

Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona
January 21, 2018



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.

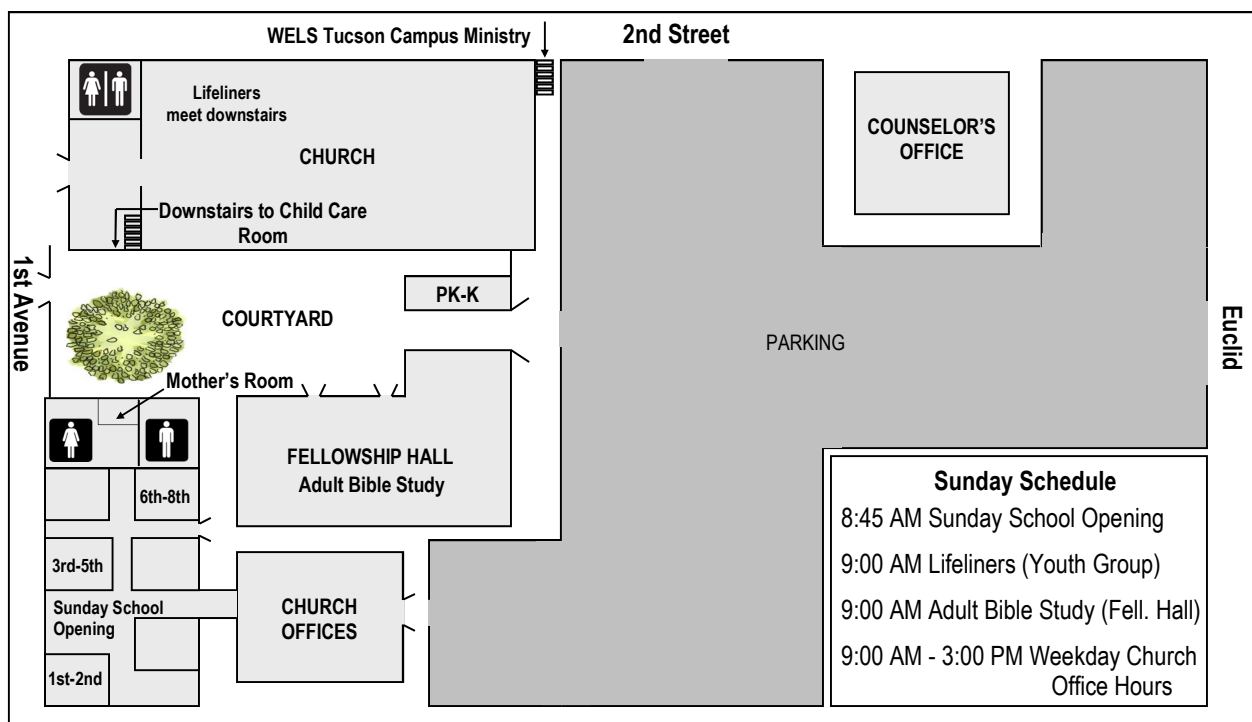
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



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

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening
Christian Worship #283

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Faithful
by Kevin Boesiger

*Called to be
Disciples*
by Jason Leif

*The name of the
triune God and the
sign of the cross
remind believers of
their baptisms.*

*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.*

*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

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction)

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and transitions to 3/4 time at the end of the first system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined. There are two fermatas: one over the word 'earth' in the second system and another over the word 'earth' in the eighth system. A double bar line with a '2' above it indicates a repeat of the previous phrase. The score ends with a final double bar line.

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 Father; 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.

Almighty God, you sent you Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit what we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind us the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; 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

7:45 AM— Please continue on page 6 with the First Lesson.

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Tessa Noelle Stuhr

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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.”

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 having children baptized, parents do what is God-pleasing. Jesus himself invited little children to become a part of his kingdom when he said: “Let the little 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.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Before the Lord and his Church, I ask you, was Tessa baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit?

PARENTS: Yes, Tessa was baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

M: The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you have been born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven.

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

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sister in Christ, our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized.

Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and sponsors, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Tessa may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: **Yes, as God gives me strength.**

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea, but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on Tessa Noelle Stuhr. Through the water of baptism all sin inherited from Adam, and any other evil she may do, was drowned in her. Set her apart from the unbelieving world and hold her safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep her always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that she may honor your holy name and at last receive, together with all your people, the promised inheritance of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

M: Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptisms as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our lives. Look with special favor on Tessa and grant her a rich measure of your Spirit that she may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

1 Kings 19:19-21

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you."

