

# Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
January 29, 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.

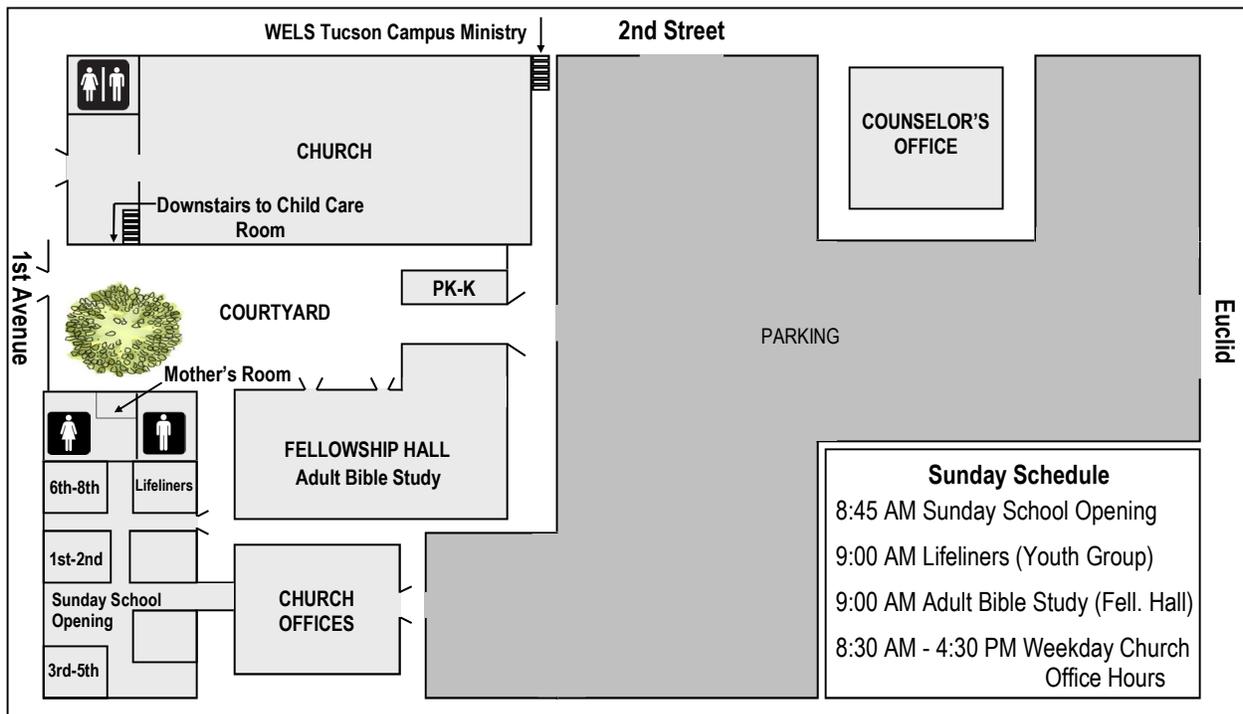
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://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

As We Begin Another Week  
Christian Worship #223

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

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy  
on us. Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

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.

#### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Lakewood (Forth in Your Name, O Lord, I Go)

Tune by Barry L. Bobb

Arr. by Rebecca Kramer

Ayre by Antonio Vivaldi

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.”

## 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.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we  
give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus  
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our  
prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

Furious with rage, Nebuchadnezzar summoned Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. So these men were brought before the king, and Nebuchadnezzar said to them, "Is it true, Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the image of gold I have set up? Now when you hear the sound of the horn, flute, zither, lyre, harp, pipes and all kinds of music, if you are ready to fall down and worship the image I made, very good. But if you do not worship it, you will be thrown immediately into a blazing furnace. Then what god will be able to rescue you from my hand?" Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach,

## Daniel 3:13-27 (NIV)

Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king's command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, "Weren't there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?" They replied, "Certainly, O king." He said, "Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods." Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, "Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!" So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on 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.*

This Psalm arrangement is one that is being considered for inclusion in a new WELS hymnal. Please share your thoughts on it using the questionnaire available. See page 13 on "Psalm Field Testing" for more information.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## PSALM 1

### Refrain



Bless - ed are they who hope in the Lord.



Bless - ed are they who hope in the Lord.

### Tone



### Refrain

Blessed is the one who | does not walk  
in step with the | wicked  
or stand in the way that | sinners take  
or sit in the company of | mockers,  
but whose delight is in the law | of the LORD,  
and who meditates on his law | day and night.  
That person is like a tree planted by streams of | water,  
which yields its fruit in | season  
and whose leaf does not | wither—  
whatever they do | prospers. *Refrain*

Not so the | wicked!  
They are like chaff that the wind | blows away.  
Therefore the wicked will not stand in the | judgment,  
nor sinners in the assembly of the | righteous.  
For the LORD watches over the way of the | righteous,  
but the way of the wicked leads to de- | struction.

**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***

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## SECOND LESSON

Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the

## 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 (NIV)

things that are not—to nullify the things that are, so that no one may boast before him. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. Therefore, as it is written: “Let him who boasts boast in the Lord.”

