

Sixth Sunday in Lent— Palm Sunday



Grace Lutheran Church
March 20, 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.

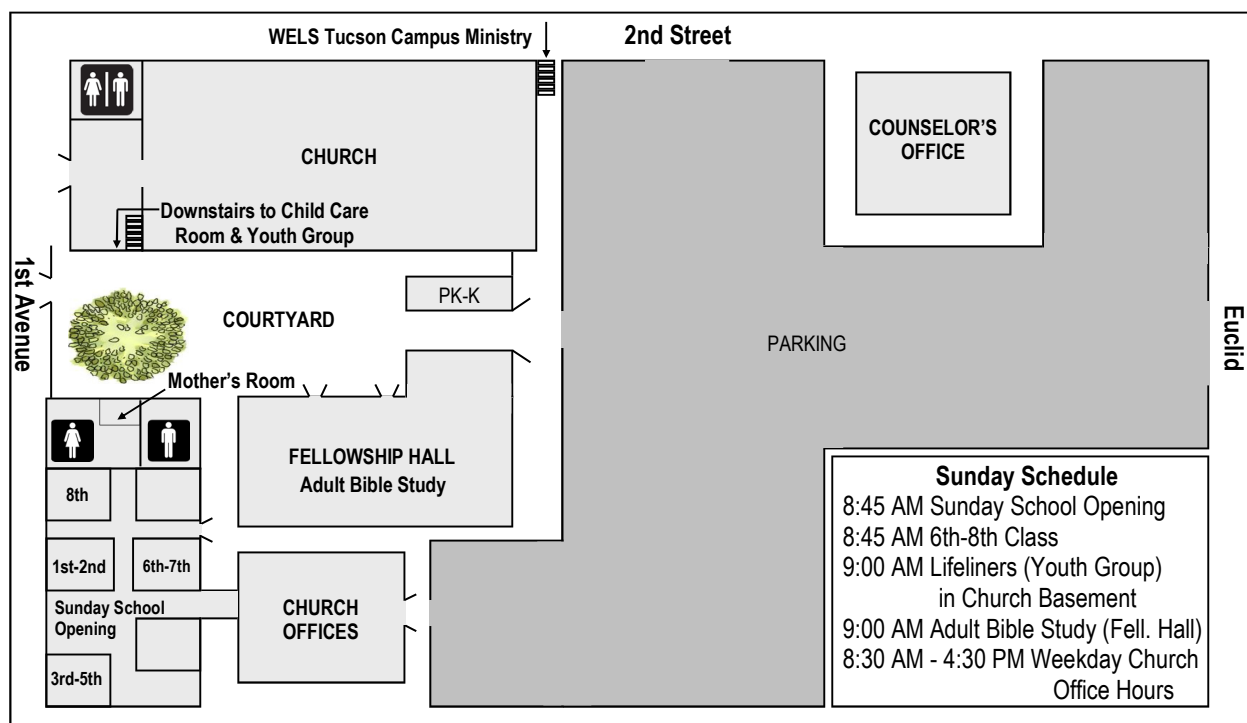
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty
Christian Worship #133

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

We Have Met to Praise and Worship
Arr. by Tom Fettke

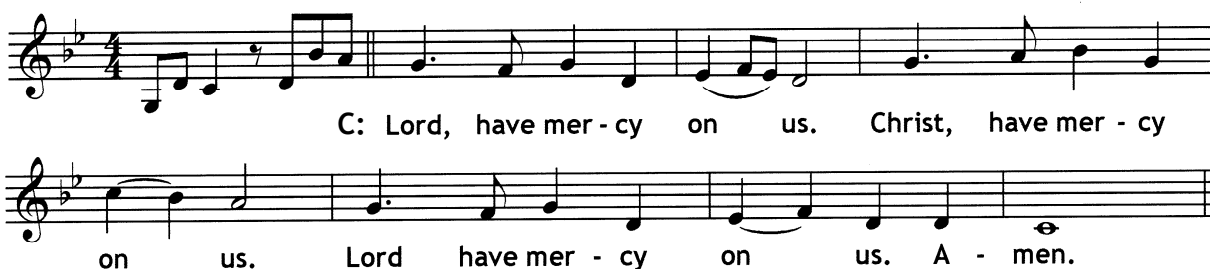
O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing with Sing To The King
Arr. Carol Tornquist

"O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!... Sing now with voices raised to Jesus Sing to the King!"

