The Epiphany of Our Lord



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 8, 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.

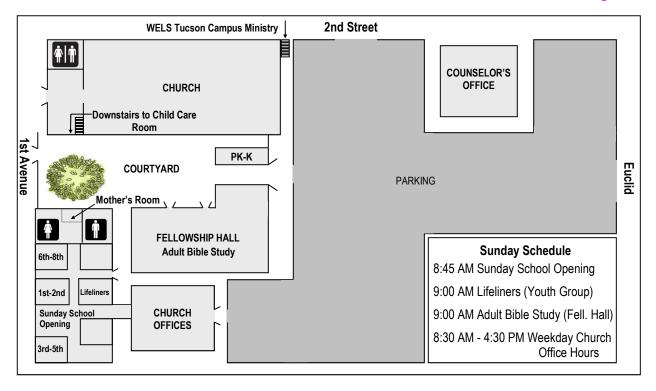
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



Today we celebrate the Epiphany or "appearing" of Jesus as the Savior of all nations. Friday, January 6, is actually Epiphany, the Twelfth Day of the Christmas season. The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord (also known as the Gentile Christmas) has been celebrated by the Church since the second century.

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory Christian Worship #80

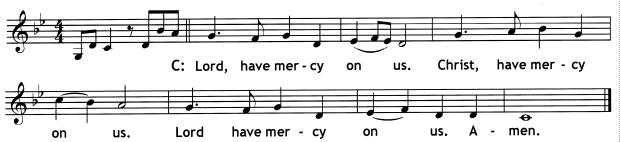
Please stand

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



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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Coventry Carol (10:00 AM—Duet with Sam Kassulke)

Coventry Carol (16th century) depicts the mourning of mothers whose children were lost in the "Massacre of the Innocents" ordered by King Herod. Although written in a minor kev, the tune features a Picardy Third, in which the last chord is changed to a major key. This technique was often used in medieval music to end a solemn piece with a glimmer of hope.

Rejoice, the Lord is King Arr. by Cindy Berry

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."

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.

M: Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly 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

FIRST LESSON

"Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried

Isaiah 60:1-6 (NIV)

on the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD."

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 72

Refrain



Let the peo-ple praise you, O God.

Let all the peo - ple praise you.

Psalm Tone



- 1. Endow the King with your justice, / O God,* the royal Son with your / righteousness.
- 2. He will defend the afflicted among the / people* and save the children of the / needy.
- 3. He will endure as long / as the sun,*
 as long as the moon, through all gener- / ations.
- 4. He will be like rain falling on a / mown field,* like showers water- / ing the earth.

Refrain

- 5. All kings will bow / down to him,* and all nations will / serve him.
- 6. All nations will be / blessed through him,* and they will / call him blessed.
- 7. Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does mar- / velous deeds.*

 May the whole earth be filled with his / glory.
- 8. 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

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace

Ephesians 3:2-12 (NIV)

given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

VERSE OF THE DAY Matthew 2:2b

M: Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

Please stand

The congregation stands out of

respect for the words of Christ our King.

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, "Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him." When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people's chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. "In Bethlehem in Judea," they replied, "for this is what the prophet

has written: 'But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him." After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they

had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then

they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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 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

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Jesus, King of Glory Christian Worship #94

SERMON

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

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:

Dix Arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

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!

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Those being installed stand before the altar.

M: Dear friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Body, the Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. You have now been selected for positions of service to our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you with an office which you are to carry out as his servants and according to his Word. St. Paul writes concerning service in the Church: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

The Lord seeks faithfulness from all who serve, as Scripture says, "It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." The Lord does not seek from us what he has not given to us. But when he does give a gift, his will is that we use it faithfully to his glory and for the benefit of his people.

M: You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, to set for your own families and the whole Church the example of a Christian life. Make the Word of God your foundation and guide. Search it daily for comfort and instruction.

PROMISE

M: So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you, in the presence of God and this congregation:

Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the office entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as Church Council members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

The ministers shake the hands of those installed, addressing each by name.

