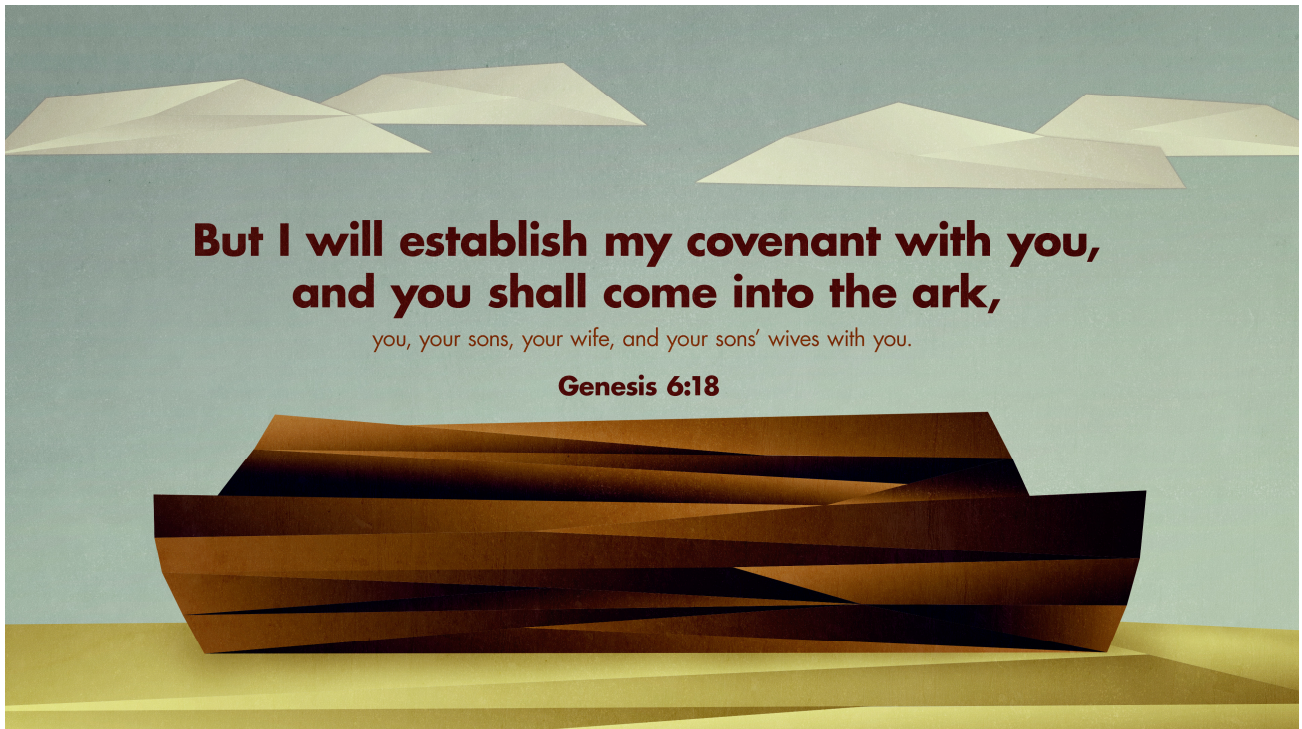


First Sunday in Advent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

December 3, 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.

