

Area Reformation Service



November 1, 2015

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



PRESERVICE MUSIC

A Mighty Fortress
Arr. by Anna Laura Page

WELCOME

OPENING ANTHEM

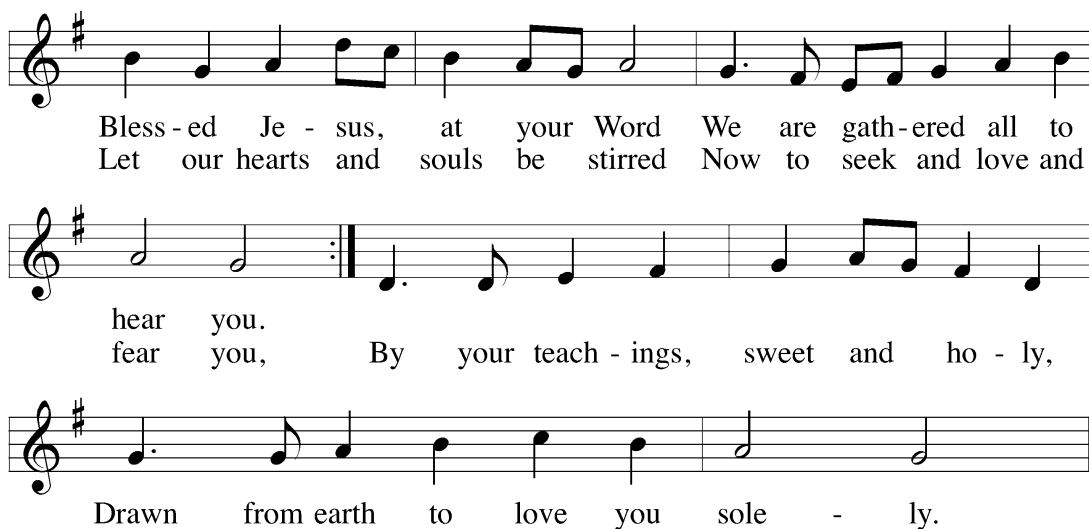
Yesu Kwetu Ni Rafiki
Sung by the Redeemer Lutheran School Students
Directed by Jessica Seiltz

*This song includes the words of "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
(Hymn 411) in both English and Swahili.*

Please stand

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

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



Bless - ed Je - sus, at your Word We are gath - ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and

hear you.
fear you, By your teach - ings, sweet and ho - ly,

Drawn from earth to love you sole - ly.

M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Psalms 119:97-99, 103

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-
shroud - ed
cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
You must work all good with - in us.

M: All scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.

C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. *2 Tim. 3:16, 17*

M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his 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.

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
ceed - ing,
plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (*John 20:31*). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

