

Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany



This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that
I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses.
Deuteronomy 30:19

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 16, 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.

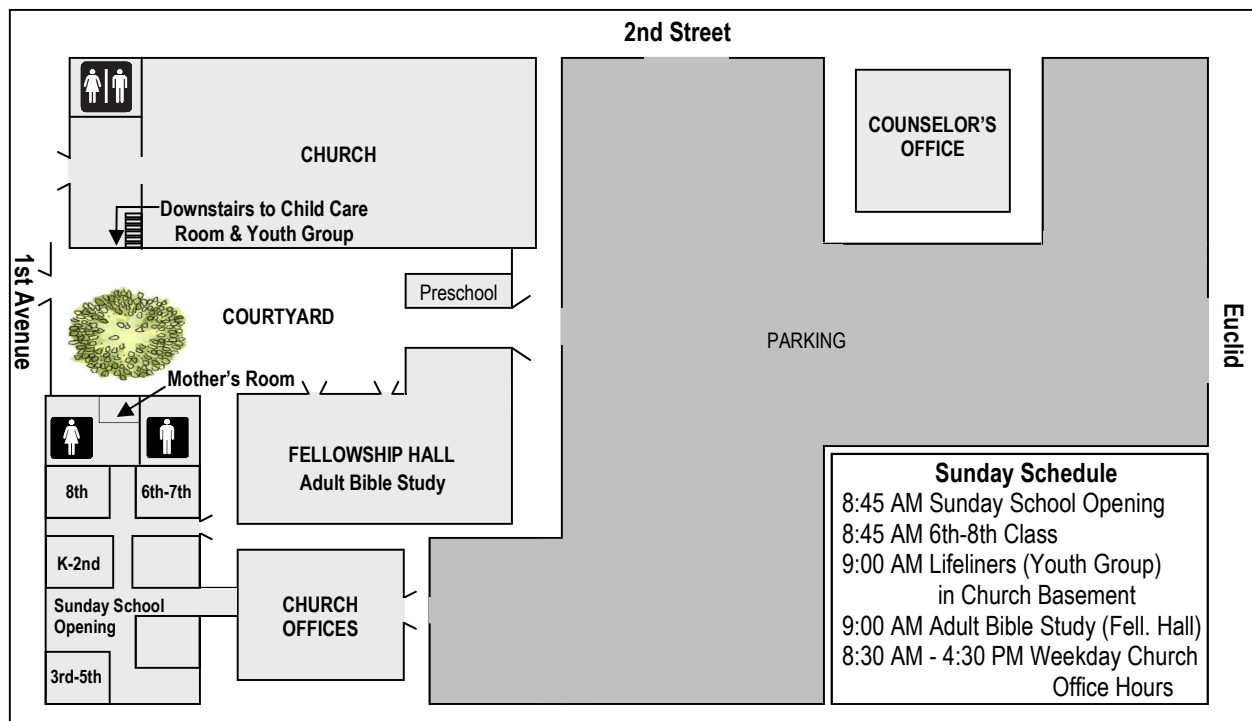
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

O Spirit of Life, O Spirit of God

Christian Worship #186

Please stand

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

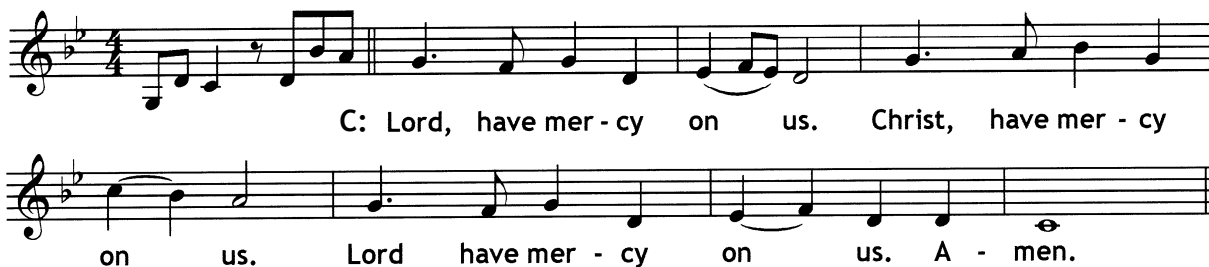
CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



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.

PRESERVICE:

7:45 AM—
O Christ, Who Called
the Twelve
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter

10:00 AM—
Trumpet Tune
Fanfare
By Henry Purcell,
Arr. by Arnold
Sherman

Ribaltimento
(Abundant Joy)
By Kathleen
Wissinger

Played by the
Handbell Choir

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.

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.”