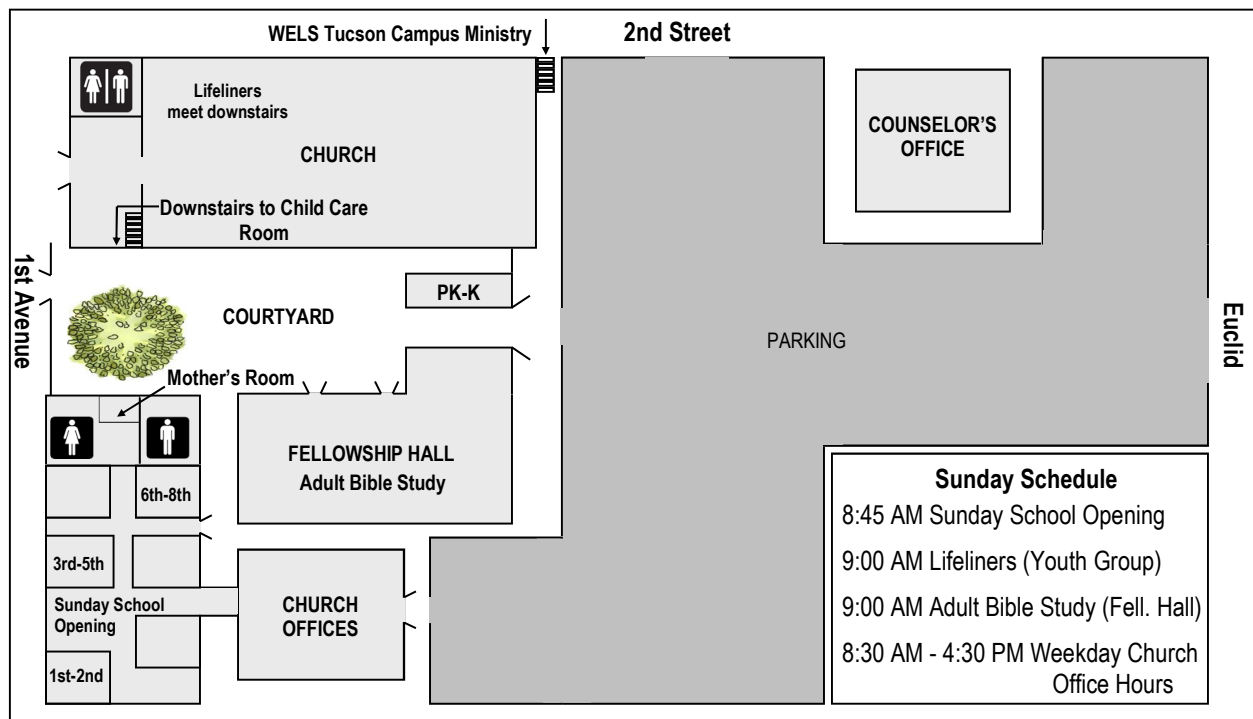
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



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.

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

The Advent of Our King

Christian Worship #1

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.

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.

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.

Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means "Lord have mercy."

- M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
- C: Amen.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Arise, O Christian People
Arr. by Dale Witte

10:00 AM—

My Soul in Stillness Waits
Setting by Rebecca R. Kramer

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.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

M: We light one Advent candle, remembering Jesus, who is coming again. He will come to gather his people from everywhere, both the living and the dead.
C: We remember Jesus, who will come at the end of time. None of us knows what day that will be.

M: We hear his call to watch.

C: We light one Advent candle as a sign of our watchfulness and waiting.

M: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest.

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

One Advent candle is lit.

SUNG RESPONSE

Blest Be the God of Israel
Christian Worship #275 st. 1 & 3

1. Blest be the God of Is - ra - el, Who comes to set us free;
3. On pris - on - ers of dark - ness The sun be - gins to rise,
He vis - its and re - deems us; He grants us lib - er - ty.
The dawn - ing of for - give - ness Up - on the sin - ner's eyes.
The proph - ets spoke of mer - cy, Of free - dom and re - lease;
He guides the feet of pil - grims A - long the paths of peace.
God shall ful - fill his prom - ise And bring his peo - ple peace.
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.

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, the sons of God saw that the daughters of humans were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. So the LORD said, "I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them." But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD. This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God's

Genesis 6:1-3, 5-14, 17-22 (NIV 2011)

sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out.

I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

SECOND LESSON

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit. After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits—to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few

1 Peter 3:18-22 (NIV 2011)

people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 22:20 (NIV 2011)

M: Alleluia. He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. Alleluia.

