutheran Education

Did you know that you can still make a donation to the HELP Scholarship Foundation and claim it as a credit on your 2013 Arizona Income Tax Return? Until April 15 your donation may be credited to either the 2013 or the 2014 tax year. Donation forms are available in the Fellowship Hall. The Arizona Tuition Tax Credit is a valuable opportunity for us to support Lutheran education. You may recommend that your donation be applied to a particular student if you choose, so you can directly support our students at Lutheran schools. A list of Grace students can be seen in the courtyard display case or you may call the church office. Please contact Stephanie Weinstein (909-8022) if you have questions about using the Tuition Tax Credit.

Midweek Service and Lenten Supper

The final Midweek Lenten worship services are this Wednesday, April 9 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!

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 10 AM &
7 PM at Grace-University

Good Friday

Friday, April 18, 7 PM
at Grace-University

Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)



Worshippers are asked to leave this 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, April 20
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

Festival Worship—10 AM

Easter Breakfast

The Easter breakfast at Grace-University this year (April 20) will consist of pancakes, sausage, and orange juice, graciously made and served by the Lifeliners. If you have a spare griddle or electric skillet, please bring it to the kitchen. **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.

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 schedule 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.

Caroling at Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation Center Next Sunday

Twice a year we have the wonderful opportunity to witness God's Word (what he teaches...what we believe) to some Sabino Canyon Rehabilitation & Care residents prior to Christmas and Easter. As Easter is pending, so is Palm Sunday on April 13. On that day at 1:00 PM, we'll be singing with piano accompaniment some timely, familiar hymns from our hymnal, focusing on the advent of Easter and what it means. Arrive at 5830 E Pima a bit early so we can start promptly at 1:00 PM and be finished by 2:00 PM. The residents and staff appreciate our doing this. It is a wonderful opportunity to share the joyous message of Christ's resurrection with people who otherwise wouldn't hear it! We hope you will join us!

—Russ Weir, Grace Extension Group Member