

# Third Sunday in Advent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Tucson, Arizona

December 17, 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 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.

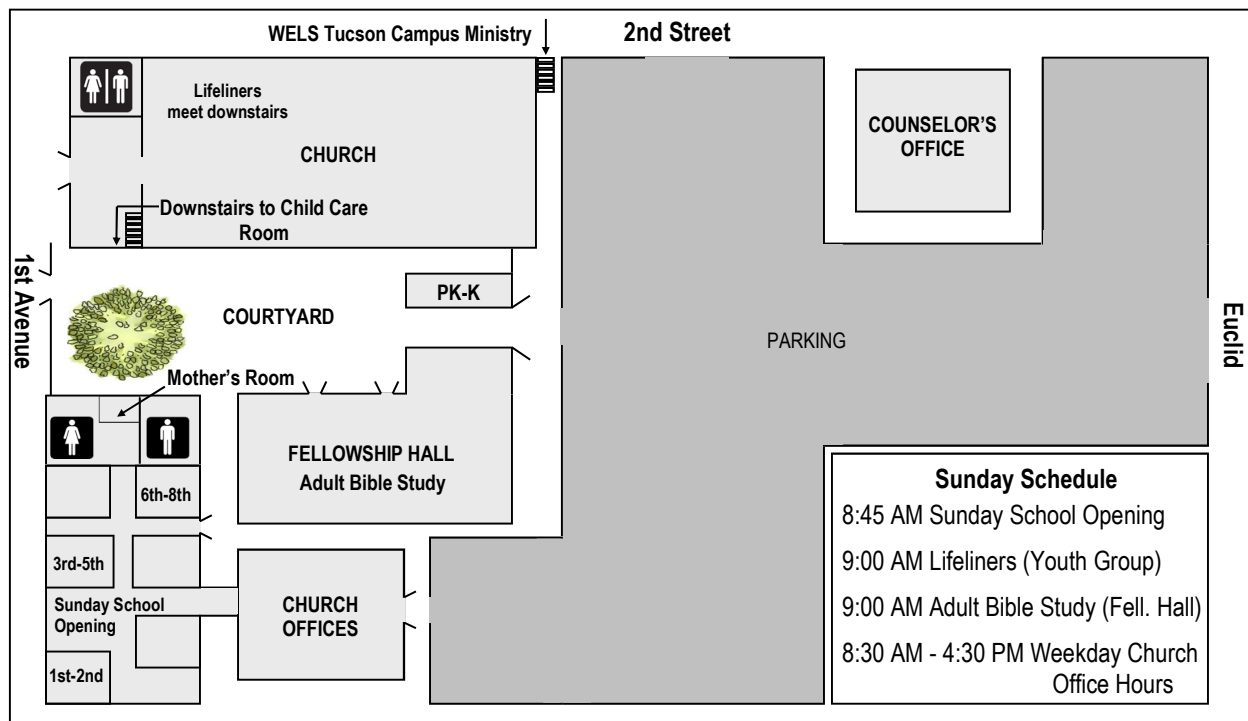
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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 be able to see and 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 entryways. 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)



# DIVINE SERVICE I

## Christian Worship Supplement

### CHRISTMAS FOR KIDS CHOIR (10:00 AM) Who Was There on Christmas Day?

*Jesus was born on Christmas day.  
Ring the bells; let everyone say, "Jesus was born on Christmas day."  
Mary was there on Christmas day...  
Joseph was there on Christmas day...  
Angels were there on Christmas day...  
Shepherds were there on Christmas day...  
Jesus was born on Christmas day...*

### WELCOME

### HYMN

**Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes**  
*Christian Worship #12*

*Please stand*

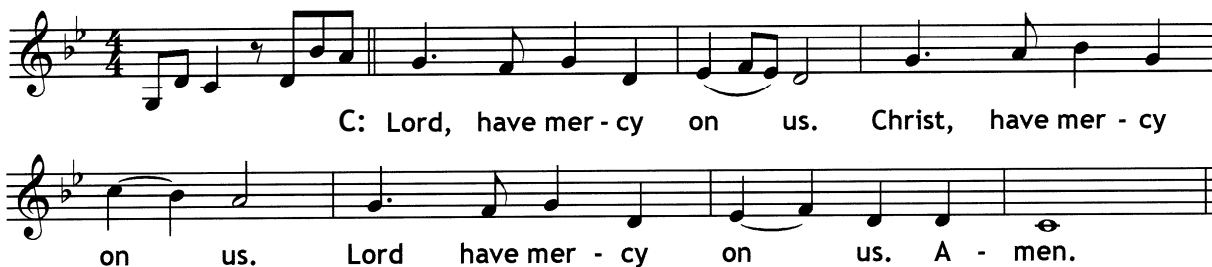
Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation: Amen.