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

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

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 13:32-37 (NIV 2011)

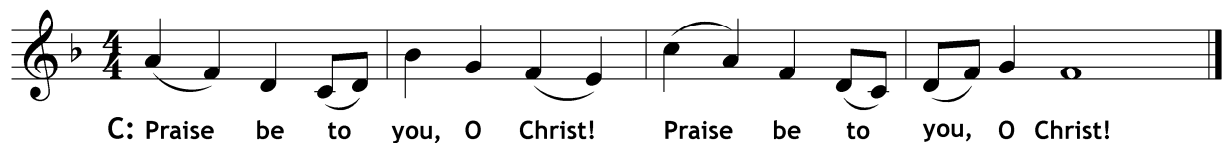
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come. It’s like a man going away: He leaves his house and puts his servants in charge, each with their assigned task, and tells the one at the door to keep watch.

Therefore keep watch because you do not know when the owner of the house will come back—whether in the evening, or at midnight, or when the rooster crows, or at dawn. If he comes suddenly, do not let him find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to everyone: ‘Watch!’”

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

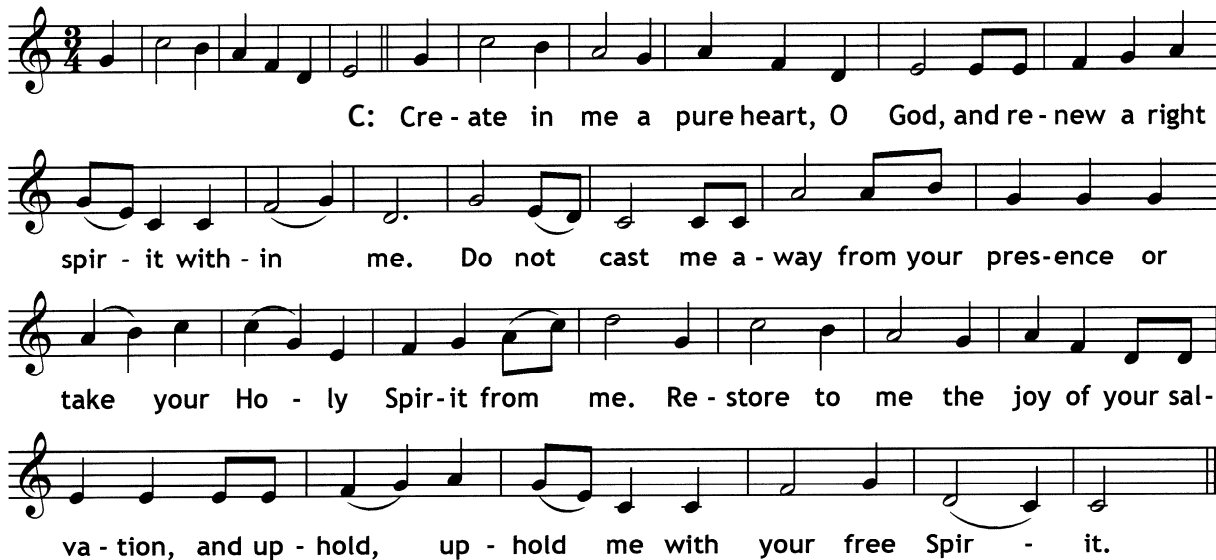
Great God, What Do I See and Hear
Christian Worship #208

SERMON

Genesis 6:1-3, 5-14, 17-22
What Will God Do with a Wicked World?

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:

7:45 AM—

*Arr. by Rebecca
Kramer*

10:00 AM—

*Lo, He Comes with
Clouds Descending
Setting by Rebecca
Kramer*

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.