We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

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

The text of *Gloria in Excelsis* (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God_ and_ Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
give you_ thanks we praise you for_ your_ glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the
high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus
Christ, on-ly Son_ of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world;_ have mer-cy on us. You are_ seat-ed at the
right hand of_ the_ Father; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive_ our
prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. For
you a-lone are the Ho - ly_ One, you a - lone_ are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most_ High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the
glo - ry of God_ the_ Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

We praise you, O God, for the great acts of love by which you redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ. As he was acclaimed by those who scattered their garments and branches of palm in his path, so may we always hail him as our King and follow him with perfect confidence, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Zechariah 9:9-10 (NIV)

Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. I will take away the chariots

from Ephraim and the war-horses from Jerusalem, and the battle bow will be broken. He will proclaim peace to the nations. His rule will extend from sea to sea and from the River to the ends of the earth.

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

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became

obedient to death—even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 12:23 cf. NIV

M: The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 21:12-17 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

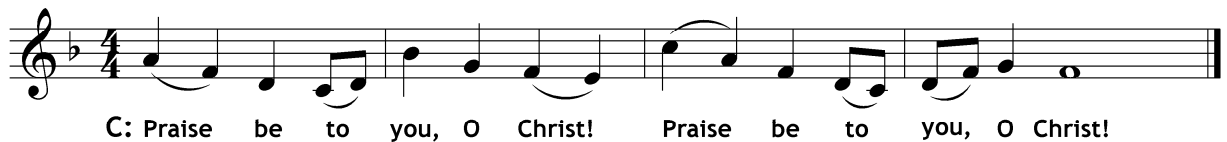


Jesus entered the temple area and drove out all who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves. "It is written," he said to them, "'My house will be called a house of prayer,' but you are making it a 'den of robbers.'"

The blind and the lame came to him at the temple, and he healed them. But when the chief priests and the

teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they were indignant. "Do you hear what these children are saying?" they asked him. "Yes," replied Jesus, "have you never read, "'From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise'?" And he left them and went out of the city to Bethany, where he spent the night.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

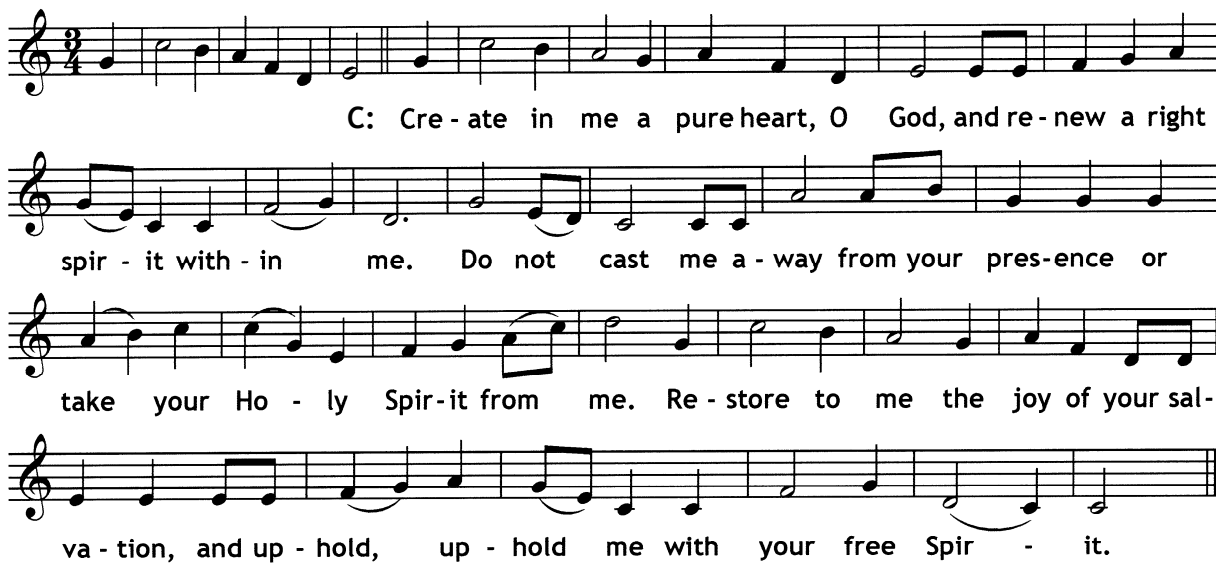
All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Christian Worship #131

SERMON

Matthew 21:12-17
“Do You Hear What These Children Are Saying?”

