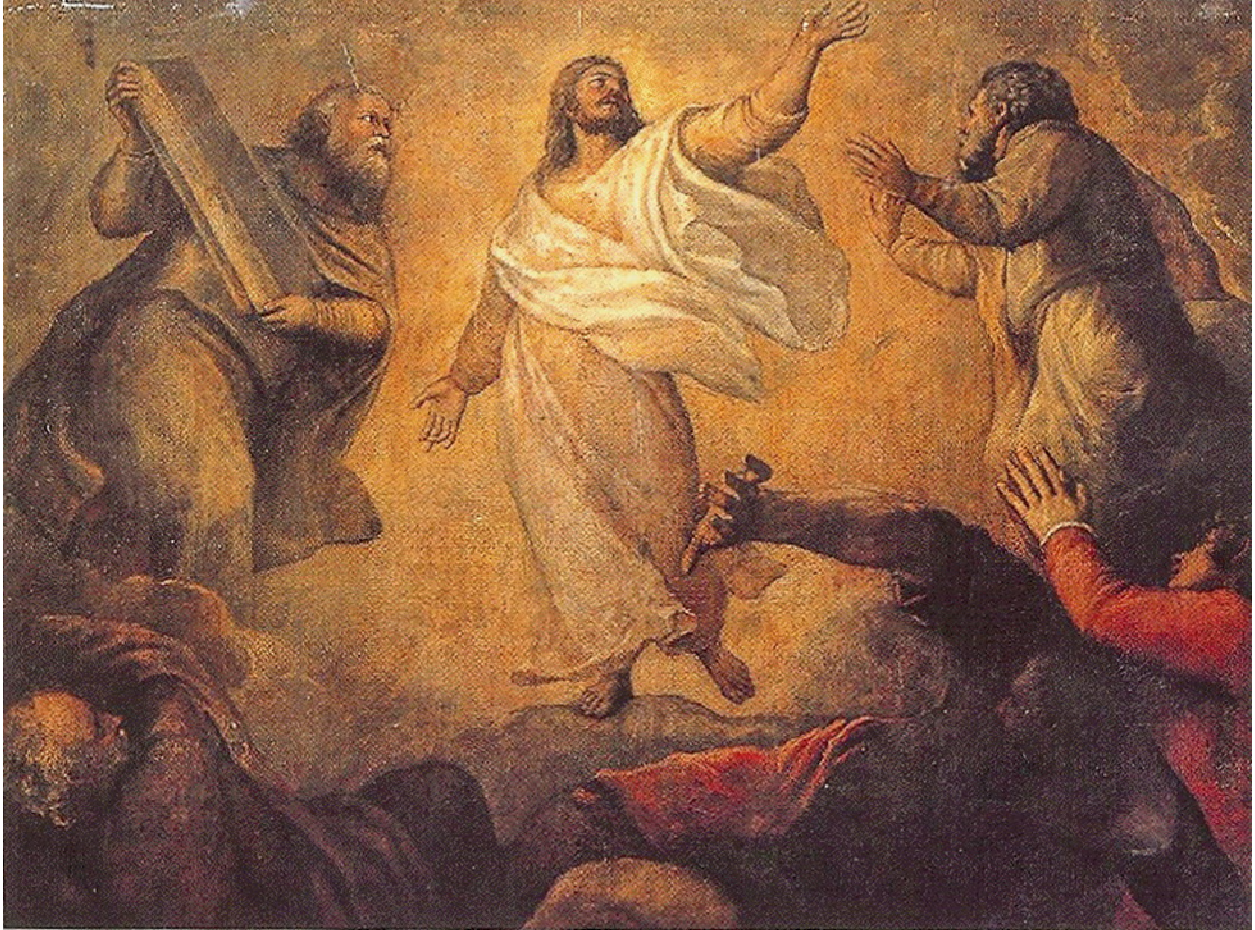


# Last Sunday after the Epiphany Transfiguration Sunday



Titian, The Transfiguration of Christ, c. 1560-3.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
March 2, 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.