VOCAL TRIO

Long-Awaited One
Arr. by Douglas Nolan

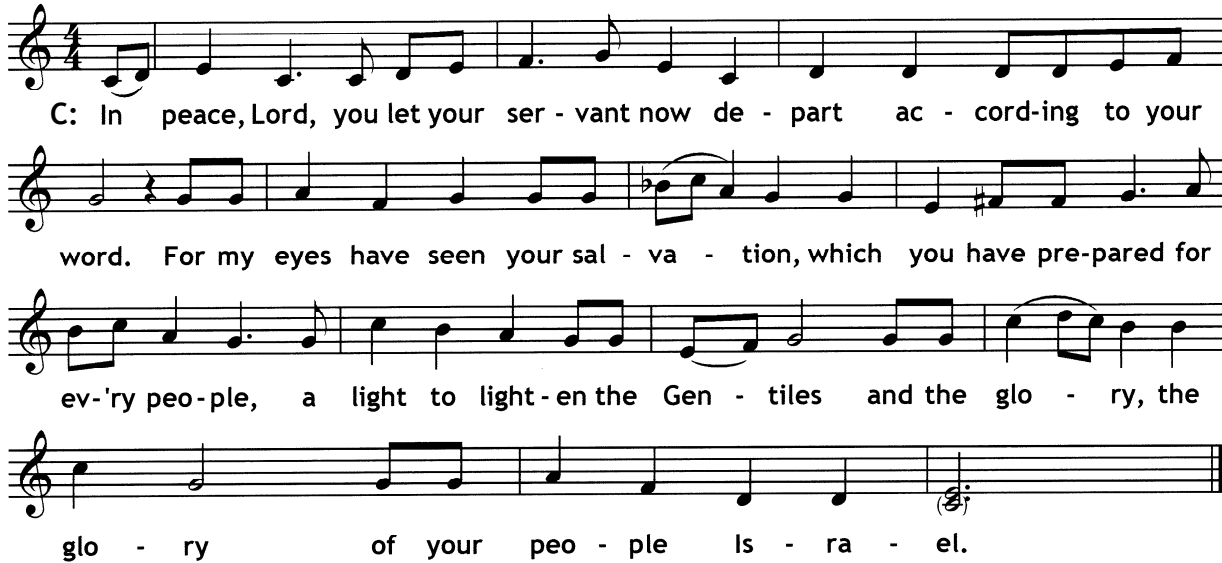
Please stand

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

When Sinners See Their Lost Condition
Christian Worship #32

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

*Lo, He Comes With
Clouds Descending
(CWS 704)*

10:00 AM—

*Comfort, Comfort
Now My People
Arr. by Larry
Shackley*

*“Comfort, comfort
now my people;
speak of peace” so
says our God.
“Comfort those who
sit in darkness,
groaning from their
sorrows’ load.
Speak to all
Jerusalem of the
peace that waits for
them;
Tell them that their
sins I cover, that
their warfare now is
over.”*

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Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
Spiritual Needs Elder Jake Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Acolyte Emily Rudd (10:00 AM)
Vocal Trio Teri Guenther, Beth Kassulke, Kathy Parra
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (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 Chris Stuhr & Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Cynthia Breitreitz, Terry Kosanke, Sally Littau
Greeters Jeanette O’Donald and Nadine Rentschler
Banner Committee Jeanette O’Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

Baby Shower for Cora Stuhr

There will be a baby shower for Cora Stuhr in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall this afternoon at 1:30 PM. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Cora is registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby and is having a girl. The hostesses are Beth Kassulke, Debbie Koehler, Jenn Miller, Katie Patoka, and Missy Wiechmann.

Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Stephen Daley has announced his decision to decline the Call extended to him to serve as Grace’s Mission Pastor to Benson and Vail. We wish him God’s blessings as he continues his service in South Haven, Michigan. We also trust that God will continue to bless our congregation as we continue the calling process and await the man the Lord of the Church has in mind to serve us. **The next Call Meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, December 4 at 6:00 PM in the Sanctuary.**

Lifeline Sales

The Grace Lifelines (our high school youth group) are now 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 Lifelines this year) are \$2 each. Questions may be directed to Pastor Patoka ([520-623-6633](tel:520-623-6633) or RevTLP@GraceLutheranSAZ.org).

