

Easter Festival Worship

April 5, 2015



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
830 N 1st Avenue, Tucson, AZ



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.

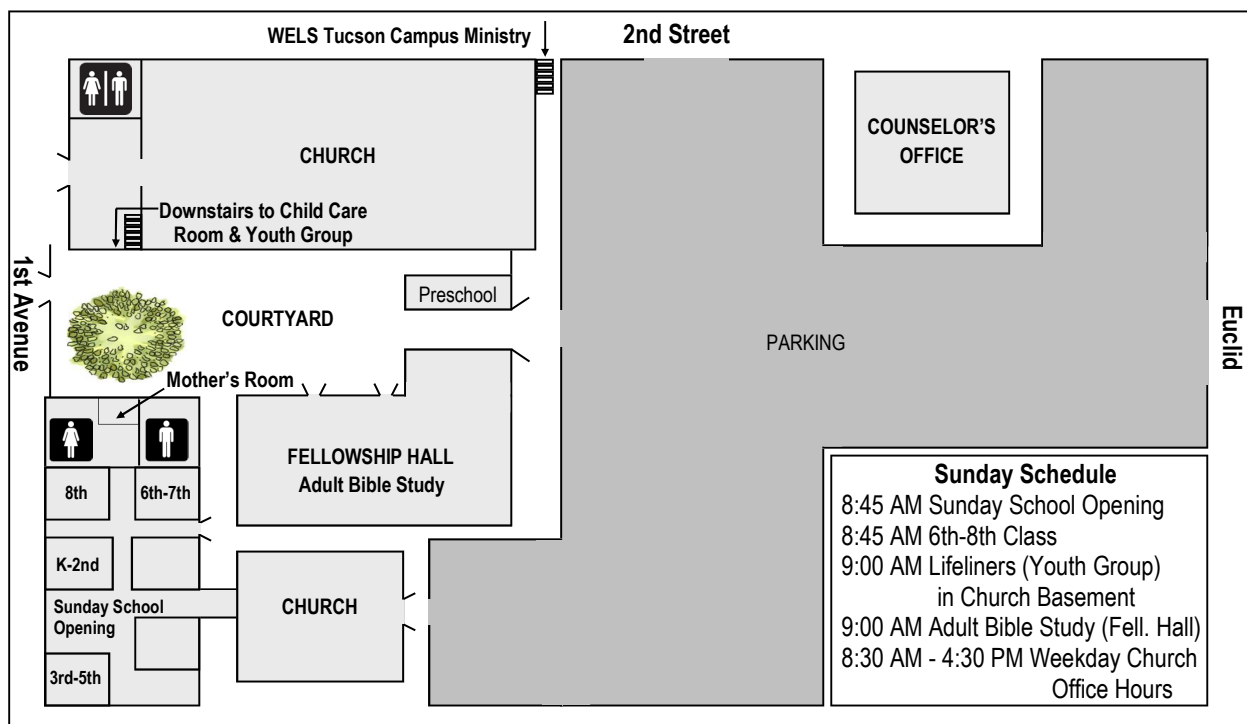
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE II
Christian Worship Supplement

VOICES OF GRACE & HANDBELL CHOIR

Easter Song

*Hear the bells ringing, they're singing that we can be born again.
Hear the bells ringing, they're singing, "Christ is risen from the dead!"
The angel up on the tombstone said, "He is risen just as He said.
Quickly now, go tell His disciples that Jesus Christ is no longer dead!"
Joy to the world, He is risen, Hallelujah! He's risen, Hallelujah! He's risen, Hallelujah!*

WELCOME

HYMN (*stanza 2 will be sung by the choir*)

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Christian Worship #157

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

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.

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

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today *Christian Worship #149 st. 1, 4-6*



1. "Christ the Lord is ris'n to - day!" Saints on earth and an - gels say;
 4. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King! Where, O death, is now your sting?
 5. Soar we now where Christ has led, Fol - l'wing our ex - alt - ed head.
 6. Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n! Praise to you by both be giv'n!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high; Sing, O heav'ns, and earth, re - ply.
 Once he died our souls to save; Where the vic - to - ry, O grave?
 Made like him, like him we rise; Ours the cross, the grave, the skies!
 God has now ful - filled his Word; Praise the res - ur - rect - ed Lord!

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we who have been raised with him through baptism may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Exodus 15:1-11 (NIV)

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: “I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father’s God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh’s chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh’s officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down

those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.’ But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?”