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief intro:)

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

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
 heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
 give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the
 high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus
 Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Father; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our
 prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. For
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, in mercy receive the prayers of your people. Grant them the wisdom to know the things that please you and the grace and power always to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; then you will live and increase, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 (NIV)

land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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

Finally, brothers, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you. For

1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 (NIV)

God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit. Now about brotherly love we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more. Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life, to mind your own business and to work with your hands, just as we told you, so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 6:68 NIV

M: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37 (NIV2011)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

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



“Raca” was an Aramaic term of contempt.

“You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘You shall not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.’ But I tell you that anyone who is angry with a brother or sister will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to a brother or sister, ‘Raca,’ is answerable to the court. And anyone who says, ‘You fool!’ will be in danger of the fire of hell. Therefore, if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled to them; then come and offer your gift. Settle matters quickly with your adversary who is taking you to court. Do it while you are still together on the way, or your adversary may hand you over to the judge, and the judge may hand you over to the officer, and you may be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will not get out until you have paid the last penny. You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her

in his heart. If your right eye causes you to stumble, gouge it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to stumble, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one part of your body than for your whole body to go into hell. It has been said, ‘Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a certificate of divorce.’ But I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, makes her the victim of adultery, and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. All you need to say is simply ‘Yes’ or ‘No’; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



NICENE CREED

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

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose
Christian Worship #466

SERMON

Deuteronomy 30:15-20
So, What's It Going to Be?

Please stand

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



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated



If you prefer, use
your smart phone to
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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Jesus, I My Cross
Have Taken*
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter

10:00 AM—

*Take My Life with
Take My Life and Let
It Be Consecrated*
Words and music by
Scott Underwood,
Arr. by Carol
Tornquist

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank you!

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EPIPHANY

M: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:

C: **You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.**

M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

C: **You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.**

M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of your salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

C: **Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.**

M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.

C: **Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

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

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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.

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

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

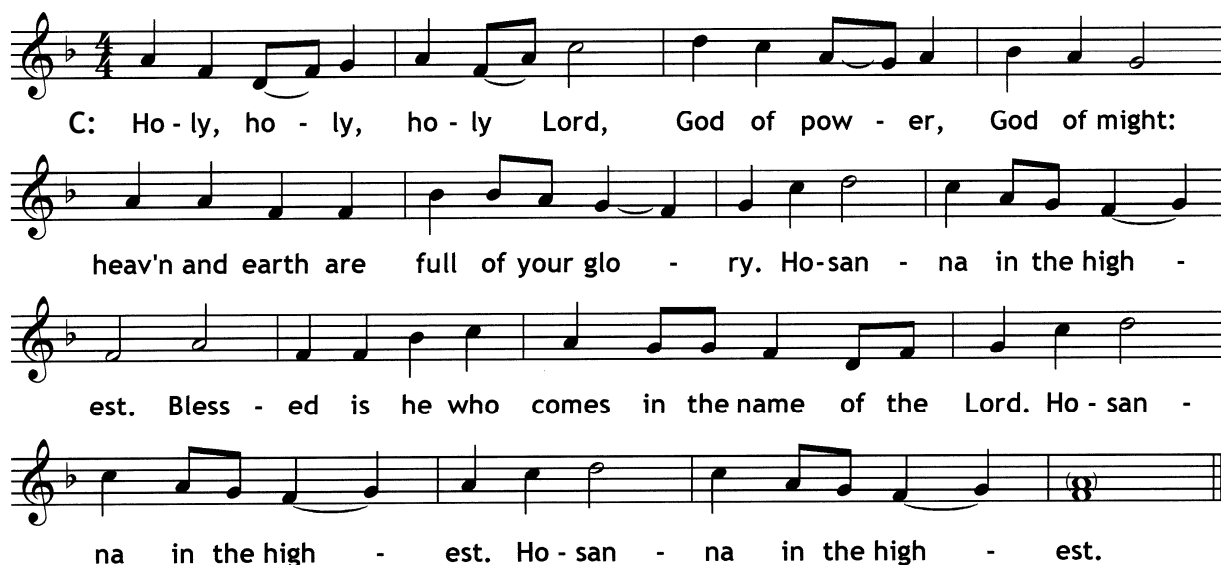
C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san -
na in the high - est. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

