

Third Sunday in Lent



Driving of the Merchants from the Temple - Scarsellino (1550-1620)

Grace Lutheran Church
February 28, 2016



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.

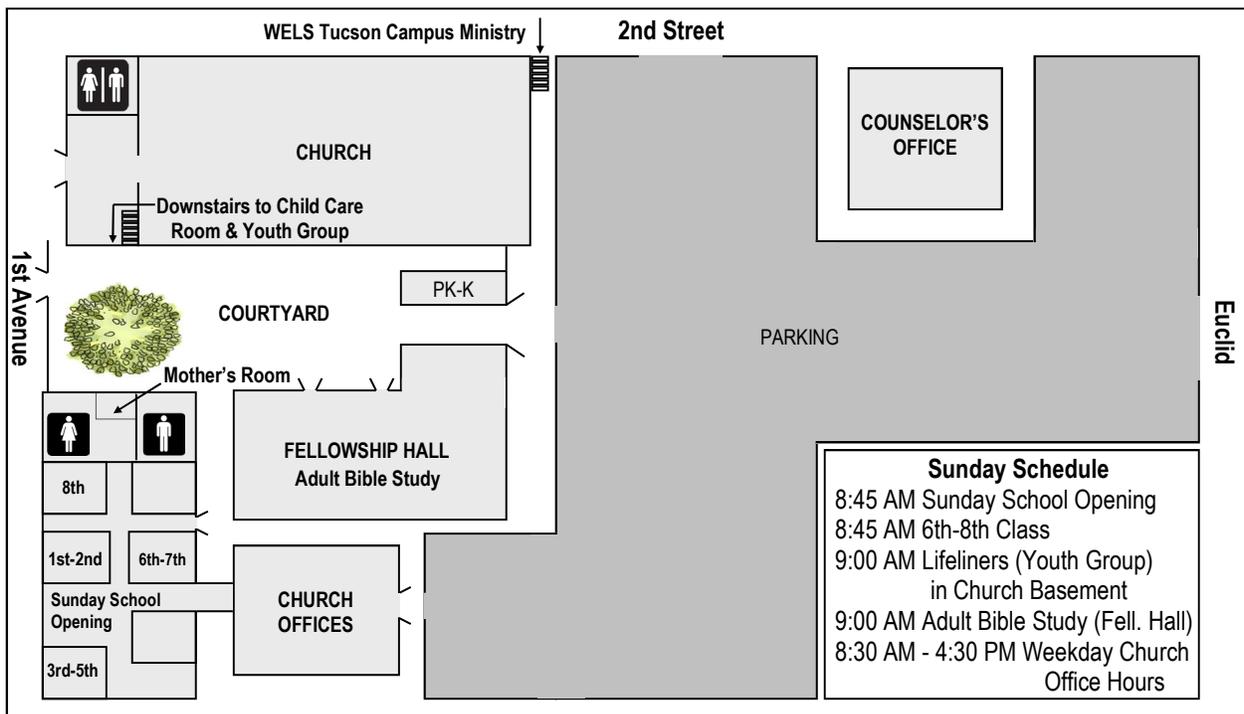
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



The Season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance, remembrance and prayer. It is a time to consider the sufferings and death of Jesus and to prepare for Easter. This is especially true during midweek services in Lent. The Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days and have only hints of the season's mood, such as the omission of "Alleluias." Sundays are islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. Purple is the color of the season and represents repentance and solemnity.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Lakewood
Tune by Barry L
Bobb
Setting by Rebecca
Kramer

