

# The Ascension of Our Lord



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
June 1, 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.

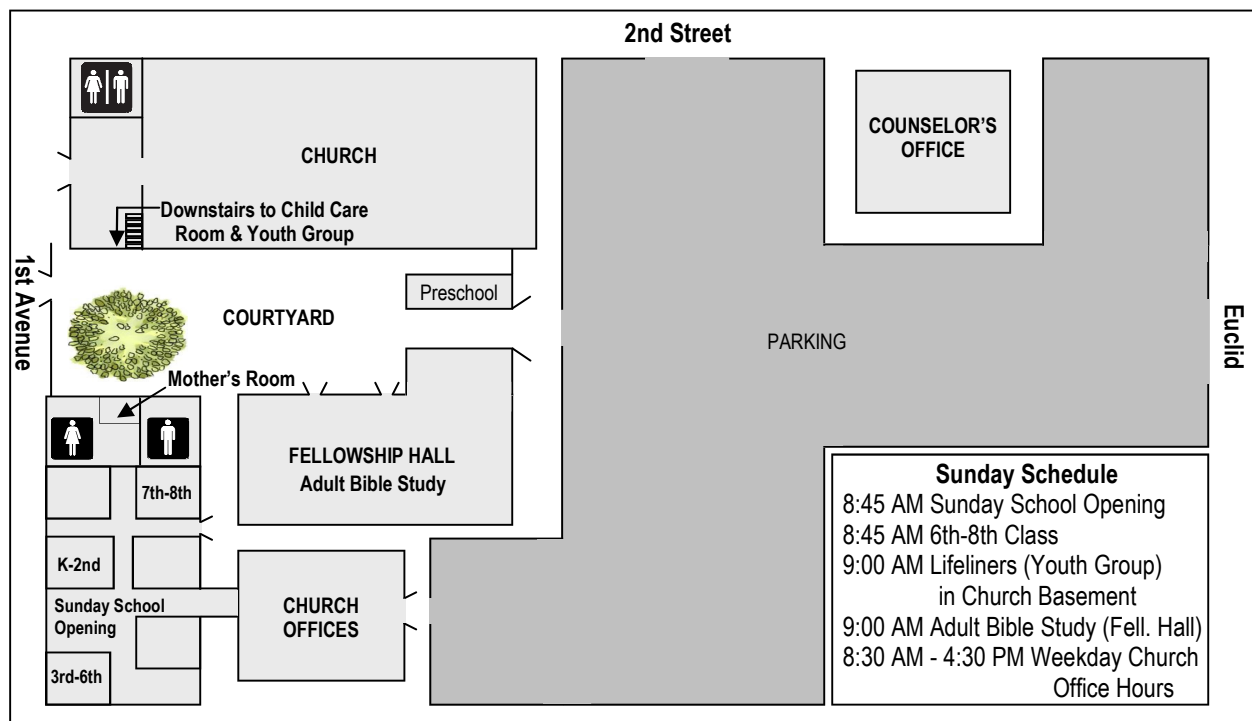
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



## DIVINE SERVICE II

*Christian Worship Supplement*

### WELCOME

### HYMN

Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise  
*Christian Worship #175*

### STAND

### INVOCATION

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

### CONFESSION

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.  
C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.  
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,  
For sins of habit and sins of choice,  
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,  
You should cast me away from your presence forever.  
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

### ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:  
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.  
C: Amen.

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Mark 10:47*

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

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.  
C: Lord, have mercy.  
M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.  
C: Christ, have mercy.

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

C: Lord, have mercy.