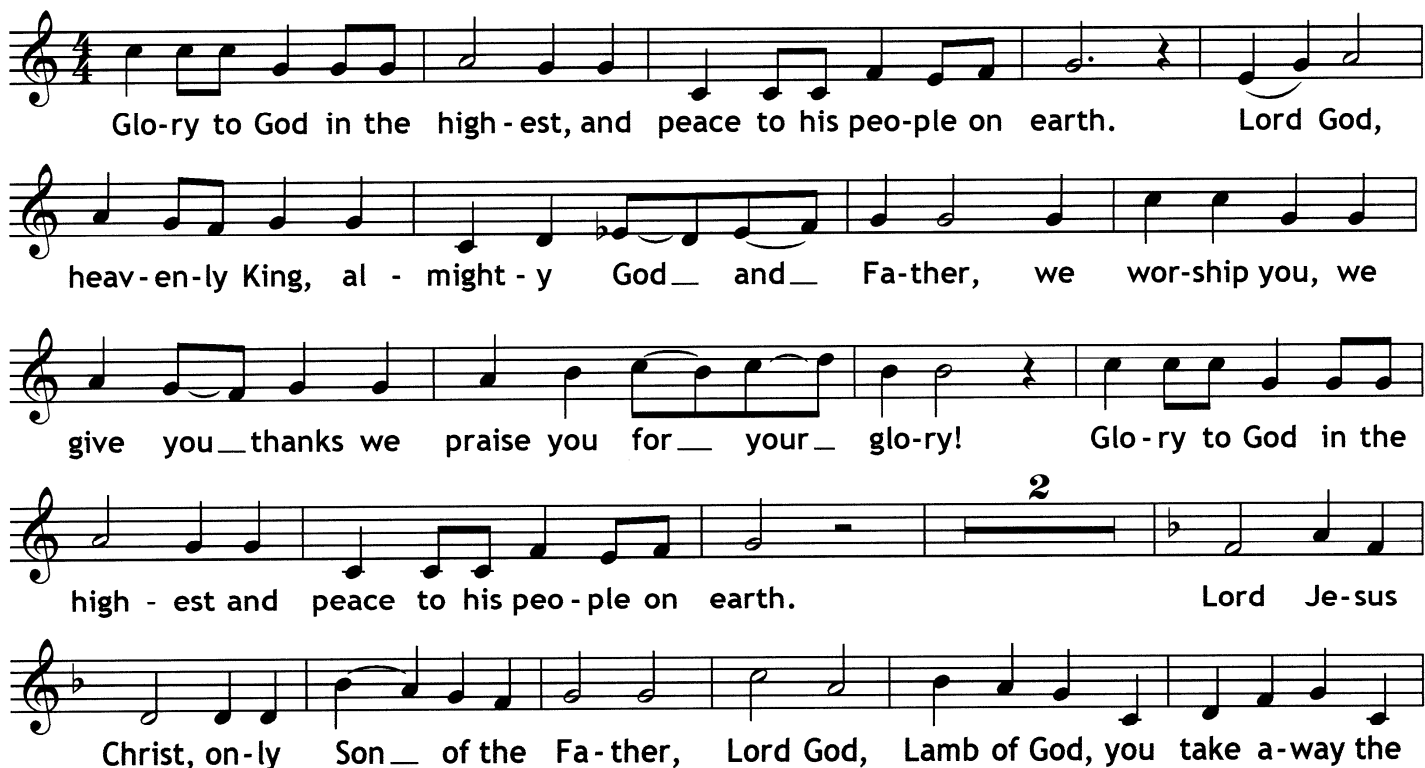
M: Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of your gospel to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief intro by the brass ensemble)



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!

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!" Listen! Your watchmen lift up their voices; together they shout for joy. When the LORD returns to Zion, they will see it with their own

Isaiah 52:7-10 (NIV)

eyes. Burst into songs of joy together, you ruins of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem. The LORD will lay bare his holy arm in the sight of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God.

SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS CHOIR

We Are Sent Into the World

The choir will sing the first refrain.

The congregation is invited to repeat the refrain and sing it following each verse as indicated.

REFRAIN



We are sent in - to the world to pro - claim the reign of God. We give
glo - ry to the ris - en Christ a - mong us. Though our
eyes have not seen his face, we be - lieve and we
spread the sto - ry of our faith.

1. Sent out to the world as the followers of Christ, we are called to proclaim good news.
For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice in the power of the truth!

REFRAIN

2. Sent out to the world as disciples of the Word, let us preach to the ends of the earth.
For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice in the promise of new birth!

REFRAIN

3. Sent out to the world as ambassadors of Christ, we are sent to all nations great and small.
For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice in the splendor of our call!

REFRAIN

4. Sent out to the world as the chosen of the Lord, may the Spirit instill our hearts aflame.
For Christ conquered death in his rising to new life: Rejoice to the glory of his name!

REFRAIN

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:7-18 (NIV)

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so

that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you. It is written: "I believed; therefore I have spoken." With that same spirit

of faith we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you in his presence. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God. Therefore we do not lose

heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

VERSE OF THE DAY *(Sung by the Voices of Grace Choir)*

Exodus 15:2

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-20 (NIV)

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road. When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.' If a man of peace is there, your peace will rest on him; if not, it will return to you. Stay in that house, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house. When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God is near you.' But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that sticks to our feet we wipe off against you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom

of God is near.' I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town. Woe to you, Korazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the miracles that were performed in you had been performed in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. But it will be more bearable for Tyre and Sidon at the judgment than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be lifted up to the skies? No, you will go down to the depths. He who listens to you listens to me; he who rejects you rejects me; but he who rejects me rejects him who sent me." The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your name." He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Our Lord, Your Holy Word
Christian Worship #204

HERE WE STAND

1. It's what we believe.
2. It's what we speak.

Please stand

HYMN

We All Believe in One True God Christian Worship #270



1 We all be - lieve in one true God, Fa - ther, Son, and
 2 We all be - lieve in Je - sus Christ, Son of God and
 3 We all con - fess the Ho - ly Ghost, Who from both for -

Ho - ly Ghost, Ev - er - pres - ent help in need,
 Mar - y's Son, Who de - scend - ed from his throne
 e'er pro - ceeds, Who up - holds and com - forts us

Praised by all the heav'n - ly host, By whose might - y
 And for us sal - va - tion won, By whose cross and
 In all tri - als, fears, and needs. Bless - ed, ho - ly

pow'r a - lone All is made and wrought and done.
 death are we Res - cued from all mis - er - y.
 Trin - i - ty, Hear our praise e - ter - nal - ly!