WORSHIP CHOIR

My Redeemer’s Love

*Christ is risen! Celebrate the victory! Christ is risen! And His pow’r has set us free!
Love’s redeeming work is done; fought the fight, the battle won!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!*

*I will sing of my Redeemer and His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered from the curse to set me free.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.*

*I will sing of my Redeemer and His heav’nly love for me;
He from death to life hath brought me, Son of God, with Him to be.
Sing, O sing of my Redeemer, with His blood He purchased me,
On the cross He sealed my pardon, paid the debt, and made me free.*

*Christ is risen! Celebrate the victory! Christ is risen! And His pow’r has set us free!
Christ is risen! Christ is risen from the dead!*

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NIV)

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time,

most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

VOCAL DUET

This Is the Day

Based on the Verse of the Day, Psalm 118:24: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

REFRAIN:

*This is the day that the Lord has made! Rejoice! Rejoice and be exceedingly glad!
This is the day that the Lord has made! Rejoice! Rejoice! Hallelujah!*

*Christ has conquered death at last, left the tomb that held him fast!
Gone the sorrow, gone the night; dawn the morning clear and bright! REFRAIN*

*Jesus lives who once was dead, crown of glory on his head!
Risen now our Lord and King; songs of gladness let us sing. REFRAIN*

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

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

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered in-

to the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Alleluia! Jesus Lives
Christian Worship #153

SERMON

Luke 24:1-12
The Best Word to Describe Easter

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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!



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smart phone to give online
by scanning this QR code.*

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Arr. by Mona Williams Coalter

Piano Duet: Teri Guenther & Beth Kassulke

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for believers, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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.

HYMN (*see page 8*)

If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death
Christian Worship Supplement #721

Please stand

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

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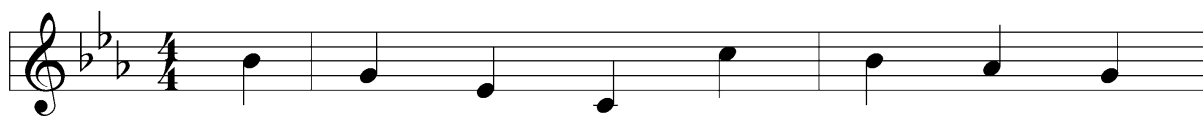
CLOSING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Christian Worship #152

Stanzas 1 & 2: All
Stanza 3: Women
Stanza 4: Choir

Stanza 5: All
Stanza 6: Men
Stanzas 7 & 8: All

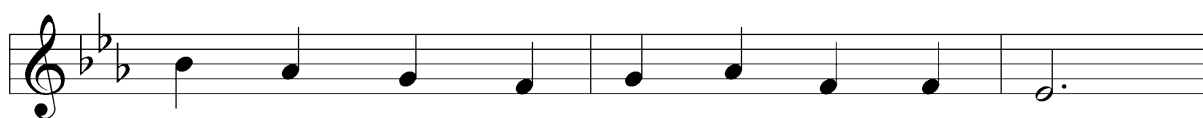
721 If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death



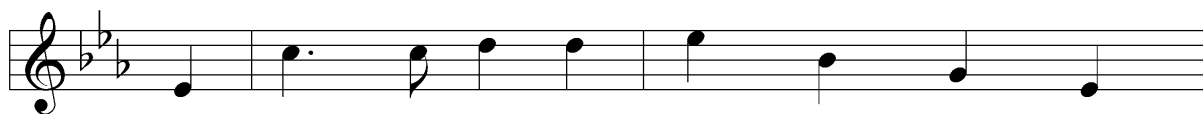
Choir 1 If Christ had not been raised from death,
Choir 2 If Christ still lay with - in the tomb,
Cong. 3 If Christ had not been tru - ly raised,



Our faith would be in vain, Our preach - ing but a
 Then death would be the end, And we should face our
 His Church would live a lie; His name should nev - er -



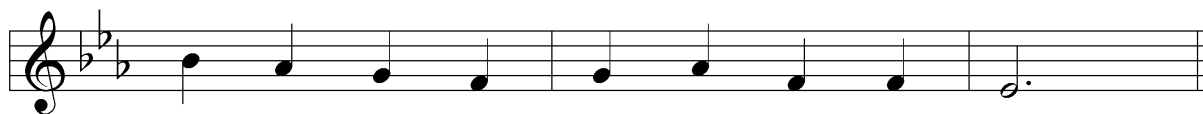
waste of breath, Our sin and guilt re - main.
 fi - nal doom With nei - ther guide nor friend.
 more be praised; His words de - serve to die.