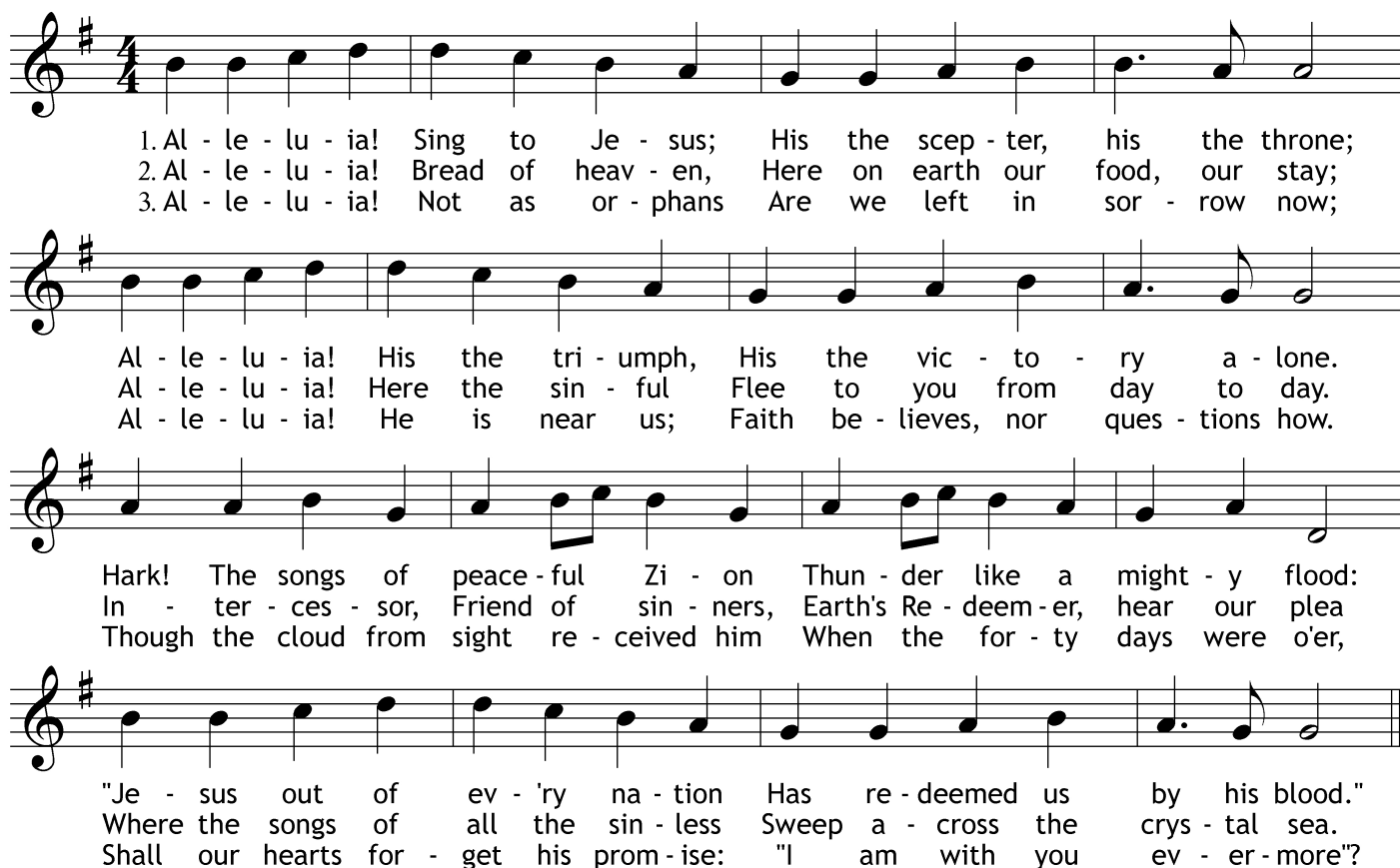
M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

## HYMN

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Christian Worship #169*



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

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

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

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

## THE WORD

### SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

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

C: Amen.

## BE SEATED

## FIRST LESSON

## Esther 6 (NIV)

That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes. "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered. The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he had erected for him. His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court." "Bring him in," the king ordered. When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. Then let the robe and horse be

entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!'" "Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended." So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!" Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, and told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, "Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!" While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.

*The soloist will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains.*



Clap your hands, O faithful people!  
 Shout to God a song of praise!  
 From the dust of conquered nations,  
 God a realm of grace shall raise.  
 To God's name forever faithful,  
 May we prosper all our days.

### Refrain

With a shout, and blast of trumpet,  
 God shall mount a throne on high;  
 Let our praise, as finest incense,  
 Rise to meet God in the sky.  
 Fill the world with glad rejoicing,  
 Heav'n shall sing, and earth reply.

### Refrain

Let your hearts be filled with gladness,  
 As the Lord your life shall bless;  
 Live as heirs of God's great justice,  
 Wear the cloak of righteousness.  
 God will grant us earth's dominion,  
 All things good, and nothing less.

## SECOND LESSON

### Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.

For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



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

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

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

## STAND

## GOSPEL

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

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

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

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

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

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

## BE SEATED

## HYMN OF THE DAY

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing  
Christian Worship #171



STAND

# NICENE CREED

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

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

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

BE SEATED

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

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



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

(7:45 AM) My Faith Looks Up To Thee with  
Crown Him With Many Crowns  
Arr. by Joan Cupp

