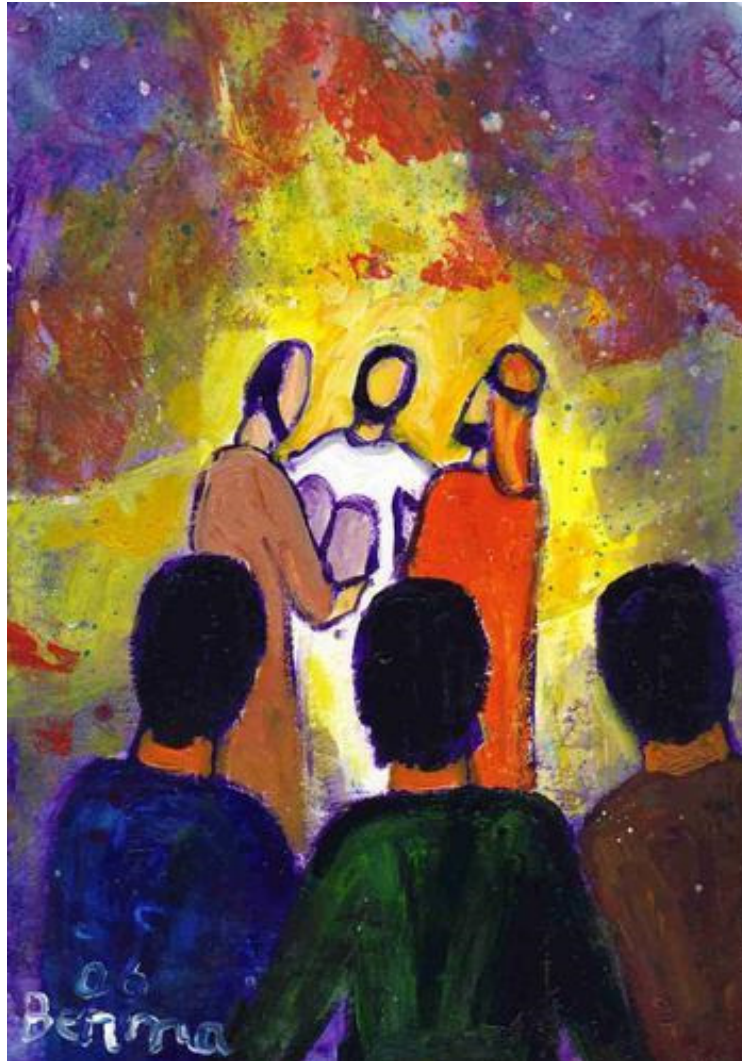


# Last Sunday after the Epiphany— Transfiguration of Our Lord



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 15, 2015



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-Tucson! 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.

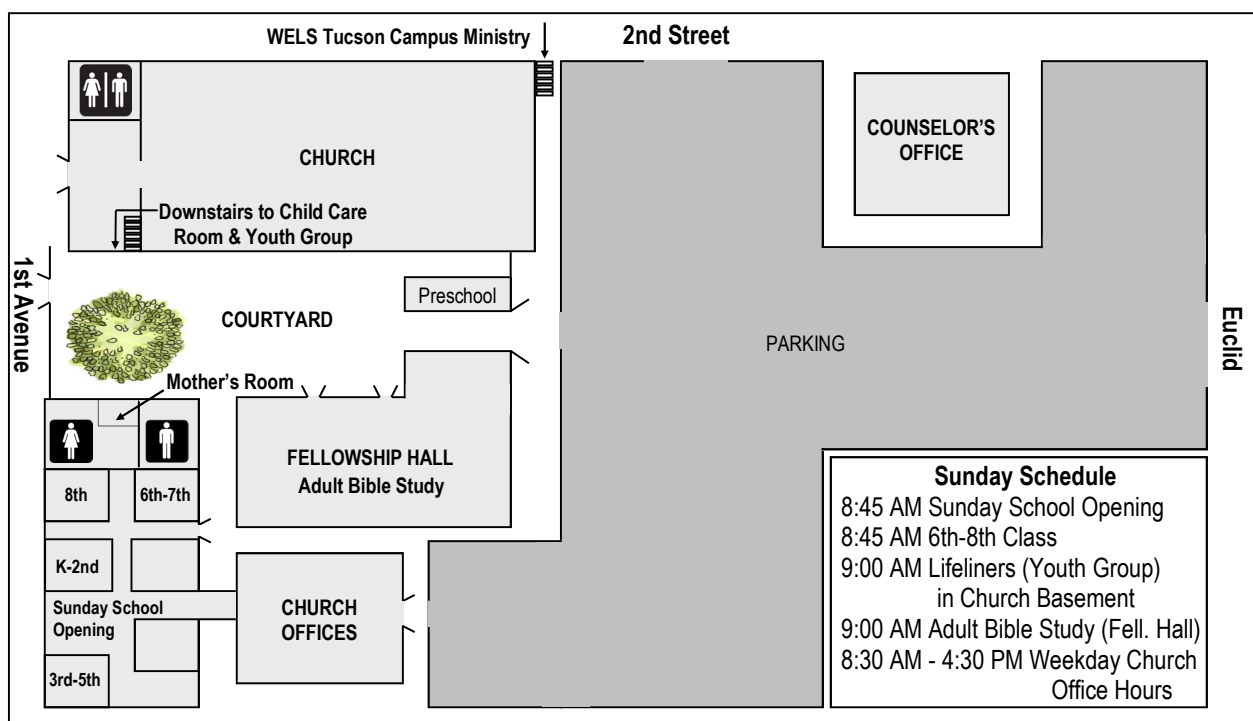
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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.GraceLutheranSAZ.org](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



