

# Last Sunday after the Epiphany— The Transfiguration of Our Lord



Mosaic *"The Transfiguration of Jesus"* - Basilica of the Transfiguration - Mount Tabor, Israel

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 7, 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.

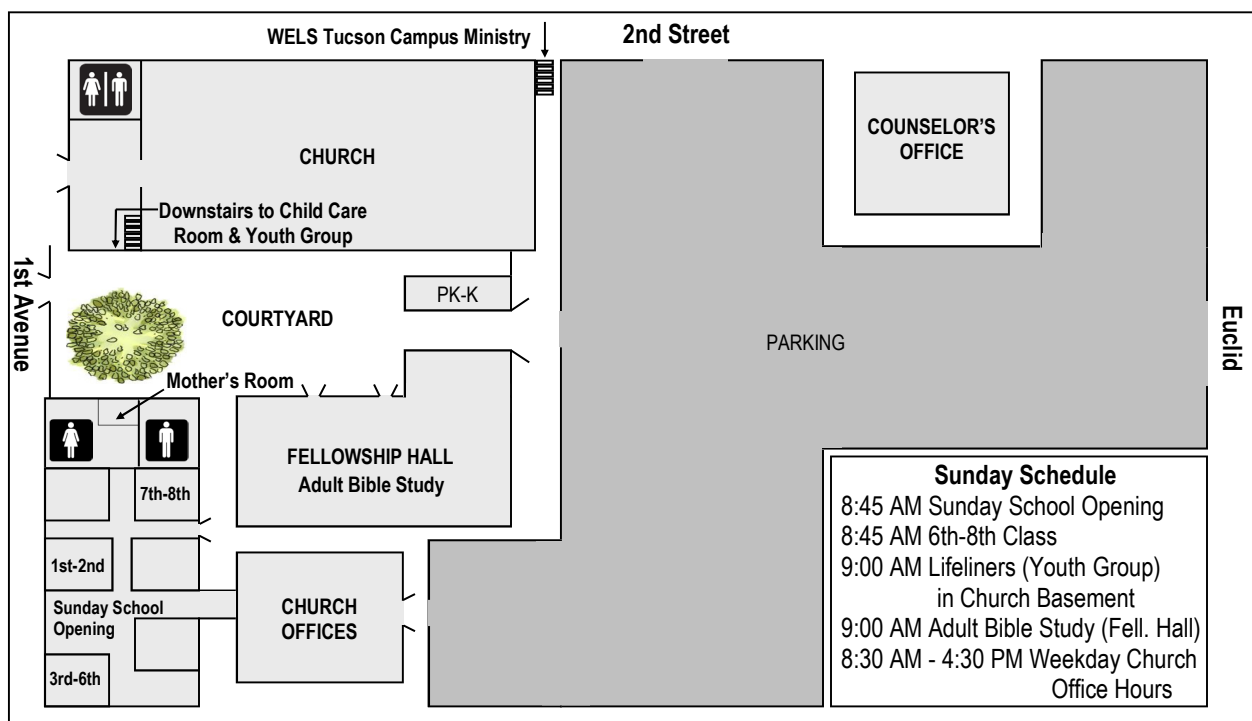
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



# DIVINE SERVICE I

## Christian Worship Supplement

### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—  
Christ, Whose Glory  
Fills the Skies  
Arr. by Cindy Berry

## WELCOME

## HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here  
Christian Worship #95

*Please stand*

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

## CONFESSION OF SINS

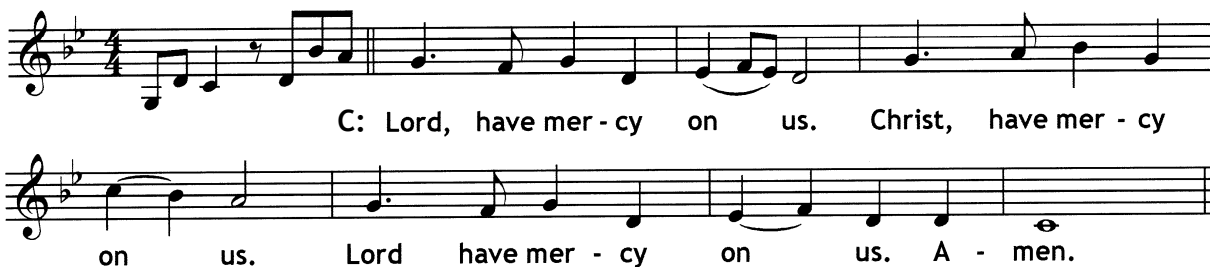
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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*



*Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name **Kyrie** is shortened from the Greek **Kyrie Eleison**, which means “Lord have mercy.”*

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 introduction)*

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 the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” Elisha replied, “but do not speak of it.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here, Elisha; the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, “Do you know that the LORD is going to take your master from you today?” “Yes, I know,” he replied, “but do not speak of it.” Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the LORD lives

### 2 Kings 2:1-12a (NIV)

and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. Fifty men of the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

*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

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not preach ourselves, but Jesus

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 (NIV)

Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

**VERSE OF THE DAY (7:45 AM)****Mark 9:7b**

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

**SOLO (10:00 AM)****This is My Beloved Son**

Long, long ago, the prophets spoke to ancient generations.  
But in these days, God shows His ways and through the Son He's spoken.  
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.

**REFRAIN:**

You are my Son, beloved one, You are my first begotten.  
The heav'n's You made, Your hand has laid the very earth's foundation.  
The Son is in God's likeness, in glory and in brightness, in high authority.  
The Son, your sins has lightened, He sits upon the right hand of pow'r and majesty.  
The first begotten One, this is my high and holy Son.

On earth one day, John, Peter, James followed Him up a mountain.  
Before their eyes, His face would shine with light as bright as morning.  
His garments shone and brightened.  
The disciples were so frightened, their faces on the ground.  
A bright cloud overwhelmed them, a voice came forth to tell them,  
"Now listen to this one, for this is My beloved Son!"

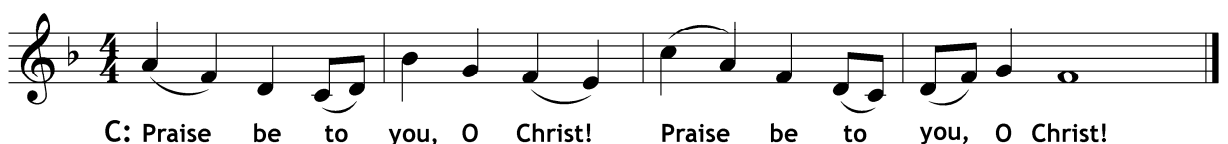
**REFRAIN***Please stand*

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

**GOSPEL****Mark 9:2-9 (NIV)*****After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:***

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, 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 to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

## 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. 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.

*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.*

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

### Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain Christian Worship Supplement #712



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,  
2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -  
3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -  
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you  
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,  
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there  
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en  
glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"  
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us  
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like  
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,  
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -  
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.  
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.  
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"  
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"  
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

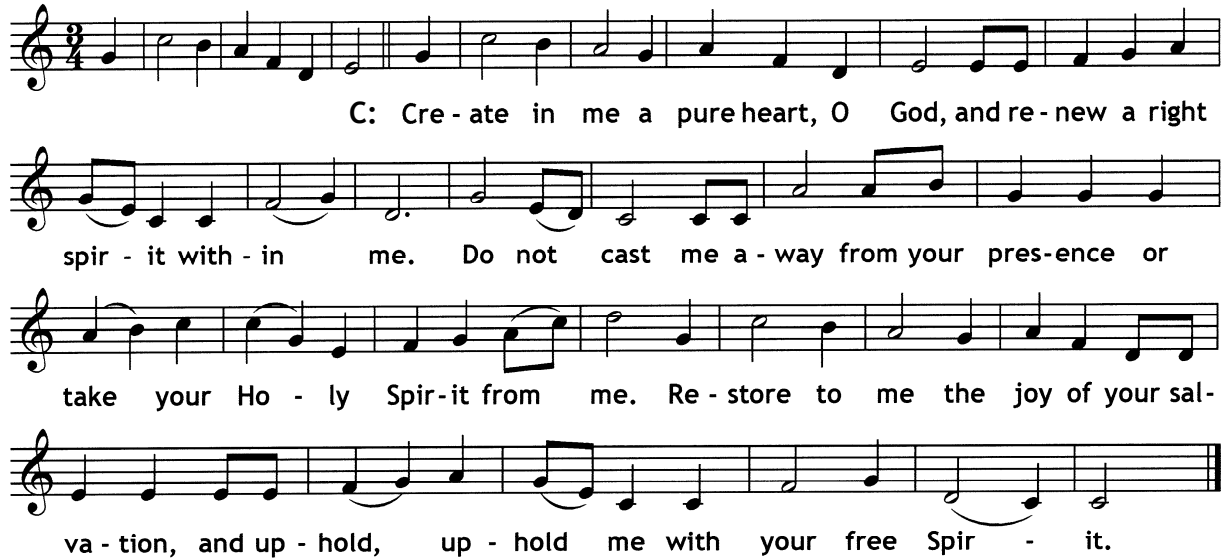
*The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.*

## SERMON

Mark 9:2-9  
The Ultimate Epiphany

*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  
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## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**

*Praise the One Who  
Breaks the Darkness  
Arr. by Michael  
Larkin*

## 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—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.



M: 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.*

*7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.*

## 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:

This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

## 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.

## 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*

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; have mer - cy on us.