STAND



## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

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

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

C: **Hear our prayer.**

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

C: **Hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

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

C: **Amen.**

## 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 rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

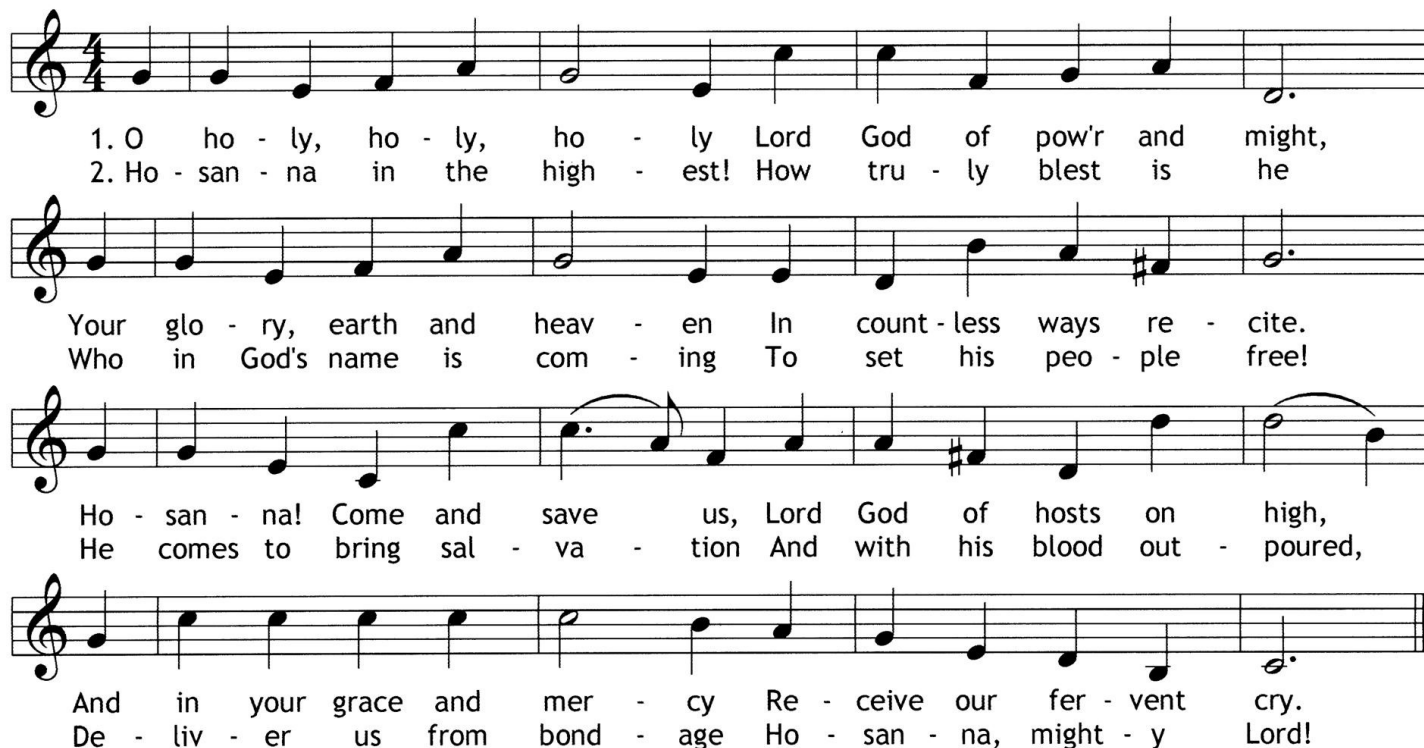
# HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

## Sanctus

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*

*(Sung to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection," Christian Worship #166)*



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.

## 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."

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 MUSIC (7:45 AM)

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee with We Will Glorify  
Arr. by Carol Tornquist

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

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

## 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 Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

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

(Sung to the tune of "Come unto Me, Ye Weary," Christian Worship #336)

1. O Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in peace, as - sured:  
2. All glo - ry to the Fath - er, 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.

**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.

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.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**(7:45 AM) A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**  
*Arr. by Valerie Floeter*

Preacher .....	Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants.....	Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanists.....	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Distribution Music .....	Adele Koutia (10:00 AM)
Soloist .....	Beth Kassulke (7:45 AM)
	Adele Koutia (10:00 AM)
Trumpet.....	Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM)
Ushers .....	Tony Zanotti, 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 .....	Lauri Colton, Jeanette O'Donald, Audrey Street

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at TWO places!**

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



## This Week at Grace • June 1-June 8

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

### TODAY ASCENSION

Worship Services/Communion .....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....  
Children's Sunday School.....8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Mere Christianity*.....9:00a  
• *Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only*.....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary*.....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.*.....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary*.....10:00a

### Monday

*Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Book of Acts*.....9:00a

### Wednesday

Financial Peace University at Grace-University.....6:30p

### Thursday

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

### Saturday

Rentschler 50th Anniversary Celebration.....2:00-5:00p

### Sunday PENTECOST

Worship Services .....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
Children's Sunday School .....8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class .....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Jesus' Last Days*.....9:00a  
• *Grow in Grace Class (Office) Non-Members Only*.....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Bible Study Cottonwood Elementary*.....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.*.....9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary*.....10:00a

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## Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

## 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 & Erika Hanson. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Pastor Koehler is preaching at Peace, Sahuarita this morning.*

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29  
Joel 2:28-29  
Acts 2:1-21

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Acts 2:1-21  
*The Gift of the Holy Spirit*

## Vacation Bible School

Grace's summer Vacation Bible School themed *Gangway to Galilee* will be June 16-20, from 9:00 until 11:30 AM at Grace-University. You may register online at [www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs](http://www.gracetucsonwels.com/vbs).