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



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
At the Name of
Jesus
CW #344

10:00 AM—
Here I Am to
Worship with
O Worship the King
Arr. by Carol
Tornquist

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—PALM SUNDAY

M: Lord Jesus, you are the King of heaven and earth. We join the first Palm Sunday worshipers in praising and glorifying you for coming to this earth to be our Savior. Though you are one with God the Father and Lord of all, you humbled yourself and became one with us. Thanks be to you for living a life of perfect conformity to God's holy law in our place. Praise be to you for being obedient to death, even death on a cross, to redeem us from sin.

Cause our voices to blend with those who sang your praises as you rode into Jerusalem. Move us to confess you before others as our Lord. Help us proclaim the message of peace and forgiveness to people of all nations. Use us to assure all people that your blood has cleansed them from sin and set them free from slavery to sin, death, and the devil. Move us to dedicate all we are and have to your glory.

Lord Jesus, you are King over all the earth. Bless the nations of this world with wise rulers and good government. Let peace prevail. Grant success to the businesses and industries of our land to serve for the common good. Cause all employers to be honest and fair-minded and all employees to be diligent and faithful. Look with favor on our nation's schools. Be with those who teach and those who learn. Comfort the sick and the afflicted with the assurance of your care and protection. Strengthen the faith of the dying.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Dear Savior, as we walk with you this week toward Calvary, keep us focused on your purpose for coming into this world and on our calling to spread this wonderful message of salvation. Hear us for your mercy's sake.

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.

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.

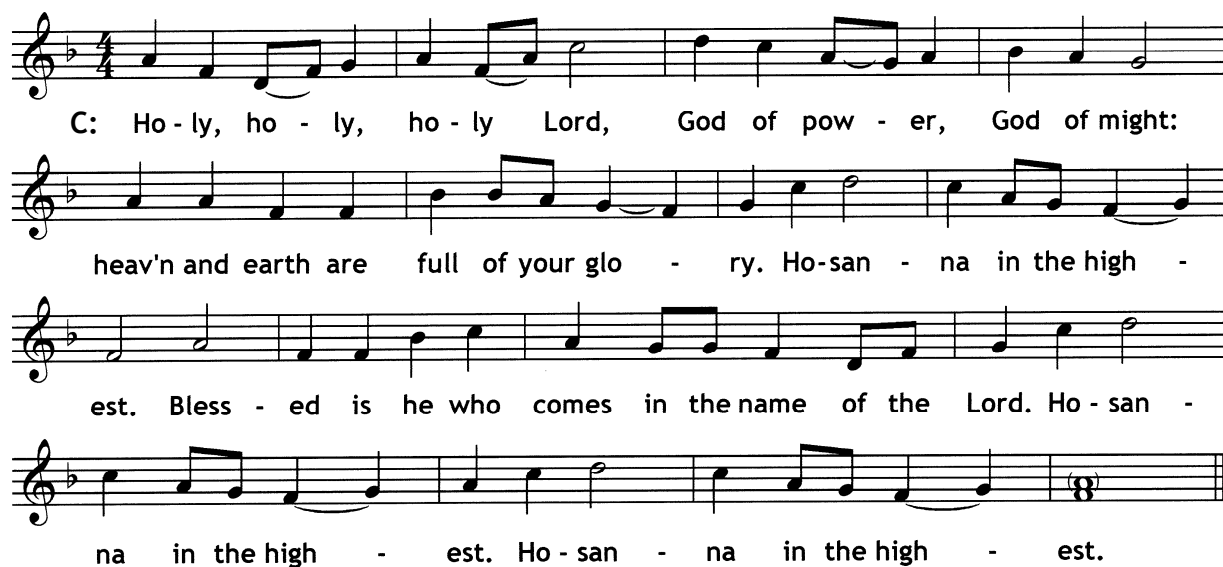
Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.