*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)

Down from the Mount of Glory  
Christian Worship #97

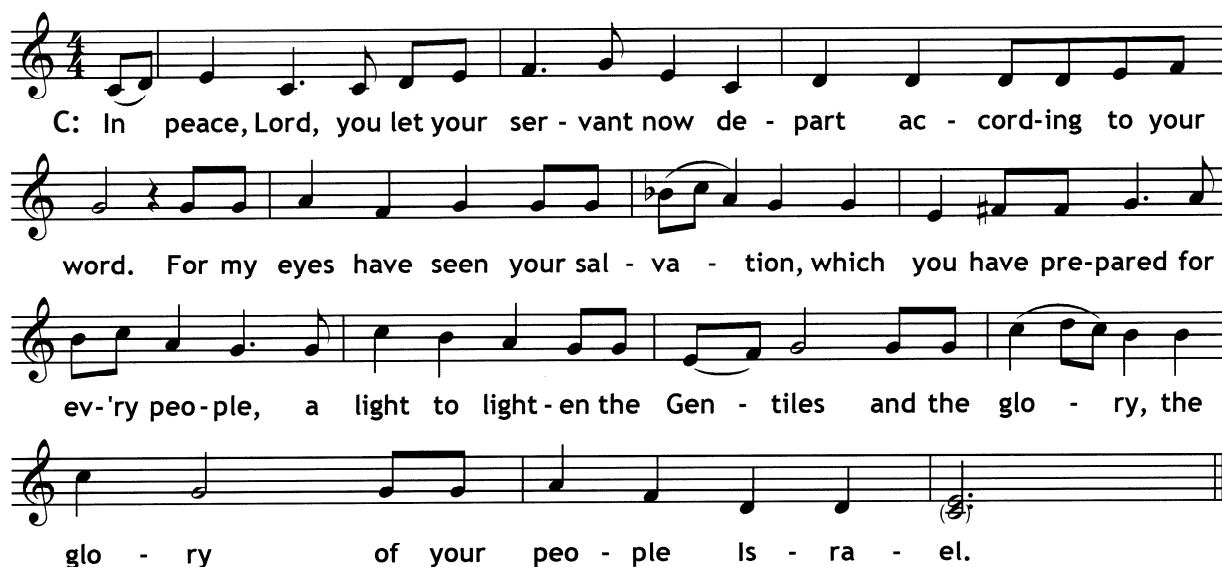
*Please stand*

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

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



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.

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*

## 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.

### POSTLUDE:

**7:45 AM—**

*Christ is the World's Light*

Arr. by Dale A. Witte

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### CLOSING HYMN (see page 12)

**Alleluia Song of Triumph**  
*Christian Worship #122 (hymn tune)*

### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preacher** ..... Pastor Sam Clemons

**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)

**Communion Assistants** ..... Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)  
Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

**Accompanists** ..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)  
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)

**Violin** ..... Maya Parra (7:45 AM)

**Soloist** ..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)

**Ushers** ..... Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)  
Jon Dongoske, Danny Koehler, Jon Miller, Rick Street (10:00 AM)

**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Jeremy Snaveley (10:00 AM)

**Greeters** ..... Bill & Lisa Toben

**Altar Prep Team** ..... Lauri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

## 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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## February Valentine's Tea!

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea this Saturday, Feb. 13 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Vera-Ellen Cook will lead a presentation entitled "*Joy in Jesus!*" She and her husband are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Menomonee Falls Wisconsin.

Sign-up sheets for hosting a table, bringing food to share, AND ATTENDING are posted in the Fellowship Hall. **It is IMPORTANT to RSVP for attending** to make sure there is plenty of table seating and food. Questions? Text/call Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or send her an email, [pdkramm@earthlink.net](mailto:pdkramm@earthlink.net).

## Called Home To Heaven

The Lord called Art Seaman to his home in heaven on Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. While we mourn his passing, we also rejoice in his victory over death and the eternal life he now enjoys with our Savior. His Memorial Service will be held this Saturday, February 13 at 3:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita.