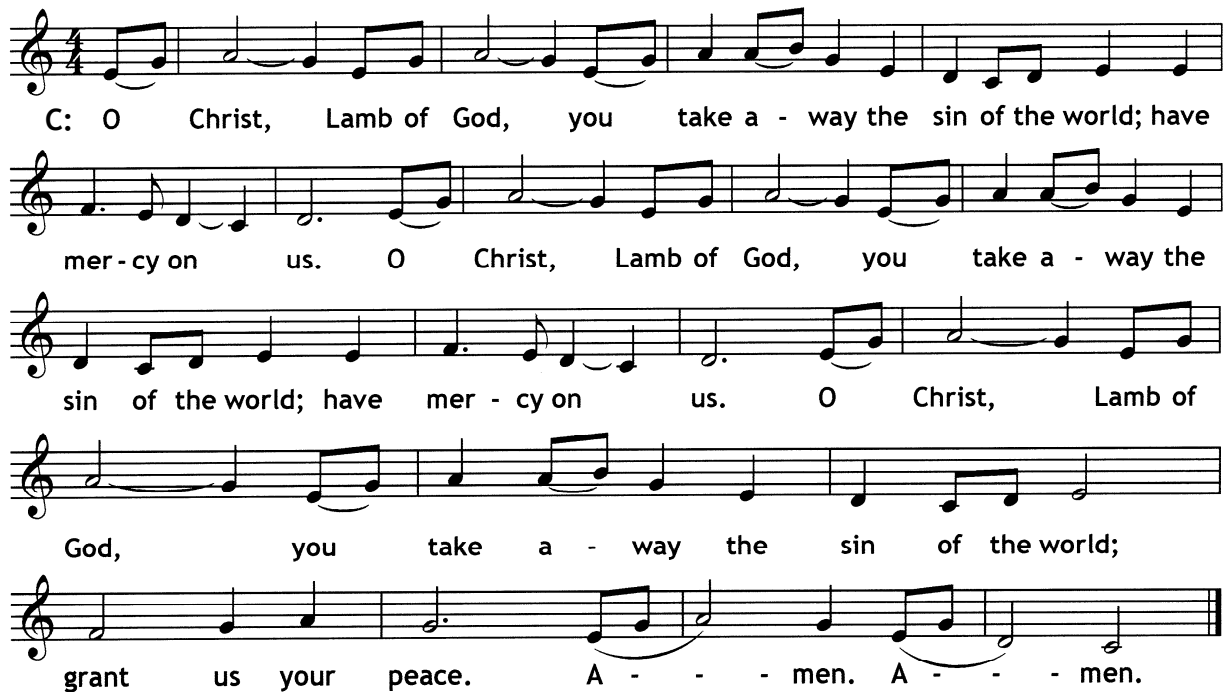
O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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

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.



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

Please stand

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your
word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for
ev-'ry peo-ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

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

Take My Life and Let It Be
Christian Worship #469

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

*Let Us Ever Walk
with Jesus
CW #452*

10:00 AM—

*Now, My Tongue,
The Mystery Telling
By J. Wayne Kerr*

*Divine Service I:
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Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Member Ministry Elder, Jason Watson (10:00 AM)
Accompanists Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Handbell Choir Director Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Lauri Colton, Jeanette O'Donald, Audrey Street

Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next voters' meeting is this Tuesday, February 18 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.

State of Grace Presentation Next Sunday

The 2013 Annual Report will be available for pick-up at both church exits, the Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail next Sunday. During the Bible class hour that day Pastor Koehler at Grace-University and Pastor Rieke at Grace-Vail will highlight portions of the report and field comments and questions.

Faith in Action Team

A team of students from Martin Luther College, our WELS college for those training to be pastors and teachers, will be in Tucson March 7-16 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 an online donation at www.kingdomworkers.com/GraceTucsonAZ to WELS Kingdom Workers in support of their visit.



**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 16-Feb 23

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

TODAY

Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 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 Only9:00a
Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary9:00a
Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.9:00a
Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary 10:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Dating Game* 7:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Vail Golf Club.....9:00a
NO English as a Second Language Classes

Tuesday

Precious Lambs at the Rieke's..... 9:30-11:30a
Kindermusik at Grace-University..... 4:00p
Handbell Practice 6:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
Voters' Meeting 7:00p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Bible Study at the Priggies.....5:30p
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* 9:00a
Worship Choir6:30p

Saturday

Grace-Vail Canvassing at Rancho del Lago 9:30a-11:30a

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WELS TCM Bible Study: *"Christian Behaviour"*7:00p

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

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 Eric and Erika Hanson. 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 Jeanette O'Donald in loving memory of her parents, Myron and Esther Nelson.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

1 Samuel 26:1-25
Romans 12:9-21
Matthew 5:38-48

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 5:38-48
*What Does it Really Mean
to Love Your Neighbor?*

Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver on **Tuesday, February 18** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Rieke's home (4282 S Mayberry Pl, 85730) for this informal play date. You do not need to RSVP and can come for any or all of the time. Precious Lambs will meet on most Tuesday mornings for play dates. If you have any questions, please contact Missy Wiechmann (403-1177) or Beth Kassulke (293-2935). (Precious Lambs will meet on February 25 at the Reid Park Zoo, 900 S Randolph Way, 85716.)