M: 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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

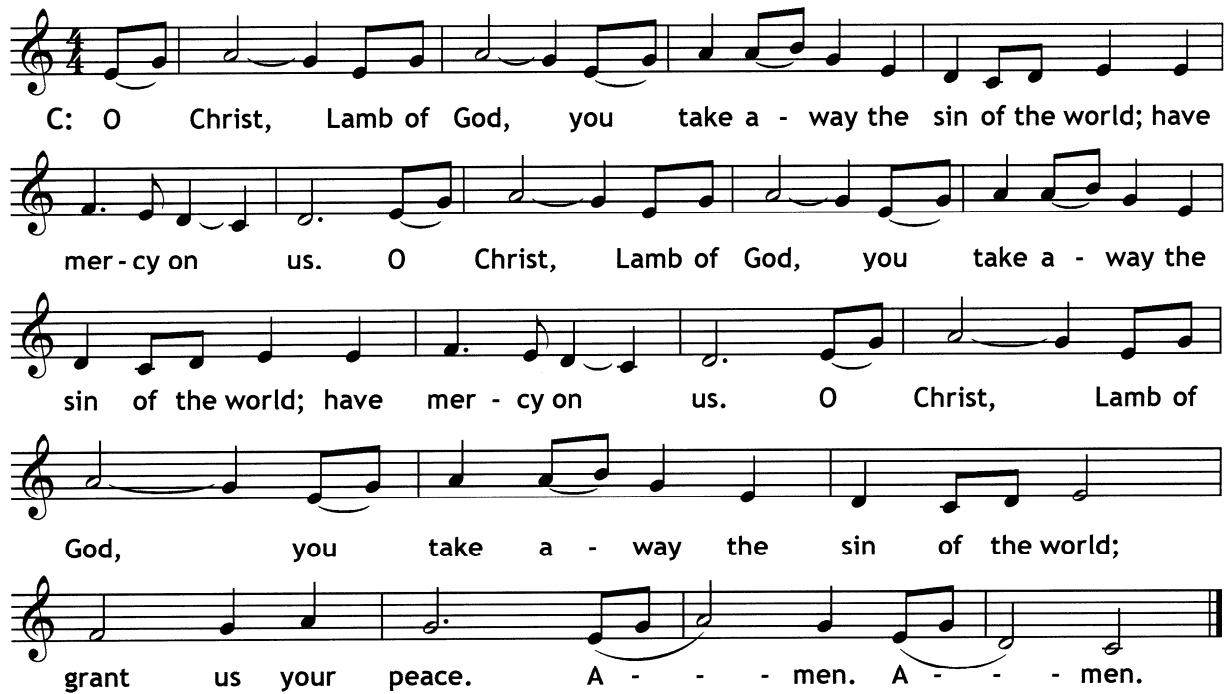
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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



C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
grant us your peace. A - - - men. A - - - men.

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.

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)