### 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*



*The weeks before Christmas comprise the season of Advent. Advent comes from the Latin and means "coming." In this season we look forward to the celebration of Christ's coming in the flesh at Christmas, his coming to us regularly in his Word and Sacrament, and his coming at the end of time. Blue is the color of the season, representing hope and heaven.*

### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

**10:00 AM—**  
*Savior of the Nations, Come*  
Setting by Johann Gottfried Walther

*We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.*

### Lighting of Advent Candles

The lighting of candles in anticipation of Christ's coming (Latin, *advenio*) has a long tradition in the Christian Church. On each of the four Sundays of Advent, a new candle is lit, dispelling the darkness, as the church moves forward to welcoming him who is the true Light of the world. The evergreen wreath represents eternal life—evergreens do not drop their foliage—and the circle of the wreath is unending. The blue color of the candles symbolizes hope—the hope we have as we anticipate Christ's coming. The white Christ Candle in the center will be lit on Christmas Day as we celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**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.

### LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

**M:** We light three Advent candles remembering Jesus, the Light of the world. He came to defeat the prince of darkness.

**C:** We remember Jesus, who came in answer to his people's prayers. John proclaimed him the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

**M:** We hear his call to see the light.

**C:** We light three Advent candles as a sign of our trust and confidence.

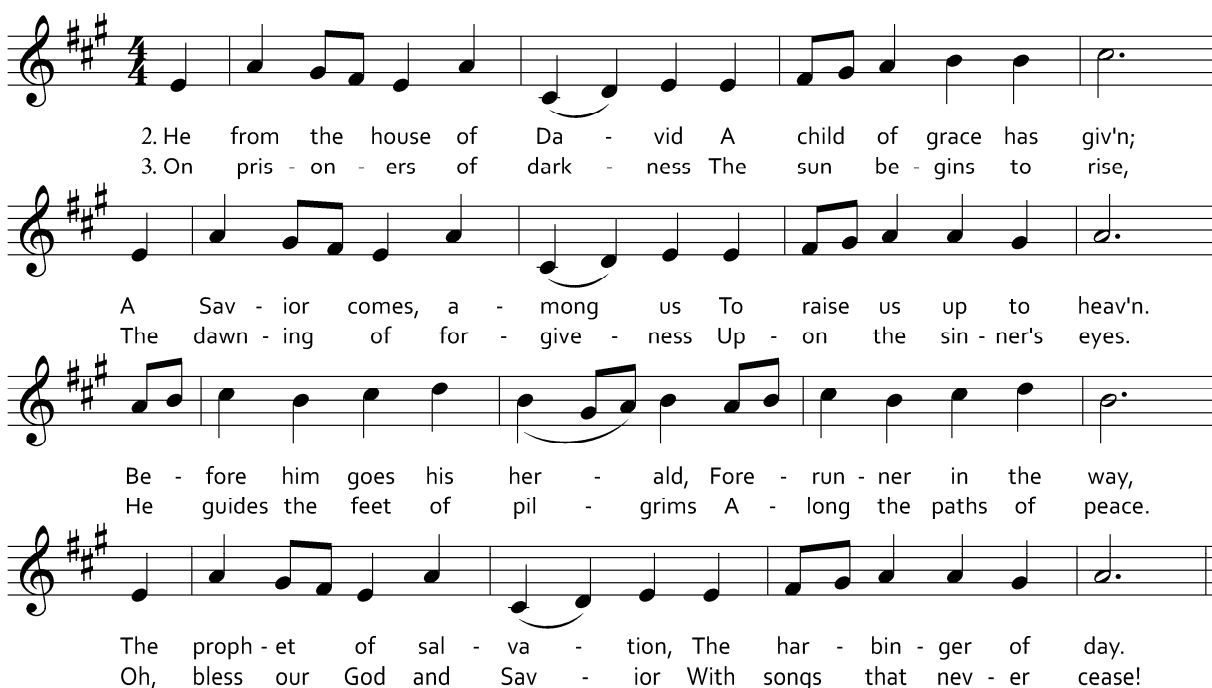
**M:** Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