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his servant.

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 13:1-5

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted

and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:23

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. 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 1:14-20

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow

me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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

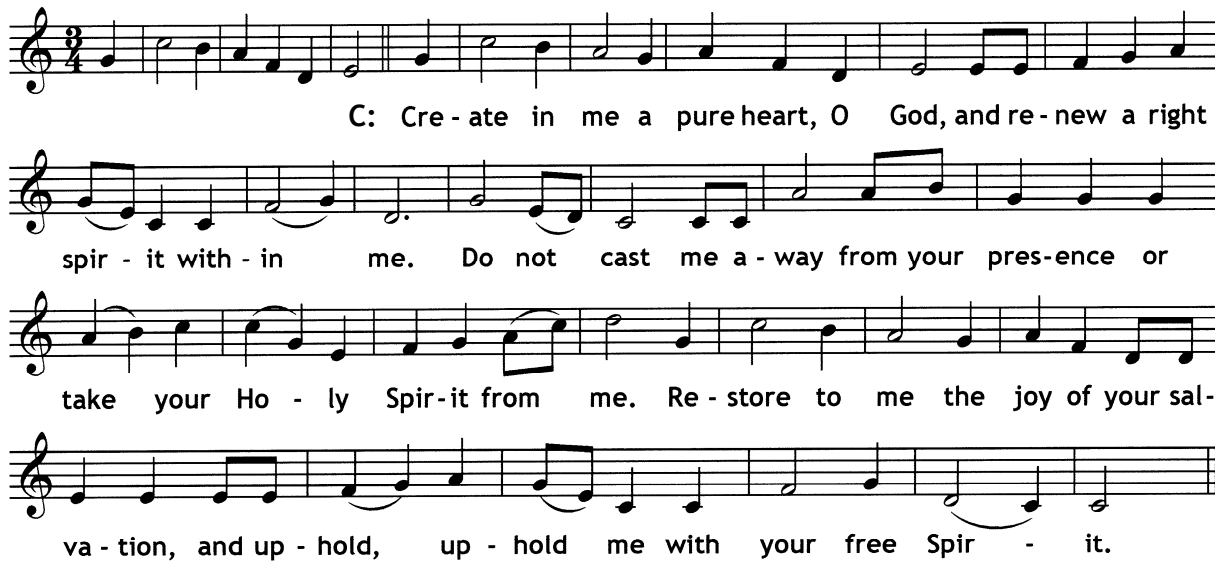
HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke
Christian Worship #453

SERMON

Mark 1:14-20
Follow Jesus To God's Good Kingdom

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.

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.

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



7:45 AM—Please continue on page 10 with the Prayer of the Church.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

*Speak, O Savior
by Valarie Floeter*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER

Richard and Victoria Ranck

M: Dear members of Grace, Richard and Victoria Ranck have recently transferred their membership from Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church (WELS) in Tucson, AZ.

Richard and Victoria, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your heart and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you desire to be a member here at Grace?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?

NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hearing these confessions of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Richard and Victoria Ranck with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for them as Christ commands?

Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

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.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Richard and Victoria to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may continue to offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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.

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.

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 12 with the Words of Institution