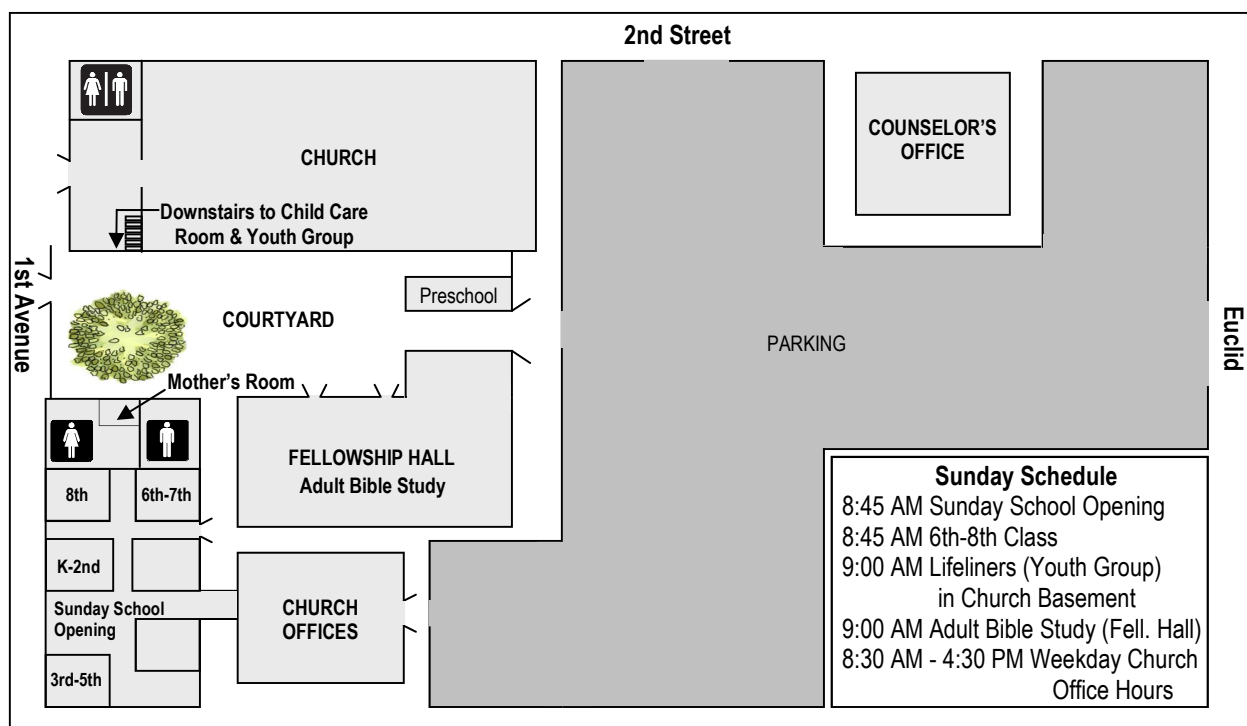
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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)



*Transfiguration is a distinctly Lutheran addition to the Christian calendar. In the 16th century, Johannes Bugenhagen and Veit Dietrich placed the celebration at the end of Epiphany before Lent, remembering that Jesus descended the Mount of Glory and set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51).*

## **DIVINE SERVICE I**

### *Christian Worship Supplement*

#### **WELCOME**

#### **HYMN**

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

*Please stand*

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

#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

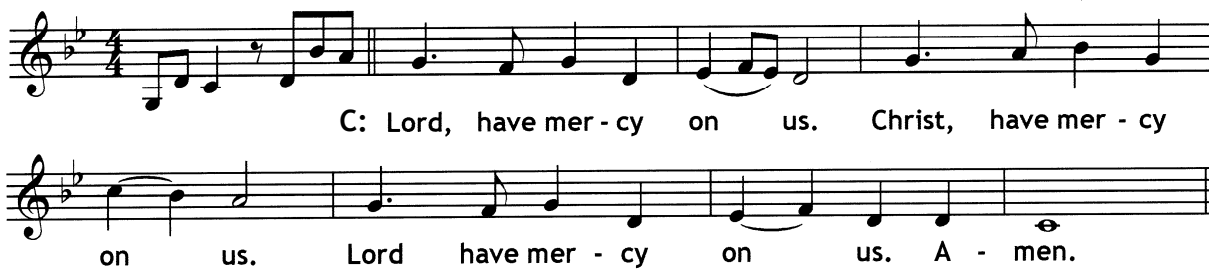
**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

*We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.*

#### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*



*Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name **Kyrie** is shortened from the Greek **Kyrie Eleison**, which means “Lord have mercy.”*

**M:** God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C:** Amen.

#### **PRAYER AND PRAISE**

**M:** In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

## GLORY TO GOD

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

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

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

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and stay here, and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and commands I have written for their instruction."

