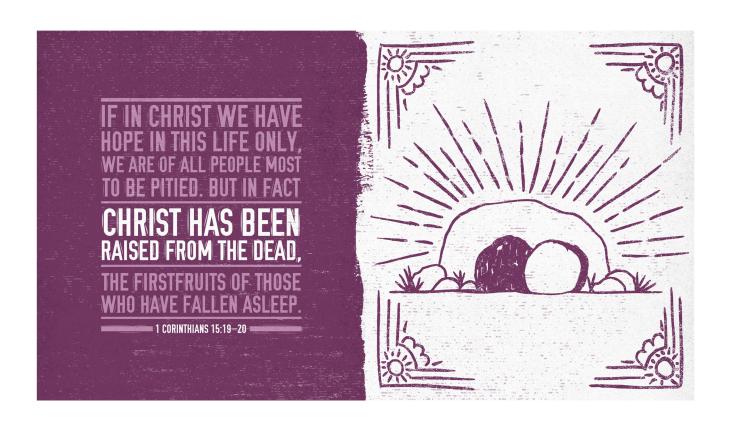
Second Sunday of Easter



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church April 3, 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.

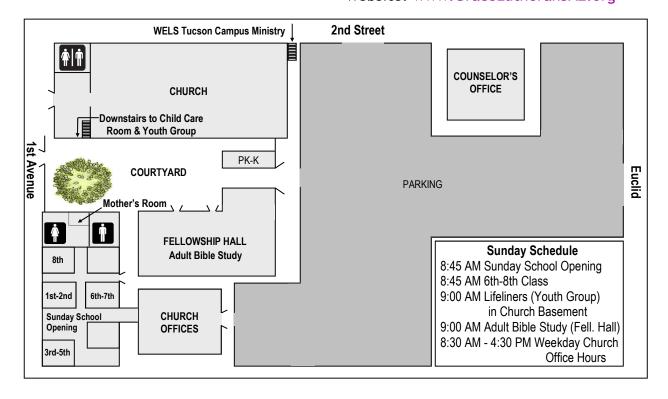
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

O Sons and Daughters of the King Christian Worship #165 st. 1-4

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.

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.

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

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM-

The Day of Resurrection

Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM-

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing Arr. by Paul Manz M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

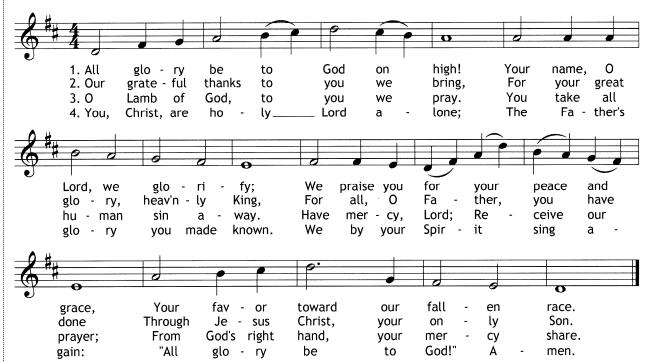
C: Amen.

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.

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)



THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 26:19-29 (NIV)

"So then, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the vision from heaven. First to those in Damascus, then to those in Jerusalem and in all Judea. and to the Gentiles also, I preached that they should repent and turn to God and prove their repentance by their deeds. That is why the Jews seized me in the temple courts and tried to kill me. But I have had God's help to this very day, and so I stand here and testify to small and great alike. I am saying nothing beyond what the prophets and Moses said would happen—that the Christ would suffer and, as the first to rise from the dead, would proclaim light to his own people and to the Gentiles." At this point Festus interrupted Paul's defense.

"You are out of your mind, Paul!" he shouted. "Your great learning is driving you insane." "I am not insane, most excellent Festus," Paul replied. "What I am saying is true and reasonable. The king is familiar with these things, and I can speak freely to him. I am convinced that none of this has escaped his notice, because it was not done in a corner. King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do." Then Agrippa said to Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" Paul replied, "Short time or long—I pray God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains."

SECOND LESSON

But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith. More than that, we are then found to be false witnesses about God, for we have testified about God that he raised Christ from the dead. But he did not raise him if in fact the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not

1 Corinthians 15:12-22 (NIV)

raised, then Christ has not been raised either. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ are lost. If only for this life we have hope in Christ, we are to be pitied more than all men. But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.



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

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter twenty.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending vou." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven." Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the

nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it." A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe." Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King Christian Worship #165 st. 5-9

SERMON

1 Corinthians 15:12-22 Christ Has Indeed Been Raised!

Please stand

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

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—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.

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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM— If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death CWS #721

10:00 AM— We Walk By Faith and Not By Sight Arr. by Dan Uhl

- 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.

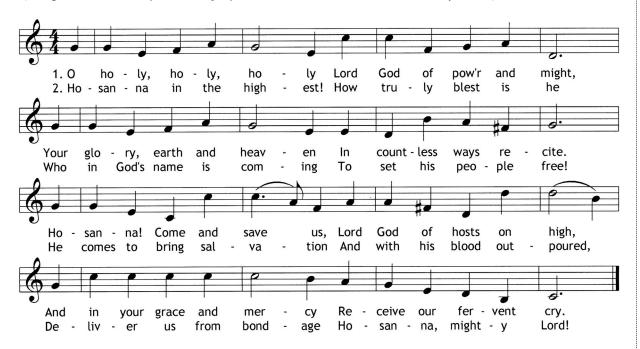
- M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:
- C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

- 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 rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction. (Sung to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection," Christian Worship #166)



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.

By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.

By his innocent death, he overcame hell.

By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

C: 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.