**C:** Through your Word and Spirit may our souls be blessed.

*Please join in singing the hymn below as three Advent candles are lit.*

### HYMN

### Blest Be the God of Israel Christian Worship #275 st. 2-3



2. He from the house of Da - vid A child of grace has giv'n;  
3. On pris - on - ers of dark - ness The sun be - gins to rise,  
A Sav - ior comes, a - mong us To raise us up to heav'n.  
The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up - on the sin - ner's eyes.  
Be - fore him goes his her - ald, Fore - run - ner in the way,  
He guides the feet of pil - grims A - long the paths of peace.  
The proph - et of sal - va - tion, The har - bin - ger of day.  
Oh, bless our God and Sav - ior With songs that nev - er cease!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Hear our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come with the good news of your mighty deliverance. Drive the darkness from our hearts and fill us with your light; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

**Malachi 4:1-6 (NIV 2011)**

“Surely the day is coming; it will burn like a furnace. All the arrogant and every evildoer will be stubble, and the day that is coming will set them on fire,” says the LORD Almighty. “Not a root or a branch will be left to them. But for you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its rays. And you will go out and frolic like well-fed calves. Then you will trample on the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your

feet on the day when I act,” says the LORD Almighty. “Remember the law of my servant Moses, the decrees and laws I gave him at Horeb for all Israel. See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction.”

## SECOND LESSON

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 (NIV 2011)**

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil. May God

himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do it.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Matthew 11:10 cf. NIV**

M: Alleluia. I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you. 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

John 1:6-8, 19-28 (NIV 2011)

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



There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

Now this was John's testimony when the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was. He did not fail to confess, but confessed freely, "I am not the Messiah." They asked him, "Then who are you? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." Finally they said, "Who are you? Give us an answer to

take back to those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, "I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way for the Lord.'" Now the Pharisees who had been sent questioned him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the Prophet?" "I baptize with water," John replied, "but among you stands one you do not know. He is the one who comes after me, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie." This all happened at Bethany on the other side of the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

*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.

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

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding  
*Christian Worship #15*

## SERMON

1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Rejoice in Christmas' Real Joy

*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!*

*Please stand*



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

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

10:00 AM—

O Come, O Come,  
Emmanuel  
Setting by Wayne L.  
Wold

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal Father, throughout the centuries you repeated and affirmed your promise to send the offspring of the woman to crush the serpent's head. Through your prophets of old, you continually directed the eyes of your people to the advent of their Savior.

C: **We praise you, O Lord, for keeping your promise and sending your Son to destroy the works of the devil.**

M: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our King, use your mighty Word to shatter our pride and to rouse us from spiritual slumber and apathy.

C: **Move us to take to heart the words of John: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near."**

M: You sent your Son to redeem us from sin. Let this good news be our joy and strength. Use it to cheer the lonely, encourage the fearful, and give hope to the despairing. In these days before Christmas, spare us from the stress of deadlines and the frenzy of commercialism.

C: **Fill our lives with the message of your peace and the music of your grace.**

M: Direct our eyes not only to the manger but also to the skies, where we will see your Son coming again, not as a lowly child but as the Lord of lords.

C: **Lift up our hearts in joyful anticipation of that day.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent Prayer.*

M: Come quickly, Lord Jesus, in your grace, in your power, and in your glory.

C: **Come, Lord Jesus! 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.**

*7:45 AM — Please continue on page 8 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.**

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



M: 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, whose way John the Baptist prepared when he called people to repentance and pointed to Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. 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:*



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high -  
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -  
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of  
God, you take a - way the sin of the world;  
grant us your peace. A - - - men. A - - - men.

We provide **gluten-free 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.

*Please be seated*

### DISTRIBUTION

*The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.*

*If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with 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.*