THE SACRAMENT

PREFACE

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

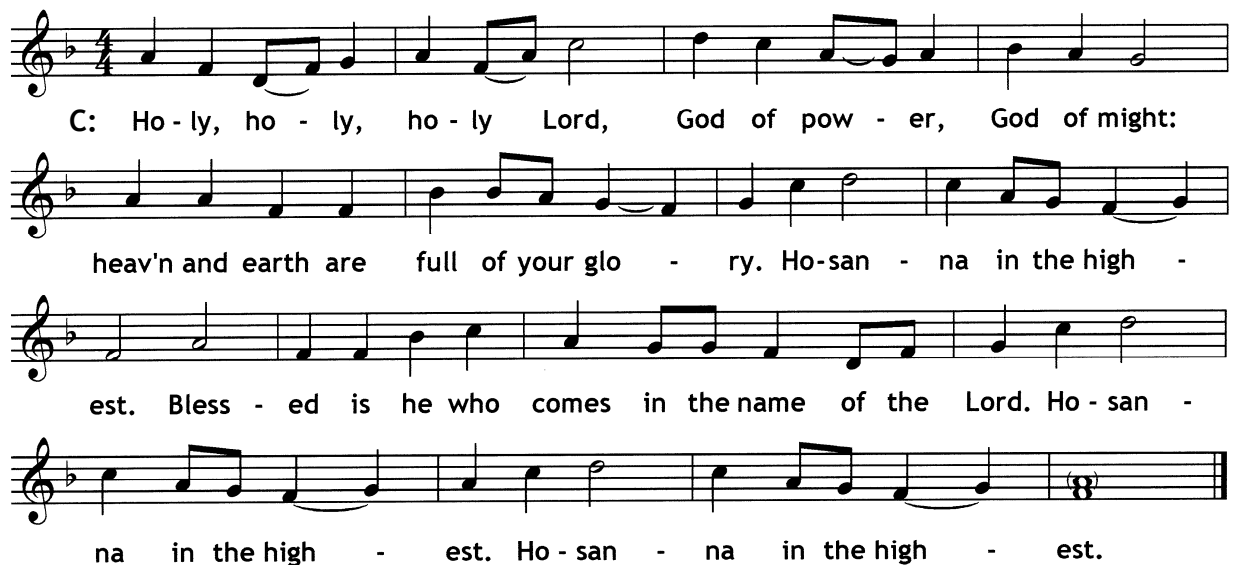
C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. 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.

The words of the Preface mark the beginning of the Sacrament section of the service and lift worshipers' hearts in praise. The opening sentences are among the oldest in the Christian liturgy.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my (†) blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

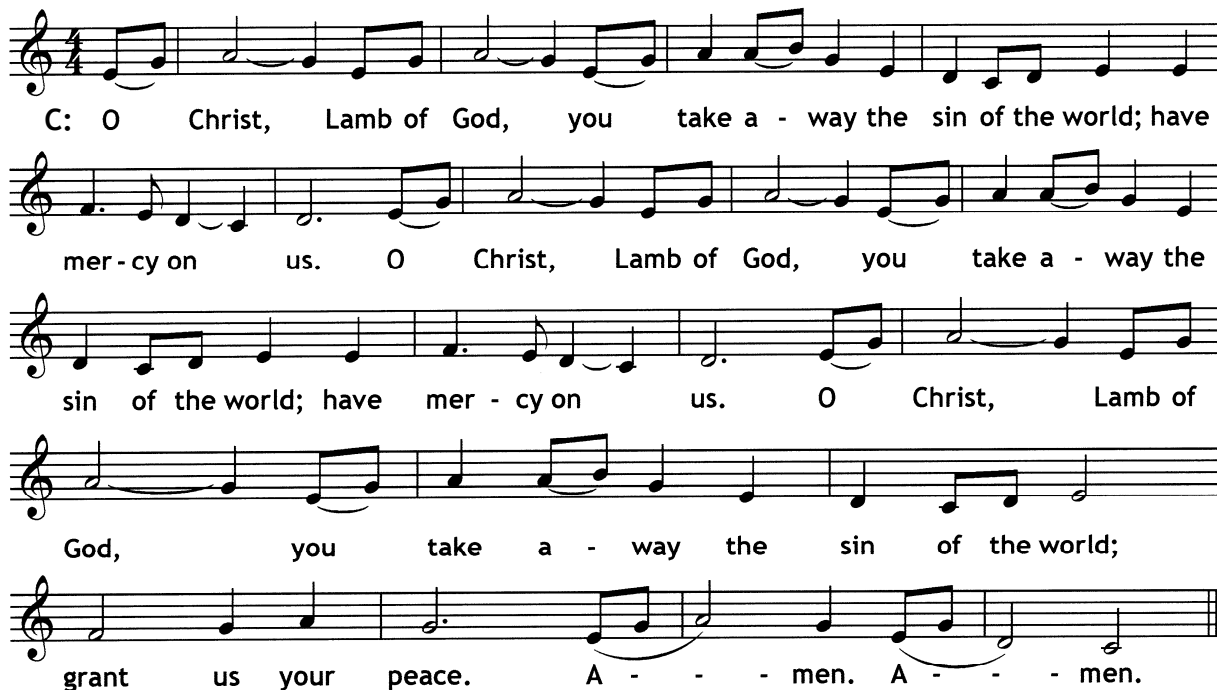
The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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



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.