In-Betweeners' White Elephant Party

The In-Betweeners will have a White Elephant Christmas party this Friday, December 8 at 4:30 PM at the clubhouse of Cinda Drescher & Geri DeRosa (the clubhouse is at the end of the street just south of their home, 5716 N. Camino De Las Estrellas). There is also parking at the end of the next street, Camino Noche. Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share and a wrapped White Elephant gift. If you have questions call Cinda or Geri at 615-6059. *This is a once a year social activity that is open to all adults.*

Winterhaven Event

All members of Grace are invited to the Winterhaven Festival of Lights on Tuesday, December 12. We will begin our night from 6:00-7:00 PM with homemade cookies, coffee, hot cider, and hot chocolate at Danny's Baboquivari Lounge at 2910 East Fort Lowell Road. Danny's is right across the street from the Winterhaven Festival so after some fortification, we can venture out to enjoy the wonderful light display. You can either walk or take the Winterhaven Hayride (motorized) for \$10 per person. Parking is available in the Danny's parking lot—just mention you are with the WELS group and you can park for free. This bar is owned by WELS members Erik Hulten and Kristen Kiepeke.

Christmas For Kids!

On Saturday, December 16 from 9:30-12:30 PM, Grace-Tucson will host Christmas for Kids. This fun event will include Christmas songs, food, crafts, and learning about God's gift to us of our Savior. All children of Sunday School age are invited. For more information and to register online, go to www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/C4K. You may also pick up a registration form in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for Sunday, December 17 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.

Growing at Grace Building Project Pledge Cards

Grace members should have received a letter recently about the *Growing at Grace* Building Project, along with a pledge card for 2018. If you plan to support the *Growing at Grace* Building Project, you will find pledge cards at both entrances of church, which will help with our planning.

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Pat Messer in memory of her mother, Lois Allen, and in thanksgiving for the many blessings God has given to her family.

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 Lori Cole, Jody Kosanke, Cora Stuhr, and Missy Wiechmann. 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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Isaiah 40:1-11

2 Peter 3:8-14

Mark 1:1-8

Sermon Text & Theme

Mark 1:1-8

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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.

Luther Movie DVD's Available for Purchase

The new Luther movie, *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*, is now available for purchase in the Grace-Tucson office. DVD's are \$10 and checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church.



**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 • Dec 3-Dec 10

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
Cora Stuhr Baby Shower in the Fellowship Hall 1:30p
WELS TCM Study: *Jesus in the Old Testament* 7:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Angels & Demons* 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 11:30a

Monday

Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary 6:00p

Wednesday

Midweek Advent Worship 10:00a
Sahuarita Ladies' Meeting 11:30a
Midweek Advent Worship 7:00p

Saturday

Children's Christmas Rehearsal at Grace-Tucson 9:00a

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

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words*..... 9:00a
Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary..... 5:30p
Worship Choir Practice in Sanctuary..... 6:30p

Friday

In-Betweeners' Christmas Party..... 4:30p
WELS TCM Christmas Movie Night 7:00p

Saturday

Children's Christmas Service Rehearsal in Sanctuary 9:00a

Sunday

Worship Services 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
Children's Christmas Service 4:00p
WELS TCM Study Christmas Cookout..... 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

Monday

Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary 6:00p

Saturday

Children's Christmas Rehearsal at Grace-Tucson 9:00a

Sunday

Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith* 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Children's Christmas Service at Grace-Tucson 4:00p

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Monday

Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary 6:00p

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a
Children's Christmas Service at Grace-Tucson 4:00p

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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Midweek Advent Services Wednesdays, Dec 6, Dec 13 & 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)

Children's Christmas Service Sunday, December 10

4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

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

Sunday, December 24 Schedule

With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, we are adjusting our morning schedule that day. Join us for our last Advent season worship services at 10:00 AM that morning at Grace-Sahuarita, Grace-Tucson, and Grace-Vail. No Bible Studies or early services are planned for that morning at these three sites.

Midweek Advent Suppers

Prior to the 7:00 PM Wednesday Advent services each week you are welcome to join us for supper at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. We need volunteers to host the meals on December 13 and 20 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There are information sheets in the Fellowship Hall which explain how to host one of these meals. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall or call the church office if you would like to serve in this way.

There will be gluten free pizza and brownies available at this week's Advent supper.



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