# DIVINE SERVICE I

## Christian Worship Supplement

### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM—  
Two Movements  
from the Suite  
Gothique  
By Leon Boellmann

## WELCOME

## HYMN

Down from the Mount of Glory  
Christian Worship #97

*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*



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 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, 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

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the

### Exodus 34:29-35 (NIV)

commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

*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

Therefore, since we have such a hope, we are very bold. We are not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face to keep the Israelites from gazing at it while the radiance was fading away. But their minds were made dull, for to this day the same veil remains when the old covenant is read. It has not been removed, because only in Christ is it taken away. Even to this day when Moses is read, a veil covers their hearts. But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there

### 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2 (NIV)

is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart. Rather, we have renounced secret and shameful ways; we do not use deception, nor do we distort the word of God. On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 9:7b NIV

M: Alleluia. A Voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him.” Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Luke 9:28-36 (NIV)

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

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



About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus. They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him,

“Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what he was saying.) While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. A voice came from the cloud, saying, “This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him.” When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves, and told no one at that time what they had seen. The next day, when they came down from the mountain, a large crowd met him.

*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.


C: 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 on the Mountain Peak



Choir 1 Je - sus on the moun-tain peak      Stands a . - lone in  
 Women 2 Trem - bling at His feet we saw      Mo - ses and E -  
 Men 3 Swift the cloud of glo - ry came:      God pro - claim - ing  
 All 4 This is God's be - lov - ed Son!      Law and proph - ets



glo - ry blaz - ing; Let us, if we dare to speak,  
 li - jah speak - ing. All the proph - ets and the law  
 in its thun - der Je - sus as the Son by name!  
 sing be - fore Him, First and Last and on - ly One.



Join the saints and an - gels prais - ing.  
 Shout through them their joy - ful greet - ing:  
 Na - tions, cry a - loud in won - der,  
 All cre - a - tion shall a - dore Him!



Al - le - lu - ia!

