First Sunday after Christmas



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 1, 2017



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.

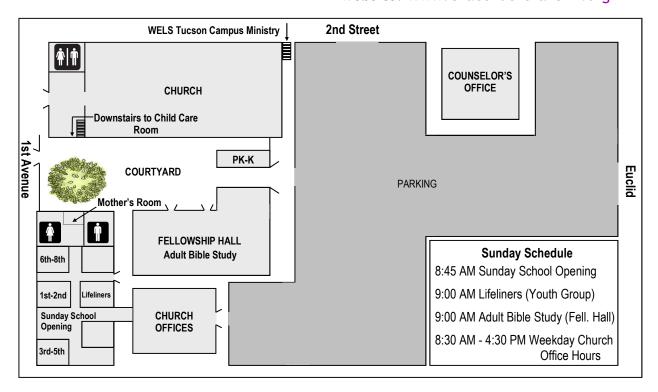
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising By Paul Kickstat

WELCOME

HYMN

Come, Your Hearts and Voices Raising Christian Worship #42

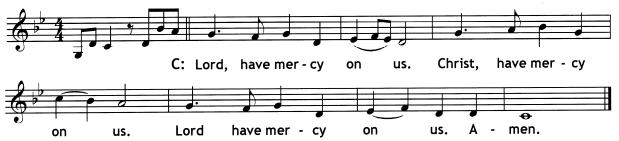
Please stand

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.

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; 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 Hosea 11:1-7 (NIV)

"When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. But the more I called Israel, the further they went from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images. It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love; I lifted the yoke from their neck and

bent down to feed them. Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent? Swords will flash in their cities, will destroy the bars of their gates and put an end to their plans. My people are determined to turn from me. Even if they call to the Most High, he will by no means exalt them."

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

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son Galatians 4:4-7 (NIV)

into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir.

VERSE OF THE DAY Colossians 3:15a

M: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Please stand

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

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



When they had gone, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. "Get up," he said, "take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him." So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod. And so was fulfilled what the Lord had said through the prophet: "Out of Egypt I called my son."

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in

Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child's life are dead." So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee, and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth. So was fulfilled what was said through the prophets: "He will be called a Nazarene."

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.

C: 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

What Child Is This Christian Worship #67

SERMON

Galatians 4:4-7
What Child Is This?

Please stand

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



Please be seated



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

What Child is This? By Patricia Lou Harris

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

M: Lord God, heavenly Father, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, we praise you for the special love you have shown us, your fallen and sinful creatures. You have kept your word and sent your Son to be born as the promised Savior and Redeemer.

Lord Jesus Christ, we marvel at your servantlike heart, which moved you to do your Father's will and take on our flesh. You became fully human so that you might live the holy and perfect life we could not live, endure the agony of the cross, and suffer death as our substitute.

O Holy Spirit, we thank you for your saving work of bringing us to faith in our newborn Savior. You have opened our eyes to see that, despite his humble appearance and lowly circumstances, this child who lies in Bethlehem's manger is the mighty God, the Redeemer of the world.

God of our salvation, as you have brought us to faith in the Christ Child, so we ask that you would work powerfully also in the hearts of those who do not yet know him or who do not know him in truth. Grant that the world's attention to the Christ Child may not be only a seasonal attraction or a sentimental novelty. Rather, bring sinners to faith that they may see him as the answer to life's problems here and the sure hope of life eternal in heaven with you.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Let the joyous message of Christmas be preached in all the world, and may it find ready acceptance in believing hearts, for the eternal benefit of lost souls, for the extension of your kingdom, and for the glory of your holy name.
- 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.

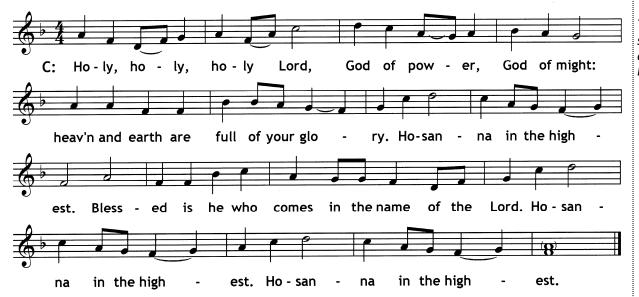
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. 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:



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

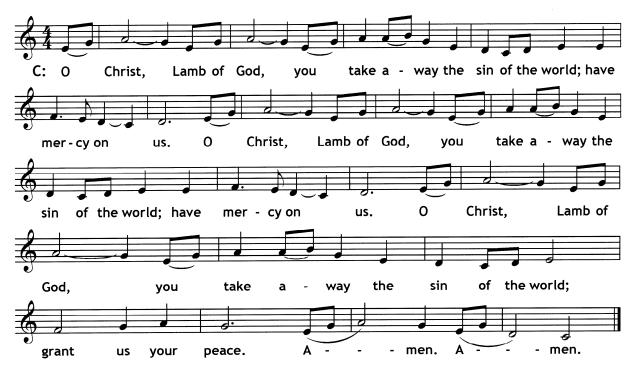
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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 be seated

We provide glutenfree 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.

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.

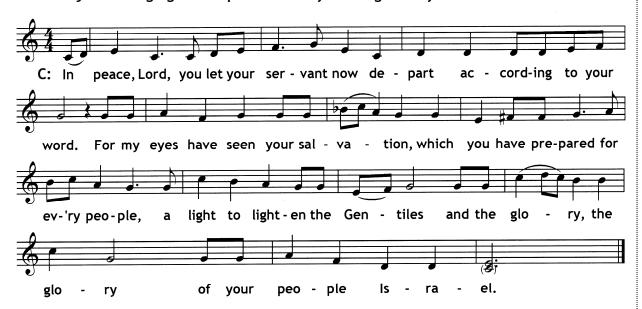
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THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

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



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

C: And his mercy endures forever.