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 the pastor 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.

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.

The Nunc Dimittis ("Now dismiss") is also known as the "Song of Simeon." Through God's Word and Sacrament, we have seen Jesus Christ, and like Simeon we find divine peace and comfort through faith in the Savior.

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

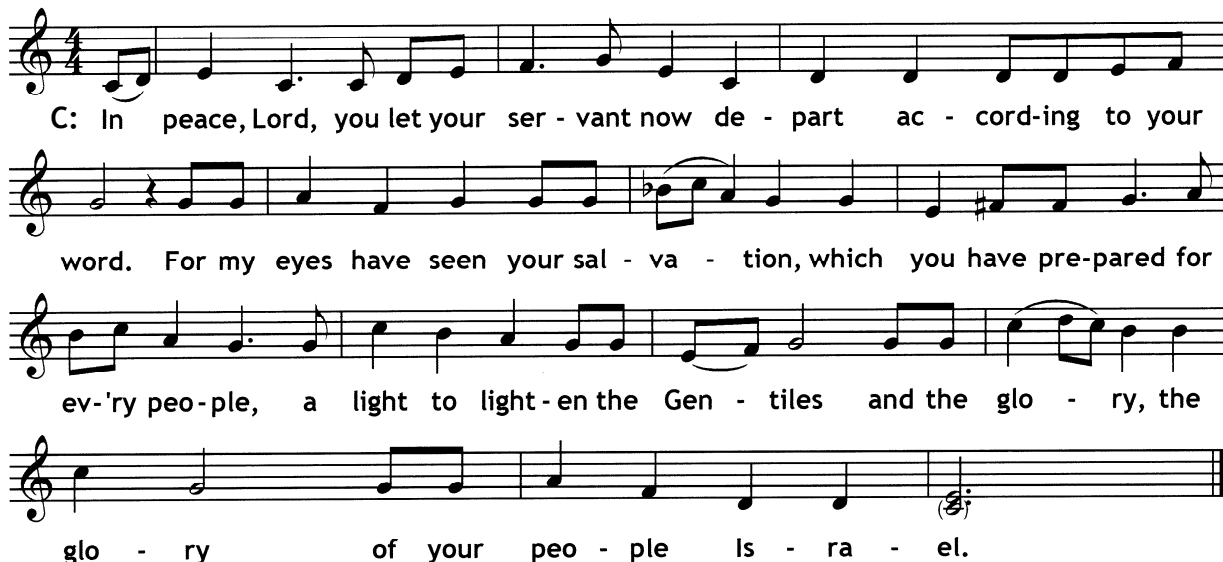
Please stand

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.

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

CLOSING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult
Christian Worship #463

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Tim Patoka
Worship Leader..... Pastor Ron Koehler
Accompanist Katie Patoka
Ushers Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Colton Watson, Dustin Pauley (10:00 AM)
Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Sound, Recording & Video Tech.....Jeremy Snively
Altar Prep Team..... Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud
Greeters Ed & Judy Ethington
Banner Committee.....Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

POSTLUDE

*I Love to Tell the
Story*
by Michael Cox

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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.

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. 12 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

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 the church office if you have questions at 623-6633.

You Are Invited

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

Affirmation of Baptism

Today we celebrate the baptism of Tessa Noelle Stuhr, daughter of Chris and Cora Stuhr, who was born on December 28 and baptized at home on January 7. Her baptism will be affirmed this morning during the 10:00 AM worship service.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Deuteronomy 18:15-20
1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Mark 1:21-28

Baby Shower for Laura Heiman

A baby shower for Laura Heiman is being held today at Grace-Sahuarita at 1:30 PM. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Laura is registered at Target and is having a boy.

Grace Team Trivia Night

The next Grace Team Trivia Night is happening on Saturday, January 27 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. This event is open for everyone to attend so invite a friend to join you! Teams will be formed that evening and the trivia will commence. Questions will come from a wide range of topics for all ages. Snacks will also be provided. Questions? Call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. We hope you will join us!

2017 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.

Divine Call Extended

Please continue to keep Pastor Matt Westra and his family in your prayers as he carefully considers whether to continue serving Living Promise Lutheran Church in Morristown, TN or to accept our call to serve as our pastor at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail. Pastor Westra has been in contact with leaders of our church and continues to have valuable conversations with those involved in ministry at both congregations. Prayers are also welcome for Living Promise, our congregation here, and the ministry of God's Church wherever it is conducted.