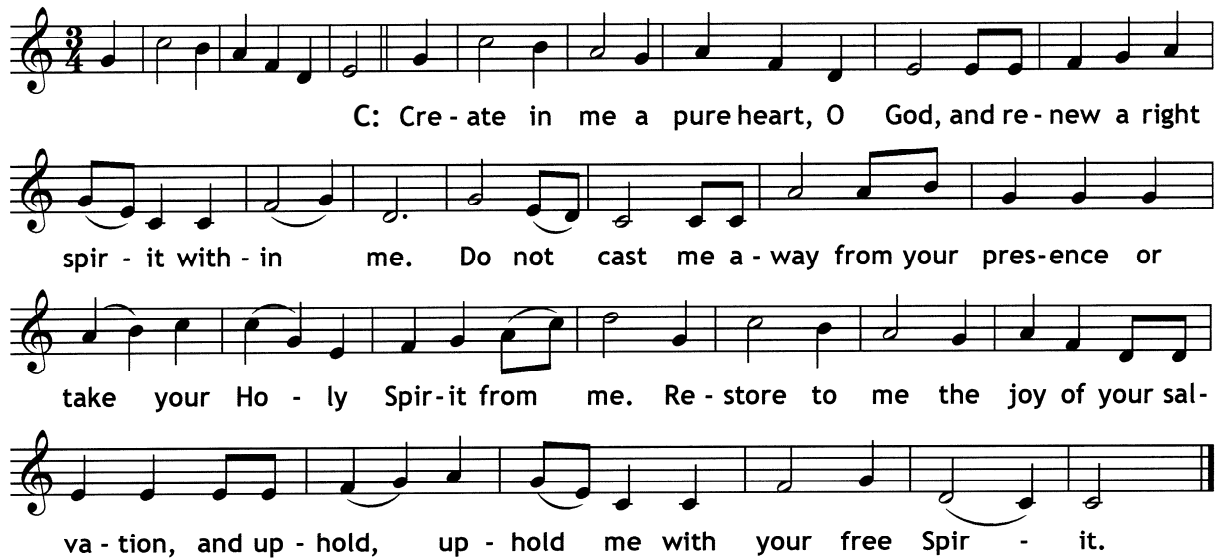
## SERMON

Luke 9:28-36  
 This Is God's Son!

1. See His Glory
2. Remember His Mission
3. Listen To Him

*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*



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your smart phone to  
give online by  
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### 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*

### OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**10:00 AM—**  
*Jesus, Take Us to  
the Mountain*  
By Carl Schalk

### 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.*

**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.

**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.*

## 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:*

*Jesus is the Lamb of God who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. The words of this song are based on John 1:29.*

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.

**DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)**

**Lord, to You I Make Confession**  
*Christian Worship #302*

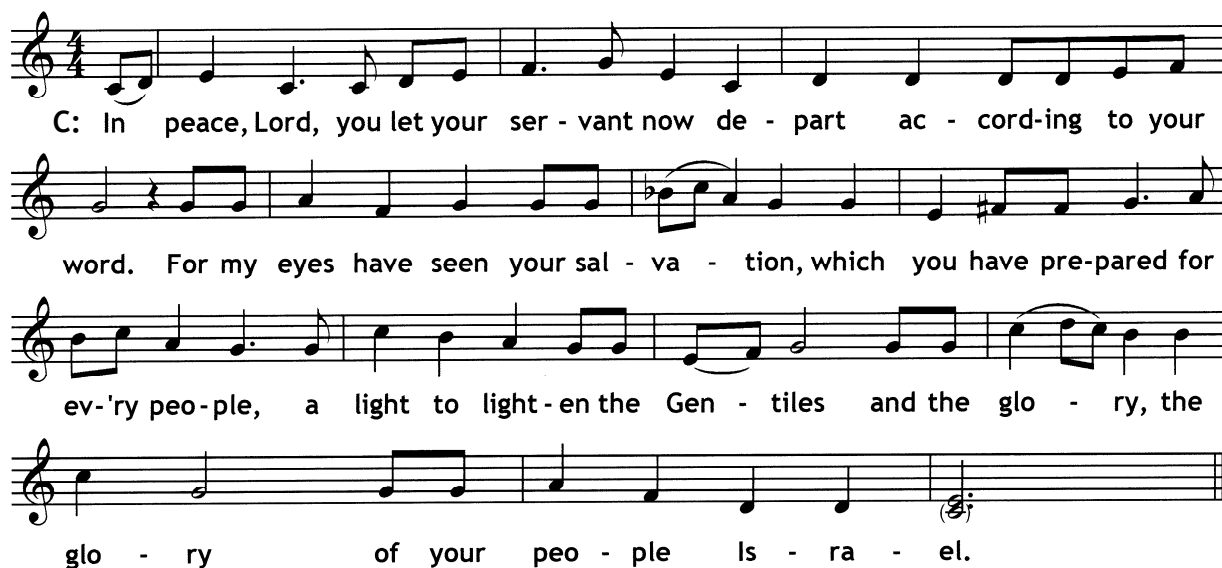
*Please stand*

## 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*

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.