### DUET

Emmanuel  
By Steve Angrisano

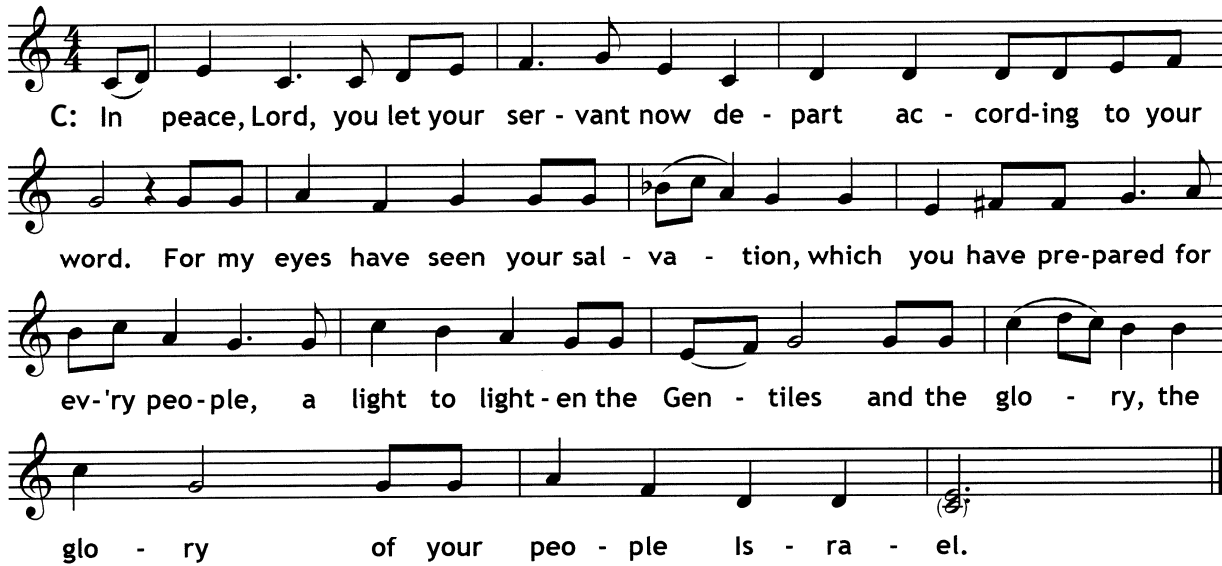
*Please stand*

## THANKSGIVING

### SONG OF SIMEON

*Nunc Dimittis*

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



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your  
word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for  
ev-'ry peo-ple, a light to light-en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the  
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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*

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**Preacher** ..... Pastor Tim Patoka  
**Worship Leader** .....Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Spiritual Needs Elder Jake Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
   Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists** ..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Christmas for Kids Director** ..... Lakeisha Johnson-Ganster (10:00 AM)  
**Christmas for Kids Accompanist**..... Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)  
**Acolyte** ..... Emily Rudd (10:00 AM)  
**Duet** ..... Teri Guenther, Emma Miller (10:00 AM)  
**Ushers** ..... Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)  
   Ed Ethington, Jonathan Ganster, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)  
   Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)  
**Sound, Recording & Video Tech**.... Jeremy Snavelly & Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Altar Prep Team**..... Cynthia Breitreitz, Terry Kosanke, Sally Littau  
**Greeters** ..... Stephanie Weinstein, Debbie Koehler  
**Banner Committee**..... Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

On Monday, December 11, Pastor Kassulke was informed that Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, Michigan had voted to extend to him a Divine Call to serve as their second (associate) pastor. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Grace, Tucson and one to Grace, St. Joseph. In the next few weeks, he will be working to make a decision whether to accept the new Call and to move his ministry to Michigan or to decline the Call and to continue serving in Tucson. He will strive to make that decision with prayer and careful consideration on the basis of where his particular gifts for ministry best fit the opportunities before him.

Pastor Kassulke welcomes any input that the friends and members of Grace might wish to share with him. You can reach him by email at [RevNPK@GraceLutheranSAZ.org](mailto:RevNPK@GraceLutheranSAZ.org) or by phone either at the Church Office (520-623-6633) or on his personal phone (520-260-4453). He also appreciates prayers offered on behalf of him and his family during this deliberation as well as for both congregations as they consider the ministry before them.

Also, a big thank you to Beth Kassulke and Kathy Parra for putting the Children's Christmas Service together this past Sunday, and to the children who put a lot of time and work into their parts. It was a wonderful service!

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for this afternoon at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found at both entrances of church and in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

## HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### **Midweek Advent Service Wednesday, December 20**

7:00 PM at Grace-Benson  
(Supper at 6:00 PM)

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM  
at Grace-Sahuarita

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson  
(Supper at 6:00 PM)

### **Christmas Eve Services Sunday, December 24**

7:30 AM at Grace-Benson

4:00 PM at Grace-Vail

7:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita

7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

### **Christmas Day Services Monday, December 25**

10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita

10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson

### **New Year's Eve Worship — All Site Service Sunday, December 31**

7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

## **December 24 Worship**

Next Sunday, December 24, we are adjusting our regular Sunday morning schedule. There will be one Advent service of *Lessons & Carols* at 10:00 AM. There will not be a 7:45 AM Service, Sunday School, Lifeliners, or Bible Study that morning.

We hope you will join us for the morning service and come back later that evening for our Christmas Eve Candlelight service beginning at 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson sanctuary.

## **Christmas Card Boxes for Sale**

There are Christmas card boxes available for purchase in the southwest corner of the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. The Christmas card boxes are \$5 each. Checks should be made payable to Women of Grace and left in the card box on the table.