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

## 50th Wedding Anniversary Open House

Nadine and Bob Rentschler are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this Saturday, June 7. You are invited to their open house from 2 to 5 PM at their home at 5910 N. Camino Escalante. There will be light refreshments. Children are welcome and Emily will be entertaining in her play house. No gifts please.

## Christian Fellowship Group Potluck

Saturday, June 14 at noon in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall, Grace member Reinette van den Berg will be our guest speaker. Reinette is from South Africa and will share her life experiences living there. It's a noon potluck so bring something to share. Come early so we can start promptly at 12:00. *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

## Wedding Invitation

The Grace congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony of Bob Nessinger and Audrey Street on Sunday, June 15 at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary.



## Voters' Meeting Update

Several important decisions were made at the Voters' Meeting this past Thursday, May 29:

1. The voters approved an additional expenditure from the Perpetual Memorial Fund for the costs of the Lifeline Youth Rally trip in June. This expenditure is expected to be much less than the original estimate of \$5,000.
2. It was resolved that Grace continue to support our active members at Redeemer Lutheran School and Arizona Lutheran Academy through a \$1,000 scholarship (\$500 per semester), paid out of the Christian Education Fund. That fund currently stands at approximately \$31,000. Grace anticipates at least 14 and perhaps up to 16 member students may be attending these schools.
3. The 2013 Ministry Spending Plan (MSP) ended with a surplus of \$34,847. The voters agreed to send \$10,000 of this surplus to the Synod as Congregational Mission Offerings in addition to our 2014 MSP support. The rest will be paid toward repairing the Grace-University parking lot with an asphalt overlay. Funding sources to complete the overlay were also identified and approved.
4. The voters approved moving Grace-Vail's worship site from Cottonwood Elementary School to Esmond Station, a brand new school between Rita Ranch and Vail. Esmond Station is located on Mary Ann Cleveland Way, a major road in the area. This location, it is believed, would help Grace-Vail be more prominent and identifiable throughout the community. The move, at the end of the summer or early in the fall, will also provide an opportunity to invite the community to a "re-grand opening" event. Grace will continue to search for a suitable space of approximately 1,000 square feet to lease as a ministry center, providing office space and meeting space in a location available throughout the week.
5. The voters also approved a merger with Peace Lutheran Church in Sahuarita and Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Benson. It is envisioned that such a merger would result in one "Grace Lutheran Church" at four sites: Grace-Tucson, Grace-Vail, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Benson. The merger will move forward when and if the other congregations agree to the principles of the merger that Grace is suggesting. Either congregation could choose not to agree to the merger or to continue discussions as needed. The basic outline of the merger may be found in the document prepared for our Member Feedback Meetings on the topic.

The full minutes of the meeting will be available prior to our next regular Voters' Meeting in September.

## Summer Sunday School

The summer semester of our Sunday School program begins today. This summer's theme is *H2Oh! God Keeps His Promises*, and today our Sunday School students are learning about Noah. Thank you to the Summer Sunday School teachers who will be serving at Grace-University this year: Jenn Miller & Missy Wiechmann (PK), Katelyn Lipke & Taylor Parra (K-2), and Lisa Goldie and Tyler Koehler (3-6).

Thank you also to our Sunday School teachers who served during the past semester: Nancy Miles & Amy Rudd (PK), Denise Hansen & Christa Kassulke (K-2), and Karen Grorud & Erika Hanson (3-5).

## Sunday School Music

Sunday School here at Grace-University begins each week with music. The Sunday School students are currently working on "Father, I Adore You," a song that they plan to sing in the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, June 15. Sunday School students are encouraged to arrive by 8:45 to allow plenty of time to rehearse the song.

## Thank You

Pastor and Mary Clemons would like to thank all those who have called, sent cards and notes, and expressed concern about his current course of treatment for cancer. Above all, there is an overwhelming sense of gratitude for all the prayers that have been offered for his recovery. While Pastor Clemons continues with most of his pastoral duties, the Wednesday Bible Study has been suspended until further notice.