

Third Sunday of Easter



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 10, 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.

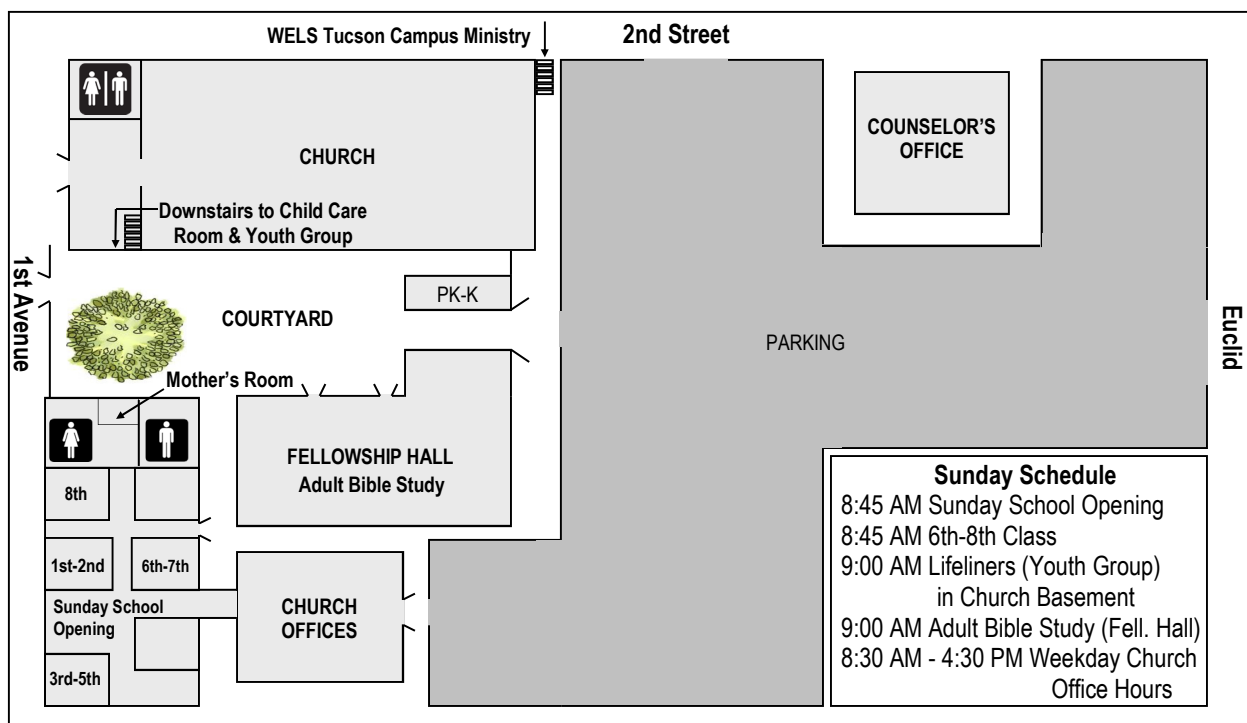
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 II

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
Christian Worship #145

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY—Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**
M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.
C: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.
(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O
 2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great
 3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all
 4. You, Christ, are ho - ly Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's

Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and
 glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have
 hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our
 glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -

grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.
 done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
 prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
 gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

It was about this time that King Herod arrested some who belonged to the church, intending to persecute them. He had James, the brother of John, put to death with the sword. When he saw that this pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. This happened during the Feast of Unleavened Bread. After arresting him, he put him in prison, handing him over to be guarded by four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring him out for public trial after the Passover. So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. "Quick, get up!" he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, "Put on your clothes and sandals." And Peter did so. "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me," the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through

Acts 12:1-19 (NIV)

it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I know without a doubt that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were anticipating." When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. Peter knocked at the outer entrance, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to answer the door. When she recognized Peter's voice, she was so overjoyed she ran back without opening it and exclaimed, "Peter is at the door!" "You're out of your mind," they told her. When she kept insisting that it was so, they said, "It must be his angel." But Peter kept on knocking, and when they opened the door and saw him, they were astonished. Peter motioned with his hand for them to be quiet and described how the Lord had brought him out of prison. "Tell James and the brothers about this," he said, and then he left for another place. In the morning, there was no small commotion among the soldiers as to what had become of Peter. After Herod had a thorough search made for him and did not find him, he cross-examined the guards and ordered that they be executed.