10:00 AM—
Jesus, Priceless
Treasure
Setting by Paul Manz

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

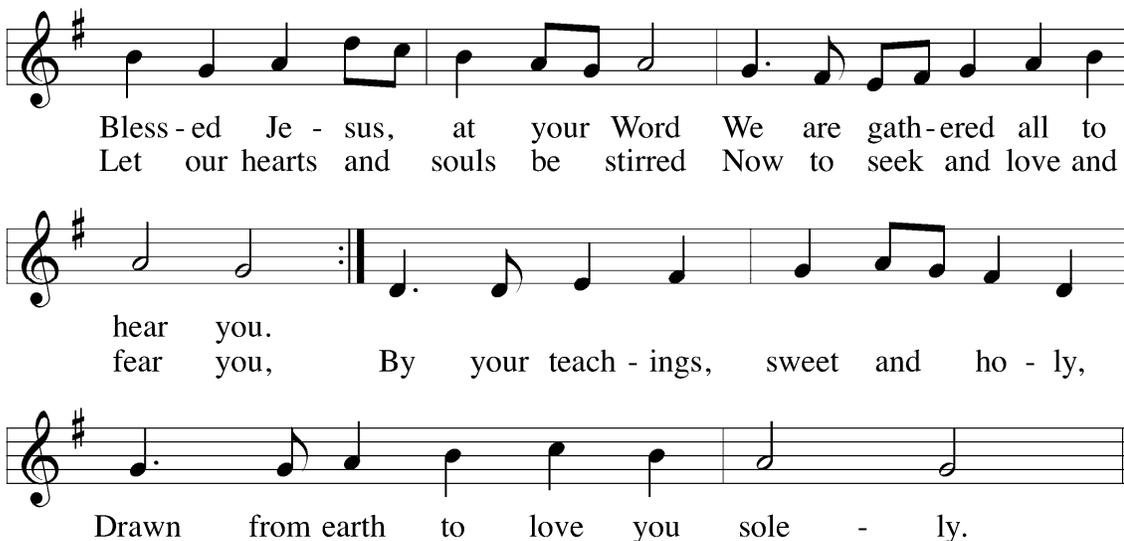
Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

Please stand

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

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



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!

Psalm 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.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

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.

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;



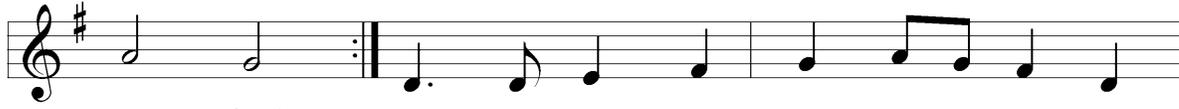
Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, 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

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath

Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)

to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

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.

according to the Spirit. Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law,

nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God. You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:14, 15

M: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

Please stand

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Glo - ry be to you, O Lord! Glo - ry be to you, O Lord!

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

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple courts he found men selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple area, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father's house into a market!" His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will

consume me." Then the Jews demanded of him, "What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." The Jews replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" But the temple he had spoken of was his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the Scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ! Praise be to you, O Christ!

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

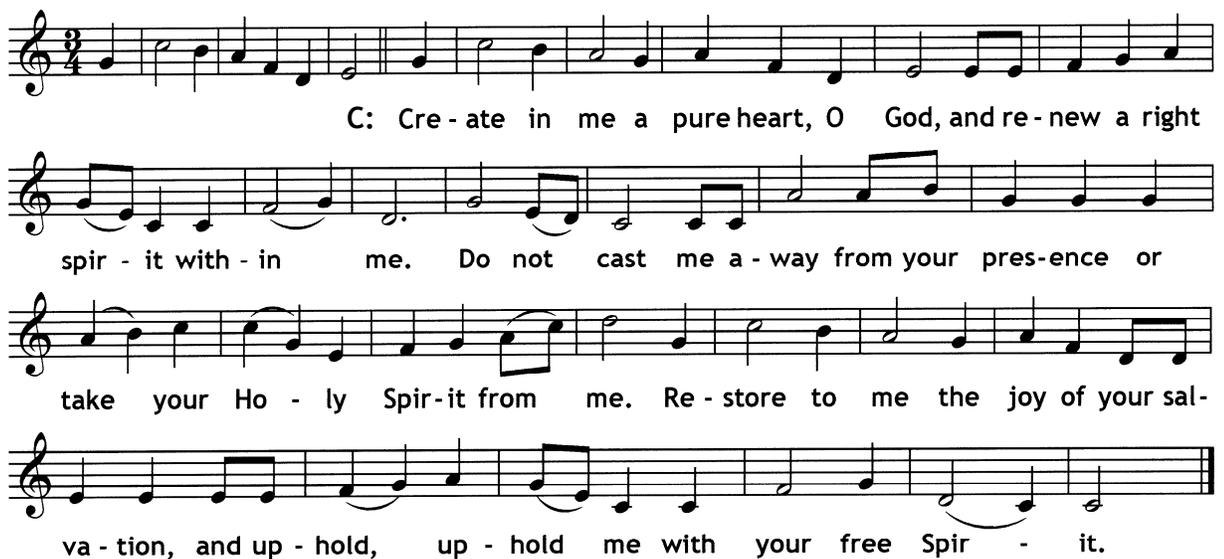
Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go
Christian Worship #456

SERMON

John 2:13-22
Jesus Cleans House

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—LENT

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Bourée from “Water Music”

*By George F. Handel
Arr. by Noel Rawsthorne*

10:00 AM—

*Be Thou My Vision
Setting by Paul Manz*

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.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

The Law of God Is Good and Wise
Christian Worship #287

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.