Chris Driesbach Coming to Grace-Vail

On Sunday, February 4, WELS member and musician Chris Driesbach will lead the music for a special worship service at Grace-Vail at 10:00 AM. He will also share his story of becoming a Christian (a fascinating story from a former atheist) and sing more of his original songs during Bible Class at 9:00 AM. Chris will have CDs available for purchase and congregation members will have an opportunity to make donations toward Chris' ministry. To learn more about Chris and his music, you can visit his website, www.ChrisDriesbach.com.

Women of Grace Valentine Tea

The Women of Grace will have their annual Valentine's Tea at Grace-Tucson on February 10 at 11:30 AM. Female members from all sites are encouraged to participate in this popular event, which will include a luncheon and presentation by Mary Clemons on John 15:17 under the theme "Love My People." Women are needed to host tables, provide food, set-up and clean-up, and to invite other women to attend. To RSVP and to indicate how you can help, please sign-up on the sheets located in the Fellowship Hall. If you have questions, please contact Diane Kramm (520-440-8564).

Lifeliners Chupala Lunch—January 28

Grace's high school youth group, the Lifeliners, invite you to join them following the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, January 28 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. The funding for this event is sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team Grant.

Adult Bible Studies

Join us for Bible Studies in January!

Church-Mission-Ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Church History is currently studying the Reformation and meets on Wednesdays at 10:00AM and 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study on *Key Bible Words* meets on Thursdays 9:00AM in the east wing of the Fellowship Hall. Join Pastor Koehler for a study that looks at individual words found in Scripture which will deepen your understanding of God and his message of salvation. Whether the Bible is new to you or you are a Bible study veteran, you will appreciate this study that includes words like *mercy, righteousness, peace, justification, hope, sin*, and much more! New words are studied each week, so you can jump in and out of this class as your weekly schedule permits!

ALA Choir in Tucson

The Arizona Lutheran Academy A Cappella Choir will be participating in worship services at our sister congregation, Redeemer in Marana, on Sunday, February 4. The choir will sing in both the 8:00 AM and 10:45 AM services. ALA is our WELS High School located in the Phoenix area.

Open House at Redeemer Lutheran School

An Early Childhood Open House will be held at Redeemer on Monday, January 29 from 4:00-7:00 PM. Children and parents may come at any time, meet the teachers, and receive information on curriculum, tuition assistance, tax credits, and registration for Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, and Kindergarten. For more information, please go to www.RedeemerTucson.com or call 520-572-8136. Redeemer is one of our sister congregations and partners with us to provide Christ-centered education to children age 3 through 8th grade.

Donations needed for ALA Gala

Arizona Lutheran Academy's 7th Annual Gala will be held on Saturday, March 24 with the theme "Global Adventure," celebrating the rich diversity of God's children at ALA. ALA is seeking cash donations, as well as donations of items or services for the silent auction. Business owners may consider a sponsor package, which includes free advertising. Donations will fund campus improvements and raise tuition assistance for the students at Arizona Lutheran Academy. Visit ALAcoyotes.org/gala for more information.

Groundskeeper Position Available

Grace Lutheran Church of Southern AZ is looking for a part-time Groundskeeper for Grace-Tucson. If you have any interest please contact the Trustee, Jeff Weinstein: 520-909-7649, trustee@gracelutheransaz.org.



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 21 – Jan 28

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services with 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): *Treasures in Heaven*.... 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry*..... 9:00a
WELS TCM: *Who Is Matthew and What Is His Book?* 7:00p

Monday

ESL Classes Resume..... 6:30p

Tuesday

ESL Classes 6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Means of Grace* 9:00a
Worship Services with Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Baby Shower for Laura Heiman..... **1:30p**

Wednesday

NO Bible Study.....

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Means of Grace* 9:00a
Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service with Communion 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a & 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study 9:00a
NO Handbell or Choir Practice

Saturday

Church Council Training.....**9:00a**
Team Trivia Night**6:00p**

Sunday

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group) 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry*..... 9:00a
Chupala Lunch hosted by Lifeliners **11:00a**
WELS TCM: *How Many Wise Men Came?* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Heroes of Faith* 9:00a
Worship Service with Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

NO Ministry Center Office Hours.....
NO Bible Study at Ministry Center

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Heroes of Faith* 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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