PRAYER

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

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."

CLOSING HYMN

Let Us All with Gladsome Voice Christian Worship #64

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

Whom Shepherds Once Came Praising By Lani Smith

Gloria in Excelsis By Charles Counod

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| Preacher | Pastor Tim Patoka |
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| Worship Leader | Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM) |
| Communion Assistants | Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM) |
| | Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM) |
| Accompanist | Katie Patoka |
| Ushers | Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM) |
| Dave Breitkreit | z, Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM) |
| | Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM) |
| Sound & Recording Tech | Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM) |
| Altar Prep Team | Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel |

Ornaments Ready for Pick-Up

If your child made a glass ornament at Christmas For Kids, it is available for pickup in the Fellowship Hall.

English as a Second Language

English as a Second Language will resume classes Monday, January 9 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Church Council Installation Next Week

The 2017 Grace Church Council was elected at the December Voters' Meeting. Many thanks to all of the men who were willing to be nominated and to stand for election to Church Council positions. The following will serve as Church Council members in 2017, and will be installed in their positions next Sunday, January 8:

Bryan Guenther, President; Craig Lipke, Vice President; Jeremy Snavely, Recording Secretary; Jon Dins, Financial Secretary; Chris Stuhr, Treasurer; Dave Breitkreitz, Trustee; Jacob Kassulke, Spiritual Needs Elder; Mark Christianson, Education Elder; Boz Lomasney, Member Ministry Elder; Jeff Weinstein, Outreach Elder. Grace's president will ask men to serve as site elders at Benson, Sahuarita, and Vail.

Thank you also to Doug Lemke and Jason Watson who served on the Church Council but will not be serving in 2017.

Pastor Grube Farewell Service

Next Sunday, January 8 at 3:00 PM at Holy Cross (241 N. Harrison Road, Tucson, 85748), there will be a special worship service to thank God for the ministry of Pastor Grube, who retired at the end of December. Dinner will follow the service in the Education Building. No need to RSVP.

Bible Studies

The Grace-Tucson Wednesday morning (10 AM) and Wednesday evening (7 PM) *Church History Bible Study* will resume on January 11.

The Grace-Tucson Thursday morning Women's Bible Study on *Key Bible Words* will resume on January 12 at its usual time of 9:00 AM.

Women Of Grace Planning Meeting

The Women of Grace will have a planning meeting on Saturday, January 14 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall to discuss the upcoming Valentine's Tea and April Spring Rally we are hosting. Ladies from all the Grace sites are encouraged to attend.

NEW Sunday Morning Bible Study Coming Soon!

A new Sunday morning Bible study will begin here at Grace-Tucson early in the New Year. We are finishing up *The Life of Christ* and then will begin a series called *Church-Mission-Ministry*. We'll learn and discuss things like: What is the Church? What should the Church be doing? What is my role? We'll also consider sacraments, fellowship, mission work, the role of pastors, and more. Optional home devotional study will be provided. Grace members at the other three sites have completed this study—now it's our turn! Come learn more about what God says concerning church and how we operate as a congregation and join in the discussion!

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 2016 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2016 tax year. You can help support Lutheran education and receive a credit on your Arizona state income taxes (up to \$1087 per person and \$2173 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 fiver and a donation form brochure at any of the Grace locations.**

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 quest 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. 9 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 John & Lauri Colton in thanks to God for the blessings of family and friends.

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 the Naomi Kassulke and Emily Rudd. 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 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-12 Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 2:1-12
Where Is the One Who Has Been
Born King of the Jews?

Thank You

A huge thank you from Russ and Sandy Weir for your expressed Christian concerns. They're both recuperating and hope to be in church soon (maybe today)! Please keep them in your prayers.



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 • Jan 1-Jan 8

Wednesday

| TUCSON Today Worship Services/Communion |
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| SAHUARITA Today NO Children's Sunday School |
| WednesdayBible Study: Why All the Different Churches?10:00aWomen of Grace Meeting11:30aBible Study: Book of Revelation7:00p |
| Sunday Children's Sunday School |
| BENSON Today Worship Service7:30a |
| Sunday Worship Service/Communion7:30a |

| NO Midweek Bible Studies | |
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| Thursday NO Women's Bible Study | |
| Sunday | |
| Worship Services | 7:45 & 10:00a |
| Coffee Fellowship following both services | |
| Children's Sunday School | 8:45a |
| Youth Confirmation Class | |
| Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study | 9:00a |
| Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall): | |
| The Life of Christ: Jesus' Resurrection | 9:00a |
| Church Council Installation | 10:00a |
| NO WELS TCM Bible Study | |
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| 1 | oday |
| | Children's Sunday School 9:00a |
| | Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a |
| | Adult Bible Study: Of Kings & Prophets 9:15a |
| | Worship Service 10:00a |
| | Coffee Fellowship following worship |
| I | Monday |
| | Bible Study at the Ministry Center: Sermon Review 9:00a |
| V | Vednesday |
| | Bible Study at the Ministry Center: Revelation 7:00p |
| S | Sunday |
| | Children's Sunday School 9:00a |
| | Youth Confirmation Class |
| | Adult Bible Study: Of Kings & Prophets 9:15a |
| | Worship Service/Communion10:00a |
| | Church Council Installation 10:00a |
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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net