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament (though today it is from the New Testament book of Acts). It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

Refrain

This is the day the Lord has made, let us re - joice and be glad!__



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Psalm Tone

1. The LORD is my strength / and my song;* he has become my sal- / vation.
2. The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;*
- the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!
3. I will not / die but live,* and will proclaim what the / LORD has done.

Refrain

4. I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;* you have become my sal- / vation.
5. The stone the builders rejected has become the / capstone;*
- the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous / in our eyes.
6. This is the day the / LORD has made;* let us rejoice and be / glad in it.
7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit,
- as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

*Refrain***SECOND LESSON**

Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, I still had no peace of mind, because I did not find my brother Titus there. So I said good-by to them and went on to Macedonia. But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance

2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6 (NIV)

of life. And who is equal to such a task? Unlike so many, we do not peddle the word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God. Are we beginning to commend ourselves again? Or do we need, like some people, letters of recommendation to you or from you? You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on

tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts. Such confidence as this is ours through Christ before God. Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our

competence comes from God. He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:36-49 (NIV)

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

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet. And while they still did not believe it because of joy and amazement, he asked them, "Do you have anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate it in their presence. He said

to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Joyful Eastertide
Christian Worship #160

SERMON

Luke 24:36-49

Behind Locked Doors

1. They Couldn't Lock Fear Out
2. They Couldn't Lock Jesus Out

Please stand

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

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.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER SEASON

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

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

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Jesus, Lead Us On
Christian Worship #422

Please stand

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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me
Christian Worship #439

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
 Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
 Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)

Last Chance!

Today is your last opportunity to purchase Scrip cards in the courtyard before or after services. Even if you've never purchased Scrip before, stop by the table and help us deplete our inventory! Going forward, Scrip will only be available to purchase online or on your smart phone. Please see Debbie Koehler or Vic and Lois Thornton for details.

Redeemer's Great Exchange

Do you hate to yard sale your own items? Then you will love the Great Exchange! This is a two and one-half day adventure that has proven to delight all ages and both genders. Bring all your no-longer used or never-used items which includes, but is not limited to, clothes, books, videos, office supplies, kids toys, garden items, camping items, computers, copiers, furniture, decorative items, household items, linens, jewelry, etc. You do not need to bring items to be able to choose items to take home and enjoy. All items are FREE of charge! **The Great Exchange is open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on April 11 & 12 and from 7:00 AM to noon on April 13 in Redeemer's Ministry Center located at 8845 N. Silverbell Rd, Tucson.**

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

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at FOUR places!**

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

This Week at Grace • Apr 10-Apr 17

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Pastor Clemons: Book of Esther*9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Who Is Jesus?*7:00p

Monday

English as a Second Language Classes6:30

Tuesday

Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Grace.....1:00p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p

Thursday

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

Saturday

Women's Fellowship: *Afternoon of Games* 1:00p

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SAHUARITA

Today

Choir Practice9:00a
Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship after Worship.....9:45a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus* 10:00a

Thursday

Choir Practice4:00p

Saturday

Women's Fellowship: *Afternoon of Games*.....1:00p

Sunday

Choir Practice9:00a
Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship after Worship.....9:45a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion7:30a

Saturday

Women's Fellowship: *Afternoon of Games*.....1:00p

Sunday

Worship Service.....7:30a

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Book of Judges*.....9:00a
Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

Wednesday

Bible Study at the Chandekars: *Road to Emmaus*7:00p

Saturday

Canvassing in Rita Ranch/Vail (lunch provided).....9:30a-11:30a
Women's Fellowship: *Afternoon of Games*.....1:00p

Sunday

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

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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.

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 Storm McCain and Sandy Weir. 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*

Acts 20:28-32

1 Peter 5:1-4

John 10:11-18

Sermon Text

John 10:11-18

*I Know My Sheep and
My Sheep Know Me*

Women's Fellowship Group: Afternoon of Games

Saturday, April 16 from 1:00-4:00 PM, the Women's Fellowship Group will get together for an afternoon of games at the home of Jeanette O'Donald (5100 N. La Lomita Rd, 85718). Snacks and drinks will be provided, but bring your favorite game (there have been requests for Bunco already)! If you have any questions call Cora Stuhr in the church office at 623-6633. **Carpooling is recommended.**

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. Please contact Diane Kramm if you have questions at 440-8564.

Men's Fellowship Hike

The Men's Fellowship Group will go on a hike Saturday, April 30 at 9:00 AM at Sabino Canyon (5900 N. Sabino Canyon Rd, 85750). All men 18 and older are invited to attend. Questions? Contact Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704.



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