*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*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

On My Heart Imprint Your Image
Christian Worship #319

Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson every Wednesday through March 16. The theme for our services is "Ironies of the Passion."



Wednesday, March 2

Grace-Sahuarita	10 AM	Lenten Worship	"Not During the Feast"
Grace-Benson	6 PM	Soup Supper	
	7 PM	Lenten Worship	"Not During the Feast"
Grace-Tucson	10 AM & 7 PM	Lenten Worship	"He Had Been Wanting to See Jesus"
	6 PM	Soup Supper	

We are still looking for a host for this Wednesday, March 2. Please see the signup sheet in the Fellowship Hall or speak to Pastor Kassulke or Cora in the Church Office.

W.I.L.D. Day at Pilgrim Lutheran Church

The Pilgrim Lutheran Church annual W.I.L.D. (Women Inspiring, Learning, and Doing) Workshop will be held this **Saturday, March 5 from 8:30am – 1:00pm** in Pilgrim's Fellowship Hall at 3257 E University Drive in Mesa. This is a great opportunity to network with the ladies from other WELS congregations and hear speakers from our missionary field including John Sebald from Truth In Love Ministry and John Kramer from Mission To The Children. Morning coffee and pastries as well as lunch are included in the workshop. The cost is \$10 per person on the day of the event but if you bring a donation for Mission To The Children, the admission fee will be \$5. Items they are needed include: tooth brushes (child) and tooth paste, crayons, children's books in Spanish, Walmart gift cards to buy school supplies for school next August, and children's clothing, new only (customs does not allow used clothing to enter Mexico).

Please register for the event by calling the Pilgrim Church office at (480) 830-1723 or (480) 830-1724. We are looking forward to a good turn out, and this year the date does not conflict with the marathon! If you have any questions, please contact Mary Ann at (480) 654-3706 or maryannwe@cox.net.

Mexican Dinner at Grace-Tucson

The *Women of Grace* invite everyone to join them Friday, March 11, between 4:30 and 6:30 PM for the annual Mexican Dinner at Grace-Tucson. *The menu includes:* Sour Cream Enchiladas, Beef Tacos, Refried Beans, Coffee, Tea, & Milk. **Grace members are asked to bring a cake for dessert.**

There is a sign-up sheet in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help with the meal. Those worshipping at Benson, Sahuarita or Vail may call or text Debbie Koehler at 405-7083 if you'd like to help with the meal.

Kingdom Worker Outreach Team

From March 12 to March 20, we will once again have a group of four individuals joining us from Kingdom Workers. These volunteers will be helping primarily at our Vail site, although we also hope to put them to work at one or more of our other sites. In the past, groups like these from Kingdom Workers have helped in canvassing and other outreach efforts during the week. If you are interested in helping to house part of this team or provide a meal one evening, please contact Pastor Rieke.

Women's Fellowship Hike—March 12

Saturday, March 12 at 9:00 AM, the Women's Fellowship Group will go on an easy hike at Sabino Canyon (5900 N. Sabino Canyon Road, 85750). We will be walking along the paved road. There is a \$5 parking fee, so carpool if you can. Please call Missy Wiechmann if you have any questions at 403-1177.

Lutheran Pioneer Stained Glass Project

Due to schedule conflicts and planning issues, no Easter for Kids event is planned for this year. However, the Lutheran Pioneers at Grace are hosting a craft project making colored glass crosses. You may have seen similar crosses made by the Christian Fellowship Group in November. This activity will take place in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall on Saturday, March 12 at 10:00 AM. The Pioneers will sponsor this project for any children through eighth grade (a parent is asked to help any children younger than second grade). Any older students or parents who would like to participate are asked to contribute \$5 for materials. Please sign up for this project on the sheet in the Fellowship Hall or by contacting Pastor Kassulke.