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:18

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12 (NIV)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure

in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## 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.

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

*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.*

*Please be seated*



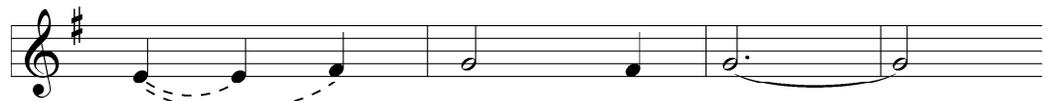
1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it;  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones;  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy;  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace;  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate



Theirs is the king - dom of God.  
 They shall in - her - it the earth.  
 Mer - cy shall be theirs.  
 They are the chil - dren of God.  
 All be - cause of me. Re -



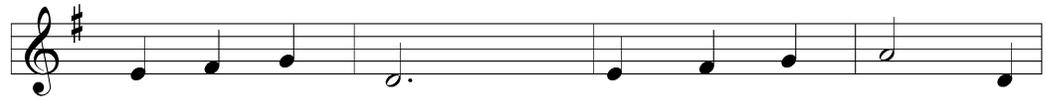
Blest are they, full of sor - row;  
 Blest are they, who hun - ger and thirst;  
 Blest are they, the pure of heart;  
 Blest are they who suf - fer in faith; the  
 joy and be glad. Yours is the king - dom;



They shall be con - soled.  
 They shall have their fill.  
 They shall see God!  
 glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 Shine for all to see.



*Refrain*  
 Re - joyce and be glad!



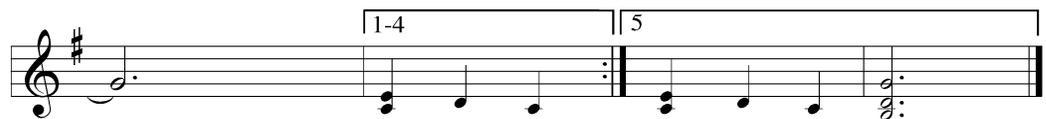
Bless - ed are you; ho - ly are you. Re -



joyce and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God.



SERMON

1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Boast In the Lord

Please stand

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

C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -  
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Please be seated

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior’s love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation’s work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God’s kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank you!

7:45 AM—Please stand and continue on page 11 with the Prayer of the Church.

10:00—Please remain seated.

**BAPTISM**  
of  
**Katherine Holden and Richard Cook**

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ gave his Church the command to baptize when he said: “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”



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

**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**  
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me  
By Thomas Hastings

Guitars:  
Jim Goldie & Larry Mytych

*We refer to Baptism as a Sacrament because according to God's command, it connects his Word with a visible element (water) to offer, give, and seal to believers the forgiveness of sins.*

**M:** Scripture makes plain the universal need for Baptism. As children of Adam, we belong to a fallen race. From our parents we inherit a sinful nature and would be lost forever unless delivered by our Lord Jesus Christ. He willingly took on himself the curse of sin and by his death on the cross redeemed us and all people.

Christ's almighty Word gives Baptism its power to save. The Apostle Peter declares, "Baptism now saves you." Scripture also clearly teaches that the power and promise of Baptism is intended for young and old alike. On the day of Pentecost the apostle testified, "The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call." By water and the Spirit, we are born again and united with Christ and his people as members of the Church.

In bringing this child and in coming to be baptized, you are doing what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said, "Let the children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." And he took the children in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them.

In the same way Ananias said to the apostle Paul after his conversion, "Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away." Through your Baptism, God gives you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Katherine Anne Holden, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Richard Michael Cook, I baptize you in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

## **EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION**

**M:** Brothers and sisters in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love, therefore, urges all of us to assist in whatever manner possible so that Kate and Richard may remain children of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, and we ask God to help us.

**C:** Yes, and we ask God to help us.

**SOLO**

**God's Own Child I Gladly Say It**  
*CWS #737*

*God's own child, I gladly say it: I am baptized into Christ!  
He, because I could not pay it, gave my full redemption price.  
Do I need earth's treasures many? I have one worth more than any  
That brought me salvation free, lasting to eternity!*

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**  
of  
*Richard Cook, Philip Holden, and Tricia Teas*

M: Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having been instructed in the basic teachings of the Bible, you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: “If you confess with your mouth, ‘Jesus is Lord’ and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

Therefore, lift up your hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

New Members: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God’s Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

*The minister offers a blessing for each confirmand.*

**PRAYER**

M: Let us pray:

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the gift of Baptism by which you wash away sin and give us a new and eternal life. Help us each day to remember that through Baptism you clothe us with Christ that we may stand holy and blameless before you. Look with favor on Kate and Richard who were baptized today that they may be kept safe by the gift of your Spirit, grow daily in your grace, and live forever by the power of the risen Christ. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to all the baptized, so that all may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Unlike Baptism, Confirmation is a rite of the church and is not based on a specific command of God. Confirmation provides the opportunity for believers to confess their faith and their agreement with the teachings of a congregation, based on God’s Word.*

M: We also thank you for the confession of faith to which you have led Tricia, Philip, and Richard in their confirmations today. Thank you for your powerful Word which strengthens faith and deepens knowledge, guards against error, and instructs the Christian life. Bless them that they may remain faithful to their promises and build them up in service to you. In the same way, bless and equip all of us for your service and to boldly confess your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

## WELCOME

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son †, and Holy Spirit—bless and keep 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 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 and intercessions may follow.*

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.

*Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence.*

*The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing. . . as a sign of the Resurrection."*

**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.*

*Please be seated*

**HYMN**

**When I Survey the Wondrous Cross**  
*Christian Worship #125*

*Please stand*

**PRAYER**

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**BLESSING**

**M:** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**God of Mercy, God of Grace**  
*Christian Worship #249*

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

- Preacher** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke
- Worship Leader**.....Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
- Accompanist** ..... Elaine Goldie
- Soloist** .....Sam Kassulke (10:00 AM)
- Solo Accompanist** .....Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
- Ushers** ..... Vic Thornton, Rusty King, Rick Street (7:45 AM)  
Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)  
Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jonathan Miller (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech**..... Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
- Greeters** ..... Jeanette O’Donald & Nadine Rentschler (10:00 AM)

**POSTLUDE:**

*Psalm 19*  
*By Benedetto*  
*Marcello*  
*Arr. by Thomas*  
*Greschen*

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## 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 Sally Littau in memory of loved ones.

### You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Winifred Tsosie. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

### Baptized & Confirmed

Kate Holden and Richard Cook will be baptized during 10 AM worship this morning here at Grace-Tucson. Richard Cook, Philip Holden and Tricia Teas will also be confirmed during 10 AM worship at Grace-Tucson this morning. We welcome them all to Grace and ask God's blessings on them!

### Psalm Field Testing

Our congregation has been asked by the WELS Hymnal Committee to test some of the psalms they are considering for the new hymnal (scheduled to be published in 2024). We are using one of these psalms in our worship service today. Part of the testing process is receiving your feedback about the psalm we are trying. You will find a brief survey near the friendship register today. Please fill out this form and leave it in your row to be collected after the service. If you prefer to fill out the form online, you may do so at <http://surveymonkey.com/r/9GPKTP5>. If you have any questions about this field testing or the hymnal project, please contact our music coordinator, Beth Kassulke at [music@gracelutheranSAZ.org](mailto:music@gracelutheranSAZ.org).

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Joshua 24:14-24

1 Peter 2:9-12

Matthew 5:13-20

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Joshua 24:14-24

*God Chose You—Will You  
Continue to Choose Him?*

### Called Home To Heaven

Russ Weir was called home to heaven on Tuesday, January 24. There will be a Memorial Service for him here at Grace-Tucson on Friday, February 10 at 10:00 AM with a luncheon to follow.



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 29-Feb 5**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a  
**NO** Youth Confirmation Class .....  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*.... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Resurrection Appearances*..... 9:00a  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Jesus the God-Man* ..... 7:00p

**Monday**

Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary..... 4:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Jesus the God-Man* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
**NO** Youth Confirmation Class .....  
**Wednesday**

Bible Study: *Why All the Different Churches?*..... 10:00a  
Women of Grace-Sahuarita Meeting ..... 11:30a  
Bible Study: *Book of Revelation* ..... 7:00p

**Sunday**

Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *God's Will Is* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
Youth Confirmation Class ..... 11:15a-12:30p

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

**Sunday**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

**Tuesday**

English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

**Wednesday**

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 10:00a & 7:00p  
Tucson Campus Ministry (TCM) Lunch at No Anchovies ..... 11:15a

**Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words* ..... 9:00a

**Sunday**

Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*.... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Resurrection Appearances*..... 9:00a  
WELS TCM Super Bowl Party at the Weinstains ..... 3:30p

**VAIL**

**Today**

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.....

**Monday**

Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Sermon Review* ..... 9:00a

**Wednesday**

Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Revelation* ..... 7:00p

**Sunday**

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.....

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## 2016 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a year-end offering statement envelope with their name on it in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior. This statement may be useful if you choose to itemize tax deductions. Offerings to Grace Lutheran Church are considered charitable donations.

## 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 year 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, [pdkramm@earthlink.net](mailto:pdkramm@earthlink.net).

## Lifeliners Chupala Lunch—February 12

Grace's high school youth group, the Lifeliners, invite you to join them following the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, February 12 here at Grace-Tucson for their annual Chupala Lunch. Chupala is a delicious chicken and bean dish with southwestern spices that is served with tortillas or corn chips and toppings (lettuce, tomatoes, olives, cheese, etc.). The lunch after church is a great time to enjoy some fellowship.

The Chupala Lunch is also one of the ways that the Lifeliners raise funds for their activities. Donations are appreciated (checks may be made out to Grace), but you are welcome to eat even if you are unable to contribute.

Thank you to Thrivent for giving \$250 through their Thrivent Choice Action Team Program to help pay for the chupala lunch supplies.



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