**POSTLUDE:****10:00 AM—***Processional**By G. F. Handel***ANNOUNCEMENTS****FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA**

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 can - not die;
2. Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in pure ac - cord,
3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4. May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty—



Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;  
 With Christ's ho - ly Church u - ni - ted, jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored,  
 Al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres - sions make us for a while fore - go.  
 As we look to your blest Eas - ter, here, and then e - ter - nal - ly,



Saints a - dorned in robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.  
 And with all his faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.  
 For the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.  
 When we shall once more be sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

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**This Week at Grace • Feb 15-Feb 22**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

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):  
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days*.....9:00a  
WELS TCM: *Is it OK to Date a Non-Christian?* .....7:00p

**Monday**

Handbell Practice .....4:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

**Tuesday**

English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship.....9:45a

**Wednesday**

Ash Wed. Devotional Service with Communion ....10:00a

**Sunday**

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship.....9:45a

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service .....7:30a

**Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion .....7:00p

**Sunday**

Worship Service .....7:30a

**Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion**..... 10:00a  
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall ..... 5:30-6:15p  
**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** ..... 6:30p

**Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus*..... 9:00a  
Worship Choir Practice ..... 6:30p

**Friday**

Precious Lambs at the Wiechmann's..... 9:30-11:30a

**Sunday**

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**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 2:00p  
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *"Formed to Fly"*... 7:00p

**VAIL**

**Today**

Bible Study: *God's Family*..... 9:00a  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a  
Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship ..... 10:00

**Monday**

Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club..... 9:00a

**Sunday**

Bible Study: *God's Family*..... 9:00a  
Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a  
Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship ..... 10:00a

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**Preacher** ..... Pastor Ron Koehler  
**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)  
    Jay Pauley, Education Elder (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists** ..... Adele Koutia (7:45 AM)  
    Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)  
**Vocalists** ..... Dylan & Teri Guenther (7:45 AM)  
**Worship Choir Director** ..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Ushers** ..... Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)  
    Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)  
    Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Jeremy Snively (10:00 AM)  
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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.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Greg & Karen Grorud to the glory of God and in loving memory of August and Dorothy Lehet.

## 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 Bud & Donna Brown and Bill & Dorothy Rauh. 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*

Joshua 7:16-26  
 Hebrews 4:14-16  
 Luke 4:1-13

### **Sermon Text & Theme**

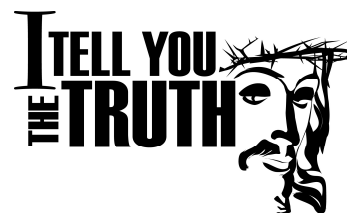
Hebrews 4:14-16  
*Hold Firmly to the Faith*

## Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for next Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Pastor and Council reports can be found in the church entryways and in the Fellowship Hall. The report keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

## **Lenten Services and Suppers at Grace-Tucson**

Join us at Grace-Tucson on Wednesdays throughout Lent for our Midweek Lenten Worship Services at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Supper will be served at 5:30 before the evening services. The theme for our services this Lent is "I Tell You the Truth," based on several teachings of Jesus highlighted by that phrase. Please consider asking an unchurched friend to join you!



WELS musicians Branches Band will be providing music for both of our Ash Wednesday services on February 18 at Grace-Tucson, and both of these services will also include the celebration of Holy Communion.

We need volunteers to host the meals, February 25, March 4, March 18 and March 25 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals. You may also contact the church office if you're interested in helping.

## **Lenten Services in Sahuarita**

Pastor Koehler and Pastor Kassulke will lead devotional Lenten services on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM starting this week at Grace-Sahuarita. These brief services will include hymns, prayers, psalms and a reading of the Passion History. Lent gives us the opportunity to focus on our Savior's suffering and death and prepare us for Easter. All are welcome.

## **Ash Wednesday Service at Grace-Benson**

Pastor Rieke is leading an Ash Wednesday service at Grace-Benson this Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM. Please consider asking an unchurched friend to join you!

## **Thrivent Choice Dollars**

2014 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2015. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds are distributed. Grace is eligible to receive those dollars to assist with our ministry. If you are a Thrivent member you can direct your Choice Dollars by going to [Thrivent.com](http://Thrivent.com) or calling a Customer Care Professional at 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice."

## **50th Wedding**

Ron and Marian Mundale celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary this past Friday, February 13th. Ron and Marian have been winter visitors at Grace-Sahuarita for many years. We wish them God's blessings on this momentous occasion!

## **Divine Call Extended**

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, January 25, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Chadwick Graham. Pastor Graham currently serves at Grace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Please keep Pastor Graham, his wife Karis, and his children Ben and Megan in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Oshkosh and here at Grace!



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