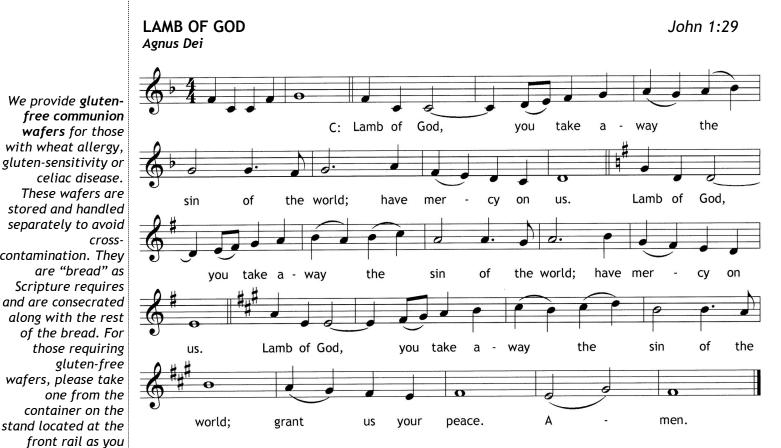
Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.

M: 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."

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.



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 the pastor 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.

We provide glutenfree communion wafers for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid crosscontamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest

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.

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SOLO

We walk by faith and not by sight; No gracious words we hear From him who spoke as none e'er spoke, But we believe him near.

We may not touch his hands and side Nor follow where he trod, But in his promise we rejoice And cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, And may our faith abound To call on you when you are near And seek where you are found.

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For you, O resurrected Lord, Are found in means divine; Beneath the water and the Word, Beneath the bread and wine.

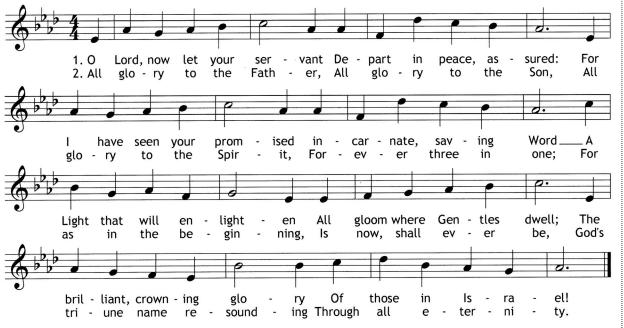
Lord, when our life of faith is done, In realms of clearer light, We may behold you as you are With full and endless sight. The title of this hymn comes from 2 Corinthians 5:7. It is also a reminder of Jesus' words to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Please stand

SONG OF SIMEON Nunc Dimittis

Luke 2:29-32

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction. (Sung to the tune of "Come unto Me, Ye Weary," Christian Worship #336)



The Nunc Dimittis ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

PRAYER

M: We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit, help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, 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."

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 (see page 11) If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death
Christian Worship Supplement #721

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE: 7:45 AM— Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands CWS #720

10:00 AM— Darkness, Break The Gloom Setting by Barry Rose

Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
	Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Soloists	Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)
	Dylan & Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, J	onathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Jon Miller, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
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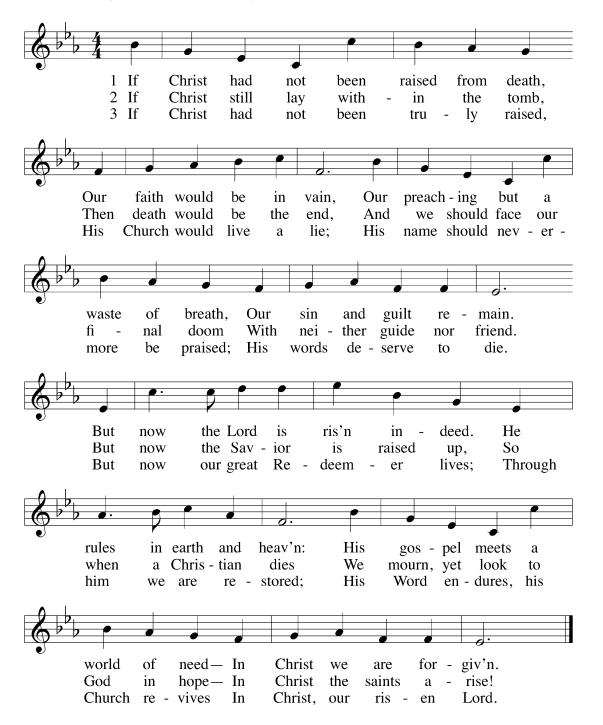
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721 If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death



This hymn writer brings to mind the implications of Christ not being raised from death that Saint Paul delineates in his famous resurrection chapter,
1 Corinthians 15.

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 the Lipke children in honor of their mothers, Laura's birthday, and in memory of their grandparents.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. 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 12:1-19 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6 Luke 24:36-49

Sermon Text

Luke 24:36-49
Behind Locked Doors

Bible Studies Resume

Pastor Clemons will resume his *Church History* Bible Study this Wednesday, April 6 at 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Koehler's Thursday morning Women's Bible Study on *Digging for Insights* will resume this Thursday, April 7 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Thank You

A heartfelt thank you from the Ron Salgado family for prayers, cards and calls during Ron's cancer surgery. We are so blessed!

Grace's Old-Fashioned Church Picnic

It's time, once again, for Grace's old-fashioned church picnic this 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. Main dishes from Brushfire Barbecue 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.

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.**



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 • Apr 3-Apr 10

TUCSON Today Worship Services/Communion	Tuesday English as a Second Language Classes
SAHUARITA Today Choir Practice	Children's Sunday School
Thursday Choir Practice	Today Adult Bible Study: Book of Judges
BENSON Today Worship Service	Bible Study at the Chandekars: Road to Emmaus7:00p Saturday Church Picnic

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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.

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.

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.**



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

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