

# Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 25, 2015



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
830 N. First Ave  
Tucson, AZ 85719

## PRESERVICE MUSIC

Come, Ye Thankful People Come &  
We Gather Together  
*Played by the Handbell Choir*

Come, Ye Thankful People Come  
*Arr. by Larry Moore*  
*Played by the Brass Ensemble*

# A Service of Thanksgiving

## WELCOME

## OPENING HYMN

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer  
*Christian Worship #609*

*Please stand*

## RESPONSIVE SENTENCES

M: Minister C: Congregation



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.



C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.



M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU

*Psalms 141*

The musical score is written for a single voice part in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a C: (Cantor) marking. The lyrics are: 'Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.' The music is a simple, melodic line with some rests and ties.

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.  
O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.  
Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,  
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

## PRAYER

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

## FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 8:10-18 (NIV)

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you

through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 100

*The pastor will sing the first line. The congregation may join in the second line and the refrains.*

### Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

### Psalm Tone



1. Shout for joy to the LORD, / all the earth.\* Worship the LORD with / gladness;
2. come before him with / joyful songs.\* Know that the / LORD is God.
3. It is he who made us, and / we are his;\* we are his people, the sheep of his / pasture.

### Refrain

4. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his / courts with praise;\*
- give thanks to him and / praise his name.
5. For the LORD is good and his love endures for- / ever;\*
- his faithfulness continues through all gener- / ations.
6. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son\* and to the Holy / Spirit,
- as it was in the be- / ginning,\* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

### Refrain

## PSALM PRAYER

M: God our Father, you made us, and we belong to you. Keep us mindful of your goodness that with thankful hearts we may sing your praise who alone is worthy of honor and glory together with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## SECOND LESSON

Philippians 4:10-13 (NIV)

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know

what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength.

## WORSHIP CHOIR

We Come to Say Thank You  
By Pepper Choplin

*REFRAIN: Thank you, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank you." For all you've done,  
We say, "Thank you, thank you today for all the blessings you send our way."*

*REFRAIN*

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glories of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies.  
For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Stars of heavenly light. REFRAIN*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for the gentle thoughts and mild.  
For thyself, best gift divine, to our race so freely giv'n,  
For the great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n.  
Endless joy in heav'n! REFRAIN*

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19 (NIV)

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them,

when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Rise and go; your faith has made you well."

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God  
*Christian Worship #610*

## SERMON

Psalm 100  
For the Lord is Good

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the LORD is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter

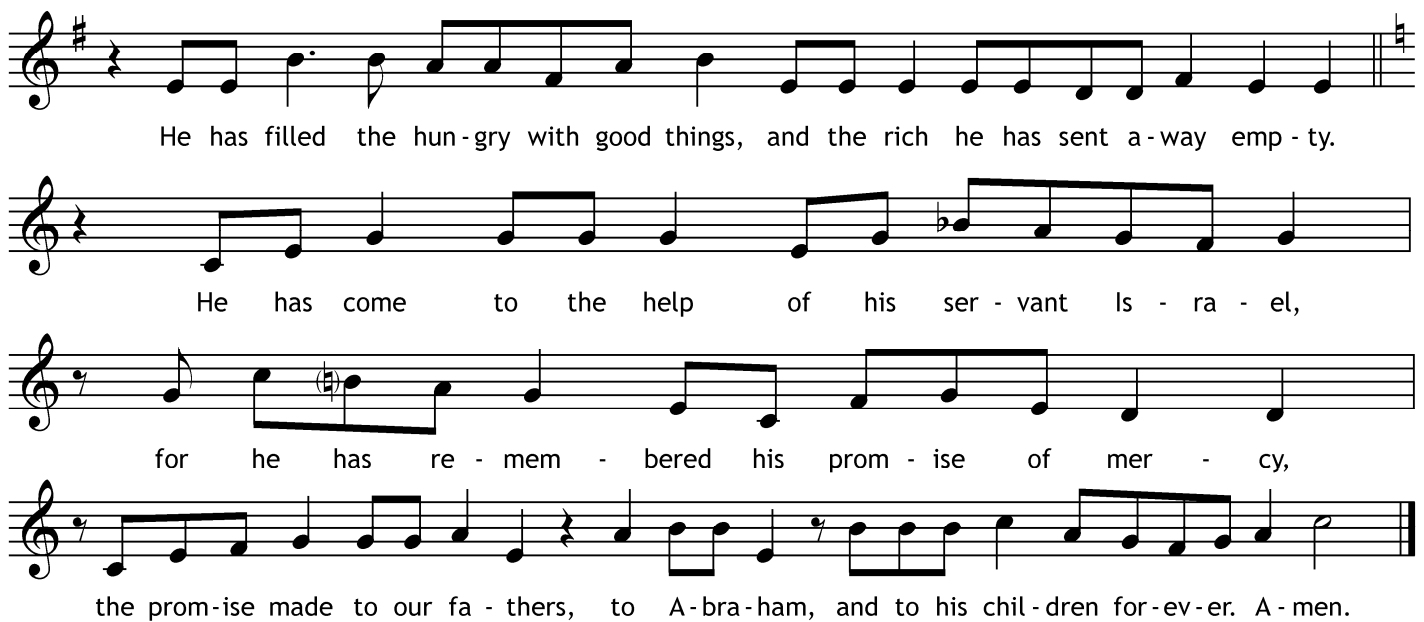
his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

*Please stand*

## SONG OF MARY

*Magnificat*

C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior,  
for he has looked with fa-vor on his low-ly ser-vant.  
From this day all gen-er-a-tions will call me bless-ed.  
The Al-might-y has done great things for me, and ho-ly is his name.  
He has mer-cy on those who fear him in ev-'ry gen-er-a-tion.  
He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the proud in their con-ceit.  
He has cast down the might-y from their thrones and has lift-ed up the low-ly.



