

Last Sunday after the Epiphany— The Transfiguration of Our Lord



The Transfiguration by Carl Bloch

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ
February 11, 2017



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world, and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-Tucson! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

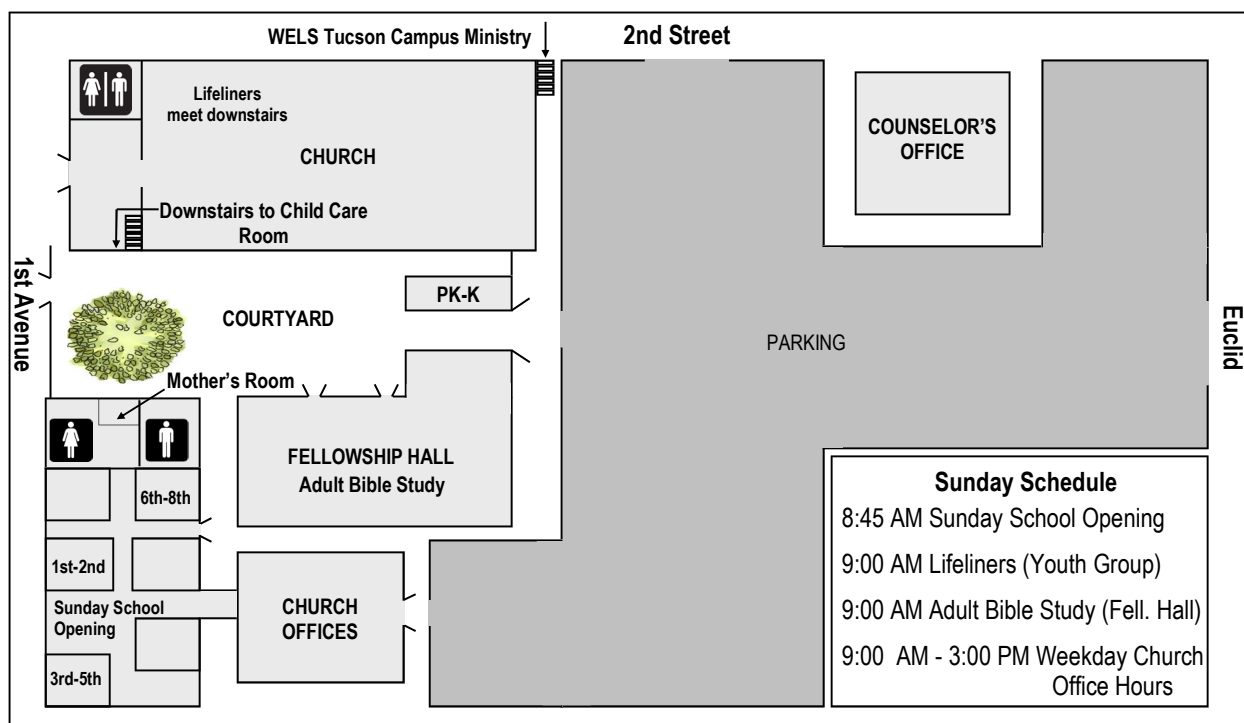
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed;
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to 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 entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



Transfiguration is a distinctly Lutheran addition to the Christian calendar. In the 16th century, Johannes Bugenhagen and Veit Dietrich placed the celebration at the end of Epiphany before Lent, remembering that Jesus descended the Mount of Glory and set his face toward Jerusalem (Luke 9:51).

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

How Good, Lord, to Be Here
Christian Worship #95

Please stand

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

Congregation: Amen.

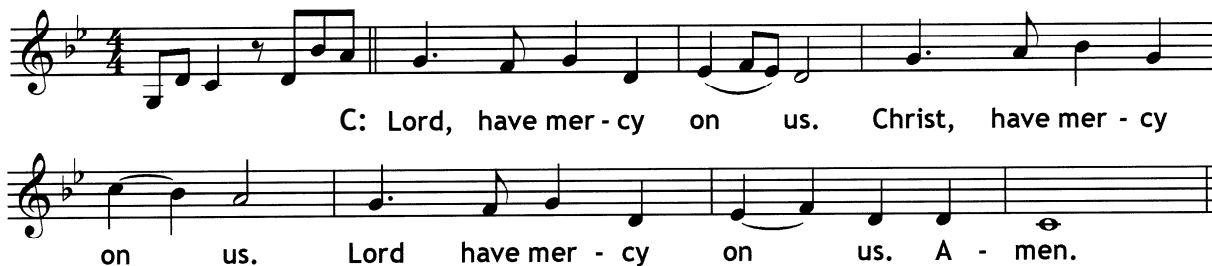
CONFESSION OF SINS

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:

7:45 AM—
Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—
Light of the Living God
By David Paxton

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.”