## **Divine Call Extended**

On December 4, our congregation extended a Divine Call for Pastor Matt Westra from Morristown, TN to serve as our pastor at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail. Over the next weeks, he will spend time in prayer and discussions with leaders at Grace and with his members in Morristown as he considers whether to accept the Call to Grace or to remain in Tennessee. Please keep Pastor Westra in your prayers along with his wife Rachel, their two children, and his congregation, Living Promise Lutheran Church.

## **Apache Clothing Drive**

**The deadline to donate clean and unstained bedding, as well as winter clothing (infants through adults) is this Wednesday, December 20.** Tina Christianson and Suzanne Schlegel will be available to collect donations in the Grace-Tucson courtyard today, before and after the 10:00 AM worship service. You may also drop them off during the week from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM in the Church Office. If you have any questions, please contact Tina (603-7644) or Suzanne (975-7263).

## **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.

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Jeanette O'Donald to the glory of God and in memory of Bill O'Donald.

## **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 Mark & Julyd Hallemeyer. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

*Pastor Koehler is preaching at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail this morning.*

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## **ACSTO and Tuition Tax Credit**

The Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) exists to provide tuition scholarships to students at Christian schools by receiving tax credit donations. ACSTO works closely with our WELS schools in Arizona, including Redeemer Lutheran School here in Tucson and our area Lutheran high school, Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) in Phoenix. Currently, 13 members of Grace attend Redeemer Lutheran School, and 4 members attend ALA.

The support of ACSTO, which allows many families to afford the Lutheran education that they want for their children, is made possible by Arizona residents who make donations. In fact, specific children may even be recommended to receive a scholarship from your donation. Arizona law also allows you to receive the full amount, up to certain limits, as a tax credit on your state income taxes. This means that you can direct money that you would otherwise pay to the state to support a cause that interests you. You can donate to Lutheran education without spending any extra money.

ACSTO has an excellent video explaining the tax credit law in Arizona, and you can view that video on their website at [www.ACSTO.org](http://www.ACSTO.org). While some may wish to make donations now prior to the end of the calendar year, donations made before April 15 of the next year may still be applied to this year's taxes. Please keep in mind this opportunity and make use of it as you are able!

If you have questions about this program, please ask. There are several people at Grace who know it well and would be happy to help!

## **Lifeline Sales**

The Grace Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are selling Bible Verse Calendars and notepads to help raise money for their activities, including a planned trip to next summer's WELS Youth Rally. Calendars are 1 for \$8 or 2 for \$15. Notepads (new from the Lifeliners this year) are \$2 each. Questions may be directed to Pastor Patoka ([520-623-6633](tel:520-623-6633) or [RevTLP@GraceLutheranSAZ.org](mailto:RevTLP@GraceLutheranSAZ.org)).



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at FOUR places!

Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities  
at Grace locations in  
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.

## This Week at Grace • Dec 17-Dec 24

### TUCSON

#### Today

Worship Services/Communion .....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....  
Children's Sunday School .....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Jesus in the OT* .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* .....9:00a  
**Voters' Meeting in the Fellowship Hall** .....2:00p

#### Monday

Handbell Choir Practice in the Sanctuary .....5:30p  
Worship Choir Practice in the Sanctuary .....6:30p

#### Wednesday

Midweek Advent Worship .....10:00a  
Advent Supper in Fellowship Hall .....6:00p  
Midweek Advent Worship .....7:00p

### SAHUARITA

#### Today

Worship Services .....7:45 & 10:00a  
Children's Sunday School .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Angels & Demons* .....9:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
Youth Confirmation Class .....11:30a  
**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** .....2:00p

#### Wednesday

Midweek Advent Worship .....10:00a  
Midweek Advent Worship .....7:00p

#### Sunday CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Service .....10:00a  
**NO** Coffee Fellowship .....  
**Christmas Eve Worship** .....7:00p

### Thursday

**NO** Women's Bible Study .....  
**NO** Handbell Choir Practice.....  
**NO** Worship Choir Practice .....

#### Sunday CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Service .....10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....  
**Christmas Eve Candlelight Service** .....7:00p

### VAIL

#### Today

Children's Sunday School .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith* .....9:00a  
Youth Confirmation Class .....9:00a  
Worship Service/Communion .....10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** .....2:00p

#### Sunday CHRISTMAS EVE

Worship Service .....10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
**Christmas Eve Worship** .....4:00p

### BENSON

#### Today

Worship Service/Communion .....7:30a  
**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** .....2:00p

#### Wednesday

Midweek Advent Supper .....6:00p  
Midweek Advent Worship .....7:00p

#### Thursday

Bible Study: *Witnessing to Mormons* .....6:30p

#### Sunday CHRISTMAS EVE

**Christmas Service** .....7:30a

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