When Moses went up on the mountain, the cloud covered it, and the glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai. For

### Exodus 24:12, 15-18 (NIV)

six days the cloud covered the mountain, and on the seventh day the LORD called to Moses from within the cloud. To the Israelites the glory of the LORD looked like a consuming fire on top of the mountain. Then Moses entered the cloud as he went on up the mountain. And he stayed on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

*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

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have

### 2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

### Mark 9:7b

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

*Please stand*

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

## GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1-9 (NIV)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



After six days Jesus took with him Peter, James and John the brother of James, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. There he was transfigured before them. His face shone like the sun, and his clothes became as white as the light. Just then there appeared before them Moses and Elijah, talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here. If you wish, I will put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, a bright

cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell facedown to the ground, terrified. But Jesus came and touched them. “Get up,” he said. “Don’t be afraid.” When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus instructed them, “Don’t tell anyone what you have seen, until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*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.**

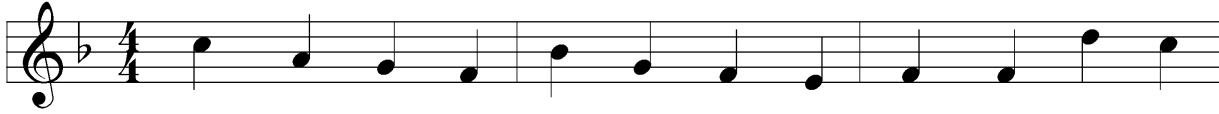
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate 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*

# HYMN OF THE DAY

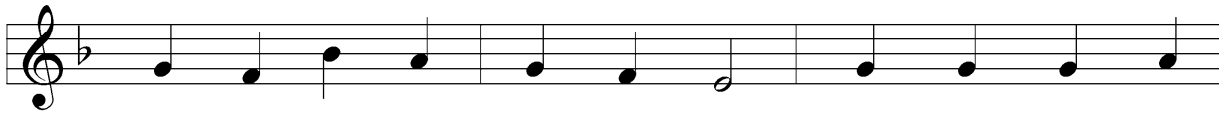
## Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain Christian Worship Supplement #712



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,  
2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -  
3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



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



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

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*The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.*