M: May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties, to his glory and for the good of his people.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Members of Grace, I urge you to regard all your fellow believers being installed as Church Council members as servants of Jesus Christ and God's gifts to his Church. Pray for them, support them in their service, and help them so that through the gospel ministry of this congregation more people will be reached for Christ and his Kingdom.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Merciful and gracious God, our lives are open before you, and you hear our promises. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your servants, that they may carry out their duties with diligence, boldness, and wisdom.

Give them a spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may present their requests to you. Help them be examples of what is good, that by their lives they may build up your congregation and give the enemies of the Church no cause for complaint. Make them a blessing to your believers; help them to work with their pastors and with one another; and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation may be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom enlarged, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister thanks those leaving office with these words:

M: In the name of the congregation we sincerely thank *Doug Lemke* and *Jason Watson* who for the past five years have served the Lord and his Church in positions of leadership on the Church Council. May the Lord, our God, graciously reward them for all they have done to his glory and for the benefit of his Church.

BLESSING

M: Go, then, and give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you. Go in peace.

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.

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.

HYMN

The Star Proclaims the King Is Here Christian Worship #91

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

As with Gladness Men of Old Christian Worship #83

Worship Leader Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM) Preservice Piano Duet Kathy Parra & Sam Kassulke (10:00 AM) UshersVic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM) Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler, Colton Watson, Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM) Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

POSTLUDE:

Brightest and Best CW #92

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God's blessings to our newly installed church council!

2017 CHURCH COUNCIL

President	¹ Bryan Guenther
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Recording Secretary	Jeremy Snavely
Financial Secretary	Jon Dins
Treasurer	Chris Stuhr
Trustee	Dave Breitkreitz
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Elder of Member Ministry	Boz Lomasney
Elder of Outreach	³ Jeff Weinstein
Elder of Spiritual Needs	Jacob Kassulke
Grace-Vail Site Elder	² Ron Silver
Grace-Sahuarita Site Elder	¹ Bob Breiler

¹Installed at Grace-Sahuarita this morning.

English as a Second Language

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

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!

Women Of Grace Planning Meeting

The Women of Grace will have a planning meeting this 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.

²Installed at Grace-Vail this morning.

³Out of town this morning.

Bible Studies

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

The Grace-Tucson Thursday morning Women's Bible Study on *Key Bible Words* will resume this week at its usual time of 9:00 AM. Here is the schedule for upcoming classes:

January	12	Class	February	2	Class
	19	NO Class		9	NO Class
	26	Class		16	Class
				23	NO Class

Pastor Heiman continues his Bible Studies this Wednesday, January 11 at Grace-Sahuarita. The first is at 10:00 AM and is examining "Why All The Different Churches?" The 7:00 PM study is on the book of Revelation. Please join us to study the Word and grow in your faith.

Pastor Rieke continues his Monday morning Bible Study from 9-10 AM at the Grace-Vail Ministry Center (10501 E. Seven Generations Way, Tucson) this week. The study is *Digging Deeper, A Sermon Review*. Pastor Rieke is also leading a Wednesday study this week from 7-8 PM at the Grace-Vail Ministry Center on *Revelation and End Times*.

Benson Chili Cook-Off

Grace-Benson will hold a Chili Cook-Off on 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.

Thank You

The Stevens family would like to thank all those who sent cards, flowers and plants, made meals and kept the family in their thoughts and prayers after Ron's passing.

Birth Announcement for Rosie Geselbracht

Rosie Geselbracht, daughter of Grace members, Vic and Lois Thornton, welcomed a baby girl on December, 18, 2016. Her name is Kaylee Rose Geselbracht. She weighed 6 lbs. 12.5 oz. and was 20 inches long at birth. Mother and baby are doing well!

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.

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. Information about ordering 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.

Pastor Grube Farewell Service Today

This afternoon 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Isaiah 49:1-6 Acts 13:38-49 John 1:29-41

Sermon Text & Theme

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

Canvassing in Sahuarita

On 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!

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 flyer and a donation form brochure at any of the Grace locations.**



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 8-Jan 15

TUCSON Today Worship Services	Monday English as a Second Language Classes
SAHUARITA Today Children's Sunday School	Sunday Worship Services/Communion
BENSON Today Worship Service/Communion	Wednesday Bible Study at the Ministry Center: Revelation

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