Please be seated

OFFERING

Our generous offerings of thanks to God go to support the work of our Saguaro Circuit. In the past these gifts have enabled us to carry out God's kingdom work in many ways, including preparing and mailing outreach materials for all of our congregations, supporting mission work, and allowing us to join for Reformation worship each year.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Beautiful Savior
 Arr. by Valerie Floeter
 Violin: Kaleb Peek, Piano: Jessica Seiltz

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—REFORMATION

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: **Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.**

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of Salvation into all the world.

C: **The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.**

M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.

C: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**

M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.

C: **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.

C: **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**

M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

C: **Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**

M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.

C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. 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.**

Please stand

PRAYER

M: Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, 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

CLOSING HYMN (see page 10)

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go
Christian Worship #518

*Stanzas 1 & 4 will be sung by the Grace Worship Choir as printed.
The congregation is invited to join in singing the other stanzas.*

POSTLUDE

A Mighty Fortress
Organ/Piano Duet
Played by Jessica & Joy Seiltz

Those serving in worship today

Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons
Service Accompanist Teri Guenther
Organ/Piano Duet Jessica & Joy Seiltz
Voices of Grace Director Beth Kassulke
Brass Ensemble Director Missy Wiechmann
Children's Choir Director Jessica Seiltz
Guitar Jim Goldie
Timpani Danny Koehler
French Horn Cora Stuhr
Trombone John Rayman
Ushers Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther,
Eric Hanson, Danny Koehler, Ferdie Kramm

Preacher Pastor David Clark
Pianist Paula Schmugge
Offertory Music Kaleb Peek & Jessica Seiltz
Grace Worship Choir Director ... Teri Guenther
SOTH Choir Director Paula Schmugge
Clarinets Beth Kassulke, Missy Wiechmann
Flute Lakeisha Johnson
Trumpets Pastor Nathan Kassulke,
Pastor Ron Koehler
Baritone Eileen Rayman
Sound Tech Jeff Weinstein

Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go

James Quinn, b. 1919, st. 1,2,4,5

Mark A. Jeske, b. 1952, st. 3

LLEDROD

Llyfr Tonau Cynulleidfaol, Wales, 1959

arr. Kermit Moldenhauer



Choir 1. Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
All 2. King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
All 3. Priests to the world, yes, roy - al priests
Choir 4. Christ on our lips, his Word we speak.
All 5. We are the Church; Christ bids us show



Christ to the world with joy we bring,
King - ship with him his ser - vants gain.
As mem - bers of Christ's fam - i - ly,
Proph - ets are we whose deeds pro - claim
That in his Church all na - tions find



Christ in our minds, — Christ on our lips, —
With Christ the Ser - vant - Lord of all, —
Cleansed by the great — high - priest - ly death, —
Christ's truth in love — that we may be —
Their hearth and home — where Christ re - stores —



Christ — in our hearts, the world's true King.
Christ's — world we serve to share Christ's reign.
We — preach a - tone - ment full and free.
Christ — in the world, to spread Christ's name.
True — peace, true love to hu - man - kind.

THANK YOU to Pastor David Clark for bringing us God's Word in this Reformation Service. Pastor Clark currently serves as pastor at Grace Lutheran Church in Glendale, Arizona. He is also the Second Vice President of our WELS Arizona-California District.

THANK YOU to all who assisted with the planning and preparation of this service and the fellowship time afterward. Many of the service participants are mentioned in the worship folder, but it would be impossible to list everyone who contributed in some way.

THANK YOU for joining us for this special service celebrating the Lutheran Reformation. It is a privilege to be able to join together with like-minded congregations from throughout the area and to celebrate the blessings that God has given to us.

ACSTO

Jeff Wienstein, a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Tucson, will be available in the courtyard with information concerning the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO). Jeff is the WELS Church Representative for this organization which provides scholarships for our Lutheran schools, like Redeemer Lutheran School in Marana. Please see Jeff for more information about how you can support Lutheran education through the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit program.

Service Video

A video recording of this service will be available at the Grace website www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org for those who were not able to join us or if you would like to revisit the service.

We hope you are able to join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship to enjoy some desserts and the company of Christian friends!

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