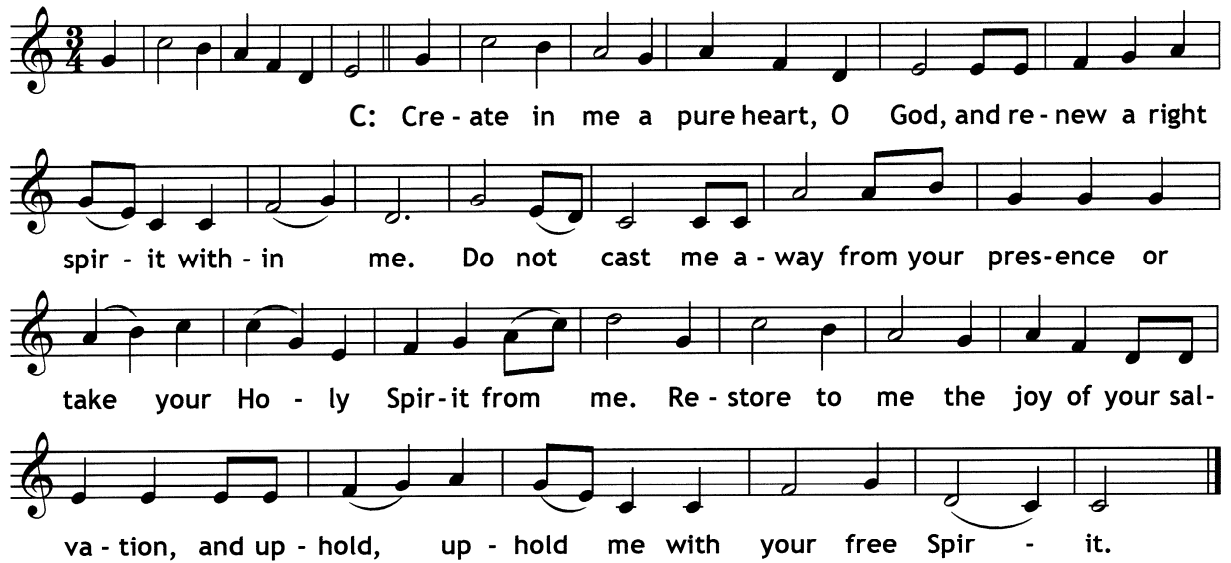
### SERMON

### 2 Peter 1:16-21 Eyewitnesses of Glory

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*

### **OFFERING**

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

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

*Please stand*

### **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—TRANSFIGURATION**

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

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

*Special prayers and intercessions may be spoken here.*



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

*Silent prayer.*

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

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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.

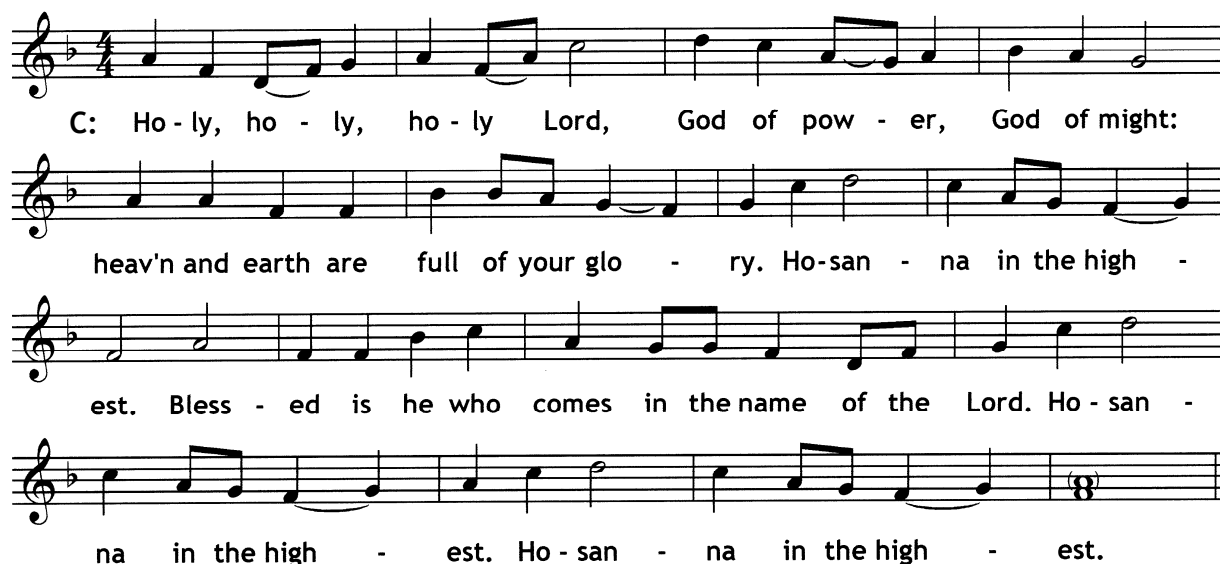
**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**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** *(Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction)*  
*Sanctus*



