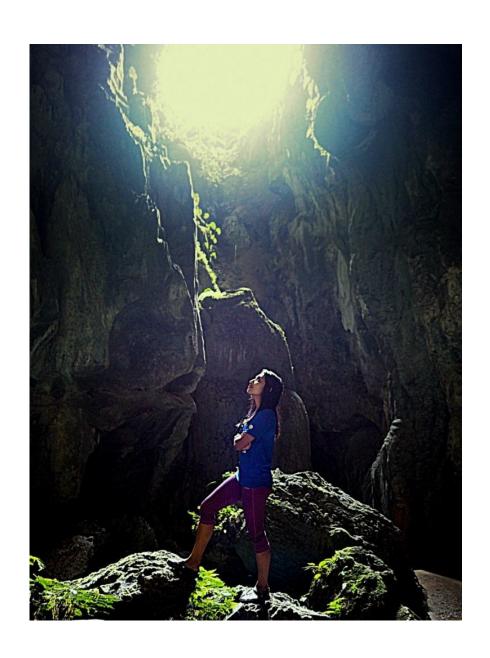
# Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 15, 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.

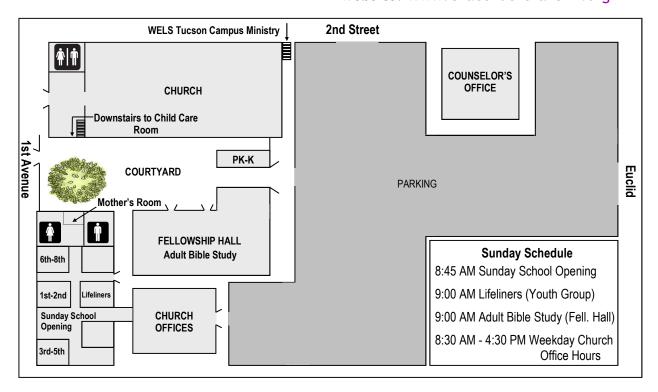
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



During the weeks following The Festival of Epiphany (January 6) and preceding the Lenten season, which begins with Ash Wednesday, the Church celebrates the season of Epiphany. During these weeks the focus is on events in the life of Christ, who has appeared as the Light of the World and Savior of all people. The color of the season is green, which brings to mind the growth and life of Christ.

# **DIVINE SERVICE I**

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing Christian Worship #87

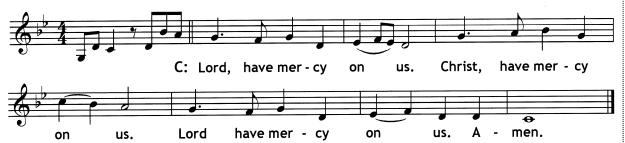
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Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.

#### **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



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.

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."

# PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Glorious Light
Words & Music by
Keith and Kristyn
Getty and Ian
Hannah
Arr. by Larry
Shackley

10:00 AM— Come, Holy Spirit, Dove Divine By H. Percy Smith, Arr. by Cindy Berry

O Zion, Haste By James Walch, Arr. by Cindy Berry

# **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, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

### THE WORD

# FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-7 (NIV)

Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my birth he has made mention of my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." But I said, "I have labored to no purpose; I have spent my strength in vain and for nothing. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my reward is with my God." And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to

himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength-he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth." This is what the LORD says—the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel—to him who was despised and abhorred by the nation, to the servant of rulers: "Kings will see you and rise up, princes will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen vou."

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

"Therefore, my brothers, I want you to know that through Jesus the forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you. Through him everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses. Take care that what the prophets have said does not happen to you: 'Look, you scoffers, wonder and perish, for I am going to do something in your days that you would never believe, even if someone told you.'" As Paul and Barnabas were leaving the synagogue, the people invited them to

Acts 13:38-49 (NIV)

speak further about these things on the next Sabbath. When the congregation was dismissed, many of the Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who talked with them and urged them to continue in the grace of God. On the next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and talked abusively against what Paul was saying.