Grace-Vail Canvassing

We will continue our canvassing of the Vail and Rita Ranch neighborhoods this Saturday, February 22, from 9:30-11:30 AM. Even if you have never canvassed before, you are encouraged to come out on the 22nd to see how easy it can be. Following canvassing, Grace will provide lunch for those in attendance.

February 22 – Meet at Rancho Del Lago golf course in Vail
(14155 E Via Rancho Del Lago, Vail, 85641)

NEW! Bible Study

Pastor Rieke is facilitating the WELS online Bible study at the home of Eric & Julie Prigge (5391 S Black Falls Dr, 85747) on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in February. If you're unable to attend the Bible Study, you may follow the series online at www.wels.net/interactivefaith.

TnT with Pastor Rieke

Pastor Rieke is going out on **T**uesday and **T**hursday evenings (6:00-7:30pm) to visit people who have expressed some interest in Grace-Vail. Pastor wants you to join him! This will be a smaller group than our canvassing blitzes (with one, maybe two pairs). This follow up is the next step after canvassing. This is a great way to be one-on-one with Pastor Rieke on the front lines of ministry. If you are interested, or just want more information, please contact Pastor Rieke at 343-9881 or send him an email (revcmr@gracetucsonwels.com).



Christian Fellowship Group

By the year 2030 demographic forecasters predict that 50% of Tucson's population will be Hispanic. Come see and hear Andy Werth of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce explain why this might be useful information for us to know. It's the Christian Fellowship meeting, March 8 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. Please bring a healthy snack to share. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

—**Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship Group President**

Baby Shower



You are invited to a baby shower for Zhujiang "Jing" Yong on Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 PM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. The Yongs are registered at Target (they are having a boy). There will be snacks to enjoy. The hostesses are Joan Mazur and Kristin Rieke. If you have questions please contact Joan at 574-3159 or Kristin at 343-8117.

Golf and Fellowship with Redeemer Lutheran Church Members

You are invited to join members of Redeemer for golf and fellowship every 4th Saturday of the month through May at Crooked Tree Golf Course (9101 N. Thornydale Road). The first tee time will be at 7:30 AM with groups following thereafter. We will play 9 holes of golf. The cost will be \$18 if you walk and \$25 if you ride. Come for the golf or the camaraderie; either way it's sure to be a good time for all! If you have questions, please feel free to contact Greg Stam at 820-8835.

Mexican Dinner at Grace-University

The *Women of Grace* invite everyone to join them Friday, March 14, between 4:30 and 6:30 PM for the annual Mexican Dinner at Grace-University. *The menu includes:* Sour Cream Enchiladas, Beef Tacos, Refried Beans, Assorted Cakes, Coffee, Tea, & Milk.



Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic!

Grace is having a Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic Saturday, March 22 at Lakeside Park (8300 E Stella Rd, 85730) from noon-3:30 PM. There will be food and fun activities for all! More details will be available soon. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Jason Watson (243-0034) if you'd like to help.

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally—March 29!

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Spring Rally will be Saturday, March 29 at East Fork Lutheran Church (4325 Fort Apache Rd, 85941) in Whiteriver, AZ. The ladies of East Fork and Canyon Day Lutheran churches will co-host. The special guest speaker will be Rev. William Kessel, Ph.D. 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 Monday, March 24. More details about this rally can be found on the flyer in the Grace-University courtyard display case.

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.

ALA to Host GALA on March 22

Do you buy Scrip? Your donation of Scrip gift cards, cash, or any other exciting new item will be included in our auction and will help build a multi-purpose facility and raise tuition assistance for the students at Arizona Lutheran Academy. Corporate sponsorships are also available. Visit ALAcoyotes.org/gala to donate, attend, or learn more.

Lenten Services and Suppers

Our Lenten theme this year is "From Garden to Glory." We will consider scriptural gardens—from Eden to Gethsemane to Christ's garden of glory and finally to paradise. Texts from Genesis, the gospels, and Revelation show the promise in each garden and how God's plan for our salvation is in each glorious location. Ash Wednesday is on March 5. We are again planning Wednesday services at Grace-University at 10 AM and 7 PM with a Lenten Supper at 6 PM.

We need volunteers to host the meals March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26, April 2 and April 9 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There will be information sheets available soon in the Fellowship Hall at Grace-University and on the worship table at Grace-Vail which explain how to host one of these meals.

Don't forget to stop by the Scrip table in the courtyard!