O Lord, We Praise You
Christian Worship #317

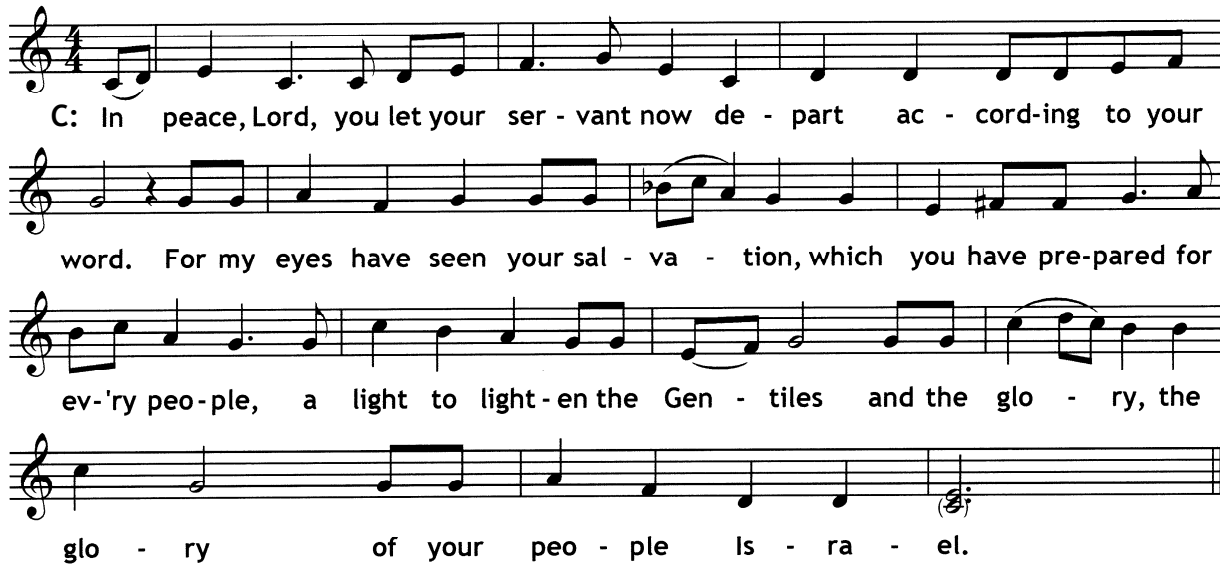
Please stand

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your
word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for
ev-'ry peo-ple, a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna
Christian Worship #130

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

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

*You Are My King
(Amazing Love) with
And Can It Be
Arr. by Tom Fettke*

*"Amazing love, how
can it be? That you,
my king, would die
for me."*

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Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Education Elder, Jason Watson (10:00 AM)
..... Spiritual Needs Elder, Jacob Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanist Stephanie Kania
Ushers Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
..... Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
..... Jon Miller, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snaveley (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Erika Hanson, Diane Kramm, Nancy Miles
Greeters Bill & Lisa Toben (10:00 AM)

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Caleb Schoeneck to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Schoeneck currently serves at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in College Station, TX. Please keep Pastor Schoeneck, his wife Mary and their three daughters in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in College Station and here at Grace! You will find Pastor Schoeneck's acknowledgment letter on page 12.

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. **Today is the final day to sign up.**

Easter Breakfast

The Easter breakfast at Grace-Tucson this year (March 27) will consist of egg casseroles served by the confirmation classes. **Members are asked to bring fruit to share. If you have a few minutes to help clean up following the breakfast it would be greatly appreciated!** Please contact Laura Lipke with any questions at 742-0211.

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.



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March 16, 2016

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Southern Arizona
Benson - Sahuarita - Tucson - Vail

Dear Members of Grace,

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom." (Psalm 111:10)

On Tuesday evening, March 15, 2016, Bryan Guether informed me that through you the Holy Spirit has extended a divine call for me to serve as your pastor for Grace-Sahuarita. I received an email with the call documents, and it is clear that you keep in your minds the leaders who speak the words of God to you and you work with them so that the ministry may be a joy and not a burden.

I consider it a high honor and privilege to receive this call. As you have looked to God for wisdom in extending this call, so now I look to God for wisdom as I contemplate it. I welcome your prayers and input as I decide where to continue my ministry of sharing the good news that we are...

Forgiven!

Pastor Caleb Schoeneck
Cell Phone: 979-574-5984

cc: Mr. Bryan Guenther – Grace President
Mr. David Farley – Grace-Sahuarita Elder
Pastor Ron Koehler – Grace Lead Pastor
Pastor Sam Celmons – Grace-Tucson
Pastor Colin Rieke – Grace-Vail
Pastor Nathan Kassulke – Grace-Tucson / Saguaro Circuit Pastor
Pastor Jon Buchholz – Arizona California District President

Mr. H.O. Raesener – Beautiful Savior President
Vicar Christian Marquardt – Beautiful Savior Seminarian
Pastor Nathan Buege – Gulf Coast Circuit Pastor
Pastor Don Patterson – South Central District President

Bible Studies

Wednesday Bible studies will not meet March 23 or March 30. Classes on *Church History* will resume April 6 at 10:00 & 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall with Pastor Clemons.