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*

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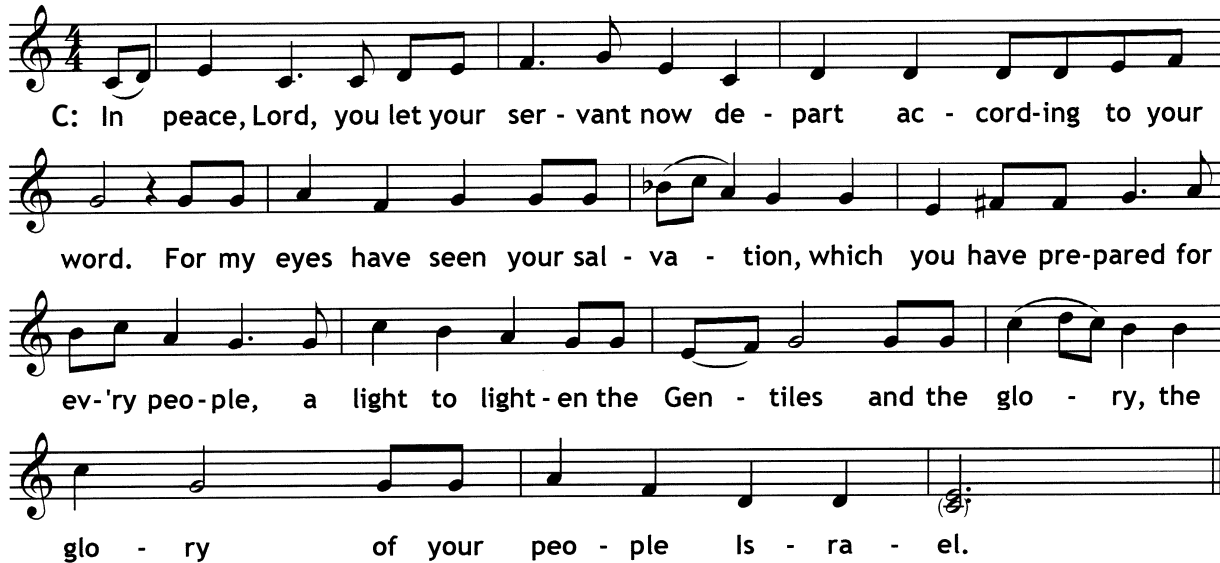
*The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod 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*

## FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

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

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

## CLOSING HYMN

### Alleluia Song of Triumph *Christian Worship #122 (hymn tune)*



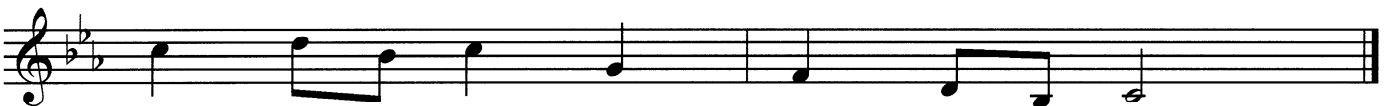
1 Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that  
2 Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in  
3 Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while  
4 May our hymns be filled with long - ing — hear us, Ho - ly



can - not die; Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to  
pure ac - cord, With Christ's ho - ly Church u - ni - ted, jus - ti - fied, re -  
here be - low; Al - le - lu - ia our trans - gres - sions make us for a  
Tri - ni - ty — As we look to your blest Eas - ter, here, and then e -



choirs on high; Saints a - dorned in robes of glo - ry  
deemed, re - stored, And with all his faith - ful peo - ple  
while fore - go. For the sol - emn time is com - ing  
ter - nal - ly, When we shall once more be sing - ing



join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
when our tears for sin must flow.  
Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!



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

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



## This Week at Grace • Mar 2-Mar 9

\*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 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: *Evolution vs. God*..... 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  
Kindermusik..... 4:00p  
Handbell Practice ..... 6:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### Wednesday

**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** ..... 10:00a  
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall .....6:00-6:45p  
**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** .....7:00p

### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* ..... 9:00a  
Boy & Girl Pioneers .....6:30p

### Saturday

Christian Fellowship Group at Grace-University ..... 10:00a  
Baby Shower for Zhujiang "Jing" Sun at Grace-Univ..... 1:00p

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**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
WELS TCM Bible Study: Pizza and a Prophet: *Isaiah* .....7:00p

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## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher .....	Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader .....	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke & Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
Accompanist.....	Tina Christianson
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 Snively (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team .....	Erika Hanson, Diane Kramm, Nancy Miles

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

### NEXT SUNDAY

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

Genesis 3:1-15  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11

#### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Matthew 4:1-11  
*For Us Fights the Valiant One*

### Invitation from Christian Life Resources

Pastor Robert Fleischmann, the National Director of Christian Life Resources (WELS), will be hosting a meet and greet event entitled "Doing Something More" at Grace on Sunday, March 9 from 2:00-3:30 PM in the fellowship hall. This is an organization that deals with the subjects of abortion, euthanasia and other challenges facing marriage and the family. You may simply show up, but an RSVP would be helpful. You can do so by calling 1-800-729-9535, emailing [RobertF@christianliferesources.com](mailto:RobertF@christianliferesources.com). There is more information in the courtyard display case.