(Scripture reading continues on page 5)

Then Paul and Barnabas answered them boldly: "We had to speak the word of God to you first. Since you reject it and do not consider yourselves worthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For this is what the Lord has commanded us: 'I have made you a light for the Gentiles,

that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth." When the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and honored the word of the Lord; and all who were appointed for eternal life believed. The word of the Lord spread through the whole region.

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

#### VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL John 1:29-41 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

> The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is he who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." The next day John

was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?" They said, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" "Come," he replied, "and you will see." So they went and saw where he was staying, and spent that day with him. It was about the tenth hour. Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus. The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



### **NICENE CREED**

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

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

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

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

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Our True and Only Light Christian Worship #569

**SERMON** 

Acts 13:38-49
God Has Made You His Light In a Dark World

Please stand

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





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

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

7:45 AM— The Star Proclaims the King Is Here Arr. by Valerie A. Floeter

10:00 AM—
Communion;
A Child is Born
Puer Natus In
Bethlehem
Plainsong, mode I,
14th Century
Divinum Mysterium
Plainsong, Mode V,
13th Century
Setting by John
Leavitt

#### **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 Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death:
- C: You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.
- M: Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:
- C: You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- M: Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of your salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:
- C: Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M: Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.
- C: Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.
- 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.

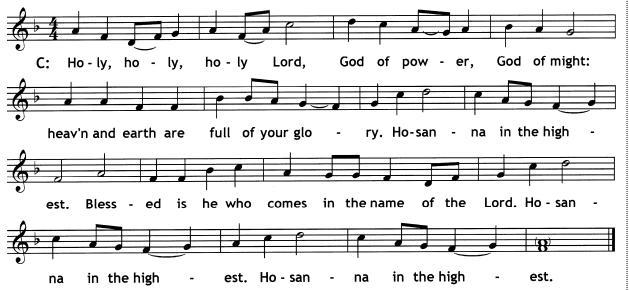
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

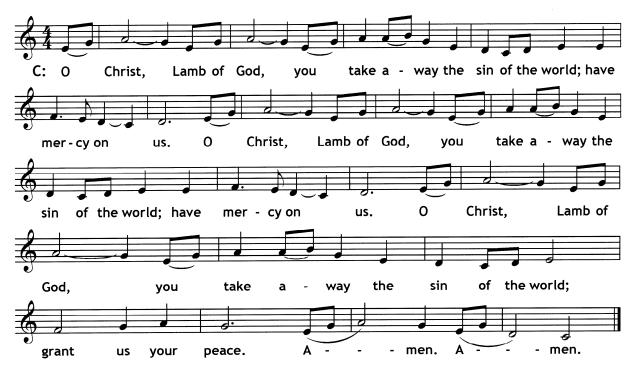
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

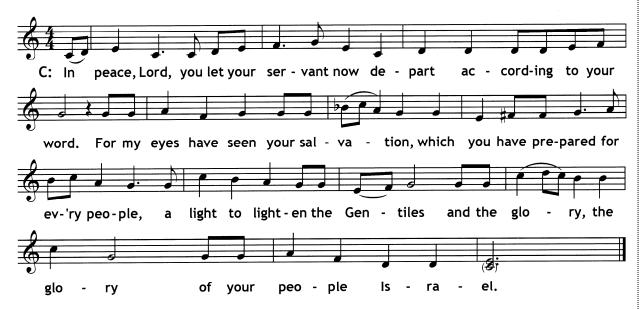
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### **THANKSGIVING**

# 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**

O God from God, O Light from Light Christian Worship #85

# THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE: 7:45 AM— Shine, Jesus, Shine By Graham Kendrick

10:00 AM— You Are the Light of the World By Edward Broughton

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Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants	Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
	Elder Education Mark Christianson (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
Dave I	Breitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team	Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

# Canvassing in Sahuarita

This Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 AM, Pastor Heiman will lead a group of volunteers in canvassing the neighborhoods around Grace-Sahuarita for a few hours. If you would like to serve in this way, please meet at Grace-Sahuarita just before 9. We hope you can make it!

# Canvassing in Vail

This Saturday, January 21 at 9:30 AM, join us at Esmond Station (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747) as we go out in the neighborhoods around the school to share with neighbors information about Grace. We will canvass from 9:30-11:00 AM and then treat you to lunch. Canvassing is a great way to get some exercise and spread the gospel at the same time!