Pastor Koehler's Thursday morning Women's Bible Study on *Digging for Insights* will resume again on April 7 at 10:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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 Tom & Deb Sloyan in thanks to God for all His blessings and abundance of 37 years of marriage.

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 Winifred Tsosie & family. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Isaiah 25:6-9
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Mark 16:1-8

Sermon Text

Luke 24:4-8
*Why Do You Look For the Living
Among the Dead?*

Big Sale on Christmas Card Boxes!

The Women of Grace are selling the remaining Christmas Card boxes for \$2 each! If you'd like to purchase one box (or many), stop by the card table in the southwest corner of the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall today! If writing a check, make payable to Women of Grace.

Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 24

10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita
10 AM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson
7:00 PM at Grace-Benson

Good Friday

Friday, March 25

4:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita

Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)
7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

Worshippers are asked to leave this church service in silence, leaving in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day. Please visit with friends and family prior to entering church for worship.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 27

Grace-Benson
Festival Worship—7:30 AM
Easter Breakfast—8:30 AM

Grace-Sahuarita
Festival Worship—9:45 AM
Easter Brunch—10:45 AM

Grace-Tucson
Sunrise Worship—7 AM
Easter Breakfast—8 AM
Easter Concert—9 AM
Festival Worship—10 AM

Grace-Vail
Easter Breakfast—9 AM
Festival Worship—10 AM



**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 • Mar 20-Mar 27

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services/Communion 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: Book of Ruth* 9:00a
WELS TCM Movie Night: *Passion of the Christ* 6:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice 4:30p
NO English as a Second Language Classes

SAHUARITA

Today

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

Wednesday

NO Bible Study

Thursday

Maundy Thursday Worship (with Communion) 10:00a
Choir Practice 4:00p

Friday

Good Friday Worship 4:00p

Sunday

Easter Festival Worship 9:45a
Easter Brunch 10:45a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Thursday

Maundy Thursday Worship (with Communion) 7:00p

Sunday

Easter Festival Worship 7:30a
Easter Breakfast 8:30a

Tuesday

NO English as a Second Language Classes

Wednesday

NO Bible Studies

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study

Maundy Thursday Worship (with Communion) 10:00a

Maundy Thursday Worship (with Communion) 7:00p

Friday

Good Friday Tenebrae Service 7:00p

Saturday

Easter Concert Rehearsal in the Sanctuary 9:00a

Pioneers Decorate Easter Eggs 10:00a

Sunday

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.

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

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

Sunday

Easter Breakfast 9:00a

Children's Easter Egg Hunt 9:30a

Easter Festival Worship 10:00a

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Easter Canvassing in Vail

This Saturday, March 26 from 9:30-11:30 AM, canvassing will continue in the Rita Ranch and Vail areas in preparation for our Easter Service on March 27 at Grace-Vail. We will meet at Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop). Even if you've never been canvassing before, we would love to have you join us. After canvassing, we will treat you to lunch.

Grace's Old-Fashioned Church Picnic

It's time, once again, for Grace's old-fashioned church picnic on Saturday, April 9, from 12:00-4:00. This year, our picnic will be held at Grace-Vail (Esmond Station K-8, 9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, Tucson, 85747). Great food, great fellowship, and activities for both kids and adults! It's a wonderful opportunity to see one of our other sites and meet your fellow members. **Members are asked to bring a side dish.** The main dish will be provided. There will be a dessert contest and prizes this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you are interested in bringing a dessert for the contest, please contact Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704.

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally

The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) 2016 Spring Rally is Saturday, April 23. The rally will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakeside, AZ (4839 Vallery Lane, Lakeside, AZ 85929)! What a great opportunity to learn more about how WELS Women can support mission work, hear some inspiring speakers and spend the day with your sisters-in-Christ. Registration is \$10. You will find the registration forms in the Fellowship Hall and at the other Grace sites. You may also download them at www.grandcanyonlwms.org. Registration goes through April 9, as does the Mission Money collection for the A.C.T.S. program. Please contact Diane Kramm if you have questions at 440-8564.

Tuition Tax Credit

Time is running out 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. 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 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.**



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