But now the Lord is ris'n in - deed. He
 But now the Sav - ior is raised up, So
 But now our great Re - deem - er lives; Through



rules in earth and heav'n: His gos - pel meets a
 when a Chris - tian dies We mourn, yet look to
 him we are re - stored; His Word en - dures, his



world of need— In Christ we are for - giv'n.
 God in hope— In Christ the saints a - rise!
 Church re - vives In Christ, our ris - en Lord.

The hymn writer brings to mind the implications of Christ not being raised from death that Saint Paul delineates in his famous resurrection chapter, 1 Corinthians 15.

We wish you a blessed Easter Day! If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join us for worship each week throughout the year. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about our church and invite you to speak with one of the pastors if you have an interest in becoming a member of Grace.

Those Assisting in Easter Worship

<i>Worship Leader</i>		<i>Pastor Nathan Kassulke</i>
<i>Preacher</i>		<i>Pastor Sam Clemons</i>
<i>Organist</i>		<i>Teri Guenther</i>
<i>Voices of Grace Director</i>		<i>Beth Kassulke</i>
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<i>Worship Choir Director</i>		<i>Teri Guenther</i>
<i>Vocal Duet</i>		<i>Beth & Naomi Kassulke</i>
<i>Piano Duet</i>	<i>Beth Kassulke</i>	<i>Teri Guenther</i>
<i>Guitar</i>		<i>Daniel Valdez</i>
<i>Brass Director</i>		<i>Marissa Wiechmann</i>
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<i>Trumpet</i>		<i>Nathan Kassulke</i>
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at FOUR places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities
at Grace locations in
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.**

This Week at Grace • Apr 5-Apr 12

TUCSON

Today

Sunrise Service (in the Courtyard)..... 7:00a
Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall)..... 8:00a
Easter Concert (in the Church)..... 9:00a
Festival Worship (in the Church)..... 10:00a

**There is NO Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, or
WELS TCM Bible Study on Easter Sunday.**

Monday

NO Handbell Practice
English a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Easter Festival Worship..... 9:45a
Easter Brunch Following Worship.....

Wednesday

NO Bible Study.....

Saturday

Church Picnic..... 12:00p

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

BENSON

Today

Easter Festival Worship/ Breakfast..... 7:30a

Saturday

Church Picnic at Grace-Sahuarita..... 12:00p

Sunday

Worship Service..... 7:30a

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study

NO Worship Choir Practice

Friday

NO Precious Lambs Playgroup.....

Saturday

Christian Fellowship Group: *Guenther Baskets*.... 10:00a

Church Picnic at Grace-Sahuarita 12:00p

Sunday

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: *Archaeology & The Bible* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Easter Breakfast..... 9:00a

Easter Festival Worship..... 10:00a

Monday

NO Bible Study

Saturday

Church Picnic at Grace-Sahuarita 12:00p

Sunday

Bible Study: *Joshua*..... 9:00a

Children's Sunday School 9:00a

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship..... 10:00a

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TODAY

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.

Your invited to worship with us at any of our four sites:

Grace-Tucson

Located at 830 N. 1st Ave in Tucson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Tucson is:

- 7:45 AM Worship Service
- 8:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Teen and Adult Bible Studies
- 10:00 AM Worship Service.

Grace-Benson

Located at 451 W. Duane St. in Benson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Benson is: 7:30 AM Worship Service.

Grace-Sahuarita

Located at 17675 S. La Canada Dr. in Sahuarita.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Sahuarita is: 9:45 AM Worship Service.

Grace-Vail

We currently worship in Esmond Station School at 9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way in Rita Ranch.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Vail is:

- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Worship Service.

Easter Lilies

Thank you to those who have beautified our Easter worship by providing lilies:

Jeanette O'Donald—In memory of parents, Esther & Myron Nelson.

John & Marsha Hoffmann—In memory of John's mother, Esther Hoffman, and Marsha's father, Robert Good.

Dottie Kaiser—In loving memory of her parents and Jerry Wachsmann.

Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of August & Dorothy Lehet and Al, Joan and Allan Grorud.

Ned Stageberg—In loving memory of his mother, Irene.

Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In loving memory of their parents.

Sally Littau—In loving memory of her parents, aunts and uncles.

Nancy Miles—In thanks to God for abundant, unexpected and undeserved blessings.

Nicole Peterson—In thanks to God for his many blessings and in loving memory of Peggy & Carlos Peterson.

Bob & Audrey Nessinger—In memory of Linda and Dick and in thanks to God for all the Nessingers' blessings.

John & Lauri Colton—In memory of loved ones.

Linda, Andrea, Amy, Josh, Zach Morris and Alicia Shanklin—In loving memory of Brian Morris, husband, father and papa.

Dwight Shafer



For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!