—Pastor Colin Rieke

# Benson Chili Cook-Off

Grace-Benson will hold a Chili Cook-Off this Saturday, January 21 at 12:00 PM. All Grace members are welcome to attend. No official judging will take place, but the most popular chili will have bragging rights. Please bring chili, corn bread, a side salad, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Please call Sue Ann Arnold at 520-221-3209 or email her at cpasaa@aol.com if you have any questions.

# **WELS TCM Semester Kick-Off Party**

Next Sunday, January 22, at 7:00 PM, the WELS Tucson Campus Ministry will have their Semester Kick-Off Party downstairs in the Student Center. Parking permits will be distributed and food will be provided.

# Handbell Choir at Grace-Tucson

The Grace Handbell Choir is starting back up Monday, January 23 at 4:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson sanctuary. If you are even a little bit curious about handbells come to the first practice and check it out (you are not required to join if you show up)! If you are interested in playing, please contact Melissa Newbrey at (702) 469-0993.

# Family Devotion Night—January 28

Family schedules have a tendency to get very busy with school and extracurricular activities. It can be hard to find time to just sit down and relax. It can be even harder to find time to sit down and gather around God's Word. But that time to rest is important, that time in God's Word is important. Pastor Rieke invites you to make time in your busy schedules to join him for a once per month Family Devotion Night. The first Devotion Night will be held on Saturday, January 28 from 6-7 PM at the Rieke home (4282 S. Mayberry Place). Each month's devotion will cover a timely topic in our world today.



There will be childcare available for younger children during the devotion. Following the 15-20 minute devotion there will be a light meal provided for families to relax and interact with one another. While this Devotion Night is geared for families, anyone is welcome to attend.

# February Valentine's Tea!

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 11 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Myrna (Guenther) Hillyard will lead a presentation on Katie Luther, Martin Luther's wife, which is appropriate in this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation! A sign-up sheet for hosting a table, bringing food to share, and attending is posted in the Fellowship Hall and the other Grace sites. You may also RSVP by phone or email to Diane Kramm (440-8564) or Cora in the church office (623-6633).

An invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson, Safford, Casa Grande and Sierra Vista. It should be a lot of fun so please invite your girlfriends. Questions? Text/call Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or send her an email, <a href="mailto:pdkramm@earthlink.net">pdkramm@earthlink.net</a>.

# Blankets, Caps, Scarves Needed

The Holy Cross Sewing Circle would like to invite you to help them make homemade blankets, caps, scarves and quilts again this year for the Apaches, Mission to the Children Missions, and our Vets. Last year was such a great success because you took the time and effort to help them reach their goal and beyond. God truly blessed the project! They are hoping to have another successful year. Below is a list of what is needed. Finished items may be brought to the Grace-Tucson church office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Manning at 520-241-0909.

What is needed:

Baby Blankets Caps and Scarves (for Adults and Children) Quilts (any size) Lap Blankets (4 x 6)

# **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.

# **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.

# **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.

# Ordering Altar Flowers

If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Once you've filled out the information in the flower binder, Cora will place the order. The cost to order two bouquets is \$32.50. Information about ordering and payment is located on the front cover. You may call Cora if you have questions at 623-6633.

# 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

> Isaiah 9:1-4 1 John 2:3-11 Matthew 4:12-23

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 4:12-23
Repent, for God's Light Has Come

# **NEW Grace-Tucson Sunday Morning Bible Study Coming Soon!**

A new Sunday morning Bible study will begin here at Grace-Tucson soon. 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!

# Thank You

The Lietha and Dent families would like to thank all those who sent cards, flowers, and kept the family in their thoughts and prayers after John Lietha's passing.



# 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 15-Jan 22

TUCSON Today  Worship Services/Communion	Tuesday Church Council Meeting
SAHUARITA Today Children's Sunday School	Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study
BENSON Today Worship Service	Children's Sunday School 9:00a Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a Adult Bible Study: Of Kings & Prophets 9:15a Worship Service/Communion 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following worship

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