He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp - ty.

He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,

for he has re - mem - bered his prom - ise of mer - cy,

the prom-ise made to our fa - thers, to A-bra-ham, and to his chil - dren for-ev-er. A - men.

*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 pew and pass along. Thank you!*



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

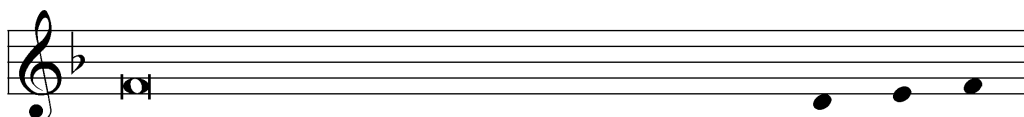
## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**Now Thank We All Our God**  
Setting by John Carter

*Please stand*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



**M:** In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Christ, have mer - cy.

**M:** For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

**M:** For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:



**C:** Lord, hear our prayer.

**M:** For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:



**C:** Thanks be to God.

**M:** In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O Lord:



**C:** A - men.



## 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.

## PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*



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 of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

## BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

For the Fruit of His Creation  
Christian Worship #611

POSTLUDE

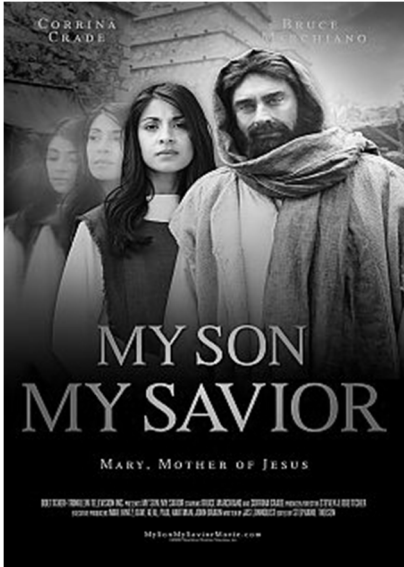
Now Thank We All Our God / Come, Ye Thankful People, Come  
Arranged by Cindy Berry

We thank those assisting in our Thanksgiving Worship:

Service .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Accompanist.....	Beth Kassulke
Vocalist.....	Nicole Peterson
Brass Ensemble Director .....	Missy Wiechmann
Trumpets .....	Pastor Ron Koehler, Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Baritone.....	Eileen Rayman
Trombone.....	John Rayman
French Horn.....	Cora Stuhr
Handbell Choir Director.....	Melissa Newbrey
Worship Choir Director.....	Teri Guenther
Ushers .....	Ed Ethington, Danny Koehler, Ferdie Kramm, Vic Thornton
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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
<b>Midweek Advent Services</b> Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16 10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson (soup supper at 6:00 PM) 7:00 PM at Grace-Benson (soup supper at 6:00 PM)	<b>Christmas Eve Services</b> Thursday, December 24 4:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Vail 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson
<b>Children’s Christmas Service</b> Sunday, December 13 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson	<b>Christmas Day Services</b> Friday, December 25 10:00 AM at Grace-Benson 10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson
	<b>New Year’s Eve Worship</b> Thursday, December 31 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson



## Christmas Outreach 2015

We look forward to sharing the joyous news of our Savior's birth with the communities around each of Grace's sites. After all, the angel announced that this good news is for all people!

Our Christmas Outreach Plan includes using the latest Bible movie produced by the WELS. It is entitled *My Son, My Savior* and it tells the story of Jesus through Mary's eyes. It appears to be an excellent piece of work, like the two before it, *Road to Emmaus* and *Come Follow Me*. Go to <http://wels.net/serving-you/christian-life/evangelism/my-son-my-savior/> for information about the movie, to view the trailer, or make personal orders.

We ordered cases of the DVDs and had members at each site wrap them as gifts, and they are now available at each site for members to give to unchurched friends as invitations to Christmas services at Grace. Our Christmas service information is included with each DVD.

Outreach to the unchurched is the primary purpose of these DVDs. However, members who would like to have their own copy or give one to family members or church friends may make a \$5 donation to Grace's Outreach Fund for each one.

### How can you be part of this Christmas Outreach?

- 1. Find an unchurched Neighbor, Acquaintance, Friend, or Relative** (or 5 or 10!) and give them one of these as a gift and invitation to worship our newborn Savior with us. **You'll find wrapped DVD's in the Fellowship Hall and at both church entryways.**
- 2. Make a donation to the Grace Outreach Fund.** Include in your regular envelope and note the special donation or use a separate envelope indicating your gift that will help us in sharing our Savior with others.

*Many thanks to all who have already helped by donating wrapping paper and ribbons and by wrapping these gifts!*



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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)