### Member Feedback Meetings

As you may have already heard, the WELS congregations in Sahuarita and Benson have asked our congregation to speak with them about their churches becoming part of Grace. We would like to share information about that with you and discuss what a congregation with four sites might be like. We are also hoping to hear your questions, your concerns and your suggestions. You are invited to attend one of the following discussions: **Wednesday, March 12 at 11:00 AM (Grace Fellowship Hall), or Sunday, March 16 at 9:00 AM during the Bible Study hour at either Grace site.** You are also welcome to speak with any of the pastors or members of the church council at any time.

## Precious Lambs Playgroup

Children (ages birth to age 5) are invited to come play along with their parent or caregiver this **Tuesday, March 4** from **9:30-11:30AM**. We will meet at the Kassulke's home (5980 N Edenbrook Ln, 85741) 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 March 11 at the Wiechmann's house, 2361 W Ternero Pl, 85741.)

## 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	March 5	"The Garden of Promise"
	March 12	"The Garden of Proclamation"
	March 19	"The Garden of Repentance"
	March 26	"The Garden of Passion"

Worship Times: 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM at Grace-University  
Lenten Supper: 6:00 PM

We need volunteers to host the meals March 19, March 26, April 2 and April 9 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall at Grace-University and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals.

## Christian Fellowship Group

The Tucson Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (THCC) is the LARGEST Latina business organization in Arizona with over 1,000 member businesses. In fact, the THCC is the only chamber of commerce in Arizona with an office and staff in Mexico—located in Hermosillo, Sonora. Want to learn more about this perspective of the culture in which we live? Then come to the Christian Fellowship meeting at 10:00 AM this Saturday, March 8 in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall and enjoy the fellowship and potpourri of healthy snacks attendees provide! *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 Zhujing "Jing" Yong this Saturday, March 8 at 1:00 PM in the Grace-University Fellowship Hall. **The Yongs are registered at Target under the name Zhujing Sun.** 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.



## Fun With the Family at ALA's Wiffle Ball Tournament

Bring your family out for some Wiffle fun! Arizona Lutheran Academy's baseball team is hosting an all-age Wiffle Ball Tournament at ALA this Saturday, March 8, from 8:00 AM to noon. Pre-register by Wednesday, March 5. For more information and to register, go to [ALAcoyotes.org](http://ALAcoyotes.org) and follow the Wiffle Ball link. If you have any questions, contact ALA's baseball coach, Scott Hill, at [Hill@ALAcoyotes.org](mailto:Hill@ALAcoyotes.org) or 602-268-8686 ext. 21.



## 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 8-15 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](http://www.kingdomworkers.com/GraceTucsonAZ) to WELS Kingdom Workers in support of their visit.

## 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.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall and on the welcome table at Grace-Vail if you'd like to help with the meal or bring a cake to share. PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY!

## Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic!

Please join us on Saturday, March 22 from noon until 3:30 PM for a **Good Old Fashioned Church Picnic** at Lakeside Park (8300 E. Stella Rd., 85730)! Items to bring: lawn chairs, a picnic side dish, and a dessert. Please note there is no electricity available, so plan accordingly. Everyone is invited to participate in our "Best Pie" Contest!! Bring your favorite HOMEMADE pie for our panel of judges. We are planning fun activities for ALL ages so come ready to have some fun! Volunteers would be appreciated for set up, grilling, extra hands for activities, and clean up. Please consider how you can help and contact Jason Watson (243-0034) or Debbie Koehler (405-7083) for more details or with any questions you may have. We hope to see everyone there!



## 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](http://ALAcoyotes.org/gala) to donate, attend, or learn more.

## 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](http://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.

## Graveside Service This Afternoon

Ann Neff was called home to heaven last Wednesday, February 26. A service of committal will be held for her this afternoon at 2:30 PM at East Lawn Cemetery (5801 E Grant Rd).