## 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!

## 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.

## Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Jeanette O'Donald in thanks to God for our faithful pastors.

## Communion Register Sign-In

If you are a Grace member, we ask on communion Sundays that you please write your name on one of the communion register sheets located at the entrances to church if you plan on receiving the Lord's Supper. This helps us maintain a record for the spiritual care of our members. Thank you.

## 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 Brandi Halstead. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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## Guest Musicians Coming To Grace

On Sunday, February 14, WELS singer/songwriter Chris Driesbach will be presenting a special worship service at Grace-Tucson during both the 7:45 and 10:00 worship services. This worship service entitled, "Evidence of His Love" will feature many of Chris' original Christian songs. Chris, a former atheist, will also share a little of his life story and a few more songs during the Bible Class hour in the Fellowship Hall. His CDs will be available to purchase and free-will donations can be made to support his ministry. For more information about Chris, visit his website: [chrisdriesbach.com](http://chrisdriesbach.com).

On Sunday, February 21, former WELS pastor and accomplished organist Charles Bonow will present his worship service concert "Our Life in Christ" at Grace-Tucson during our regular worship service times. This concert will include Scripture readings, organ solos and singing of well-loved hymns of faith. Charles Bonow travels the country presenting these types of concerts in WELS churches. Free-will donations to his work can be made on this day.

## Women's Fellowship: *Streetcar & Dinner*

Friday, February 19, the Women's Fellowship Group will take a ride on the streetcar and have dinner downtown at The Hub (266 East Congress). We will meet at Grace-Tucson at 5:15 PM for a brief informational talk from Sheila Bustamante about the streetcar. She worked on the project! We'll be walking over to the streetcar at 5:30 if you aren't able to make it by 5:15 for the talk. The streetcar fare is \$4, and bring additional money for dinner. **Please RSVP to Cora at 623-6633 by Tuesday, February 16 if you plan to attend.**



**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 7-Feb 14**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

Worship Services/Communion .....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following early service.....  
Children's Sunday School .....8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Biblical Interpretation* .....9:00a  
WELS TCM Super Bowl Party .....4:00p

**Monday**

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

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Worship Service/ Communion / Coffee Fellowship .....9:45a  
Choir Practice following worship.....10:45-11:15a

**Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** .....10:00a

**Saturday**

**Women of Grace Valentine's Tea at Grace-Tucson..** 11:30a

**Sunday**

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship.....9:45a  
Choir Practice following worship.....10:45-11:15a

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service.....7:30a

**Wednesday**

**Lenten Supper**.....6:00p  
**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** .....7:00p

**Saturday**

**Women of Grace Valentine's Tea at Grace-Tucson..** 11:30a

**Sunday**

Worship Service/Communion .....7:30a

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** .....10:00a  
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall .....6:00p  
**Ash Wednesday Worship with Communion** .....7:00p

**Thursday**

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

**Saturday**

**Women of Grace Valentine's Tea** .....11:30a

**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):  
• *Guest Speaker: Chris Driesbach*.....9:00a  
WELS TCM: *Marriage and Other Old-Fashioned Ideas* ....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 .....10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

**Saturday**

**Women of Grace Valentine's Tea at Grace-Tucson .** 11:30a

**Sunday**

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 .....

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## Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson beginning this Wednesday (Ash Wednesday), February 10. The theme for our services will be "Ironies of the Passion."



Grace-Sahuarita	10 AM	Lenten Worship	"It Is Better That One Man Die for the People!"
Grace-Benson	6 PM	Soup Supper	
	7 PM	Lenten Worship	"It Is Better That One Man Die for the People!"
Grace-Tucson	10 AM & 7 PM	Lenten Worship	"This Man Went Home Justified"
	6 PM	Soup Supper	

We need volunteers to host the meals at Grace-Tucson, February 10, February 17, March 2, March 9 and 16 (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.

## Tuition Tax Credit

Even in the New Year, it is not too late to make a donation to the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) which may also be claimed as a tax credit on your 2015 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2015 tax year. You can help support Lutheran education and receive a credit on your Arizona state income taxes (up to \$1067 per person and \$2134 per married couple filing jointly). Donations may be made online at [www.acsto.org](http://www.acsto.org) or by using the form in the ACSTO brochure. Please make use of this program if you are able to do so. If you have any questions, please speak to Jeff Weinstein (909-7649) or one of the pastors. **Pick up a flyer and a donation form brochure at any of the Grace locations.**

## Upcoming Voters' Meeting & Breakfast

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for Saturday, February 20 at 8:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Because of this early start time breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:00 AM. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found at both entrances of church and in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.



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