Martin Luther College Choir Tour

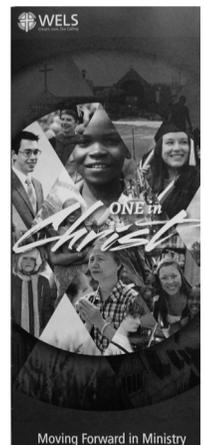
The College Choir from Martin Luther College (MLC) will be presenting a concert in Tucson as part of their spring choir tour. The concert will be at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church on Sunday evening, March 13 at 7:00. The MLC College Choir is one of the premier singing groups in the WELS, and this is a rare opportunity to attend a concert close to home. Pastor Mike Otterstatter from MLC will preach at Grace-Tucson that morning and speak about our WELS college for ministry during the Adult Bible Study hour.

Easter Lily Sign-Up Sheets

If you would like to buy an Easter lily to beautify worship on Easter Sunday (March 27), please sign the sheet located in the front or side entryways of church. Lilies are \$8 each (make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church"). Please put your payment in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

WELS "One in Christ" Offering

At our synod convention last summer, a synod-wide special offering was launched to eliminate the remainder of our church body's debt. The debt that once stood at \$22.4 million has been paid down to about \$4 million. Our goal is that we join to eliminate that debt by June 30, 2016. Doing so will put our synod in a better financial position to continue our Christ-given mission of training and sending men and women to share the gospel in the United States and around the world. Grace members are encouraged to support this effort by using the One in Christ brochure/envelopes available on the back counter.



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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Jeanette O'Donald in thanks to God for all the blessings he has given Grace Lutheran Church through the years.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Numbers 21:4-9
Ephesians 2:4-10
John 3:14-21

Sermon Text
John 3:14-21

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, January 31, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Matt Westra (our former Vicar) to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Westra currently serves at Living Promise Lutheran Church in Morristown, TN. Please keep Pastor Westra, his wife Rachel and their daughter in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Morristown and here at Grace!

Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline

Thrivent members, the deadline for designating your Thrivent choice dollars is March 31. You can log on to Thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836 for assistance.

Thrivent also has money available for projects through **Action Teams**. If there is a project you would like to request money for, log on to Thrivent.com and fill out the Action Team application at least 3 weeks before your project begins. Once accepted, you will receive \$250 towards your project. Thrivent request photos of the project and a final report when the project is completed.

Apache Clothing Drive

We've donated over 800 boxes of clothing to the Apaches up in the White Mountains so far! The clothing drive is ongoing and we are now partnering with Karen Manning from Holy Cross to collect additional items for children and newborns (knitted/crocheted caps and scarves, baby quilts, receiving blankets, burping cloths and baby clothes). You can deliver donated baby items to the church office in Tucson or coordinate with Russ Weir and he will get them to Karen.

As a reminder, please bring new or gently used clothing for donation. If it's not suitable for you to wear, would you want someone else to wear it?

If you don't have clothing to donate but would still like to help, there is always a need for gas money. The trip up to the White Mountains is approximately 400 miles and close to \$90 worth of gas is used. Any monetary donations are appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns please talk to Russ Weir, Apache Clothing Drive Coordinator at 795-0062.



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

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

This Week at Grace • Feb 28-Mar 6

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):
 • *Pastor Clemons*..... 9:00a
 WELS TCM: *Pizza & a Prophet: Obadiah* 7:00p

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

SAHUARITA

Today
 Choir Practice 9:00a
 Worship Service 9:45a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday
Midweek Lenten Worship 10:00a
 Sahuarita Ladies' Meeting..... 11:00a
 Choir Practice at the Andersons..... 4:00p

Sunday
 Choir Practice 9:00a
 Worship Service/Communion 9:45a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today
 Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Wednesday
 Lenten Supper 6:00p
Midweek Lenten Worship 7:00p

Sunday
 Worship Service 7:30a

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Worship 10:00a
 Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00p
Midweek Lenten Worship 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Digging for Insights* 9:00a

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 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days*..... 9:00a
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Why Should I Join a Church?*... 7:00p

VAIL

Today
 Adult Bible Study: *Book of Judges* 9:00a
 Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
 Worship Service/Communion..... 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

Saturday
Canvassing in Rita Ranch/Vail (lunch provided).. 9:30a-11:30a

Sunday
 Adult Bible Study: *Book of Judges* 9:00a
 Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
 Worship Service 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net