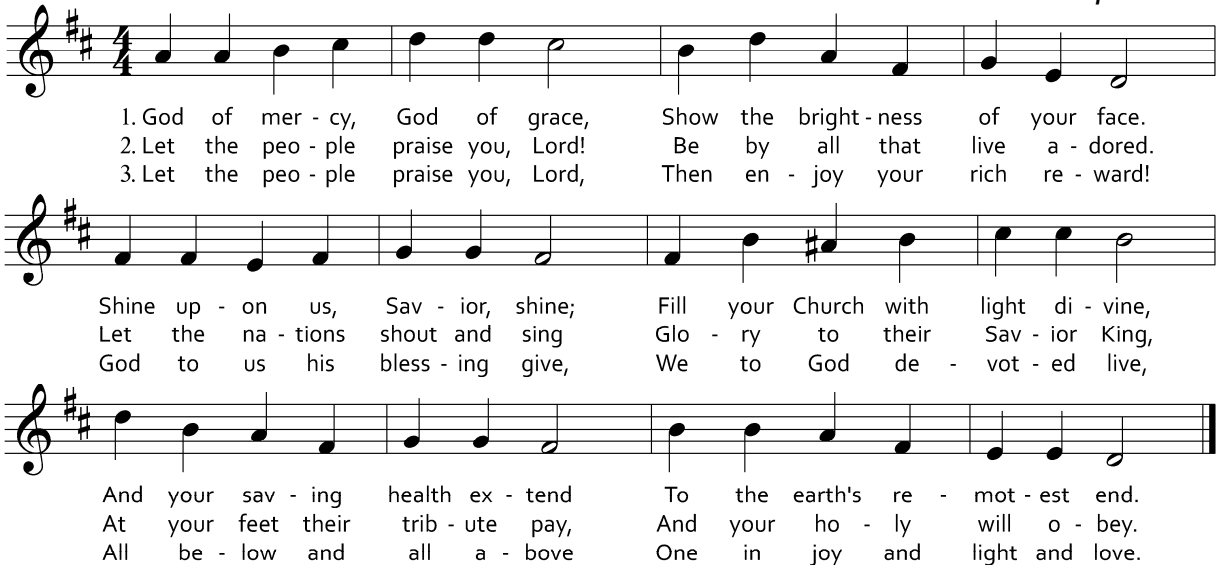
We give praise and
glory to Christ, the
Light of the World
in this paraphrase of
Psalm 67.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

HYMN OF PRAISE

God of Mercy, God of Grace
Christian Worship #249



1. God of mer - cy, God of grace, Show the bright - ness of your face.
2. Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord! Be by all that live a - dored.
3. Let the peo - ple praise you, Lord, Then en - joy your rich re - ward!

Shine up - on us, Sav - ior, shine; Fill your Church with light di - vine,
Let the na - tions shout and sing Glo - ry to their Sav - ior King,
God to us his bless - ing give, We to God de - vot - ed live,

And your sav - ing health ex - tend To the earth's re - mot - est end.
At your feet their trib - ute pay, And your ho - ly will o - bey.
All be - low and all a - bove One in joy and light and love.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

2 Kings 2:1-12

When the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of the prophets at Bethel came out to Elisha and asked, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," Elisha

replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, Elisha; the Lord has sent me to Jericho." And he replied, "As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you." So they went to Jericho. The company of the prophets at Jericho went up to Elisha and asked him, "Do you know that the Lord is going to take your master from you today?" "Yes, I know," he replied, "so be quiet." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; the Lord has sent me to the

Jordan.” And he replied, “As surely as the Lord lives and as you live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them walked on. Fifty men from the company of the prophets went and stood at a distance, facing the place where Elijah and Elisha had stopped at the Jordan. Elijah took his cloak, rolled it up and struck the water with it. The water divided to the right and to the left, and the two of them crossed over on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me, what can I do for you before I am taken from you?” “Let me

inherit a double portion of your spirit,” Elisha replied. “You have asked a difficult thing,” Elijah said, “yet if you see me when I am taken from you, it will be yours—otherwise, it will not.” As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind. Elisha saw this and cried out, “My father! My father! The chariots and horsemen of Israel!” And Elisha saw him no more.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 148

Refrain



Psalm tone



Praise the LORD from the heavens,*
praise him in the heights above.

Praise him, all his angels,*
praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

Praise him, sun and moon,*
praise him, all you shining stars.

Refrain

Praise the LORD from the earth,*
lightning and hail, stormy winds that do his bidding,
you mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars,*
wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds,
kings of the earth and all rulers on earth,*
young men and maidens, old men and children.

Let them praise the name of the LORD,*
for his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Refrain

This psalm calls upon all creation in both the heavens and the earth to praise the Lord.

SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as

Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 9:7

M: Alleluia. A voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Alleluia.

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

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

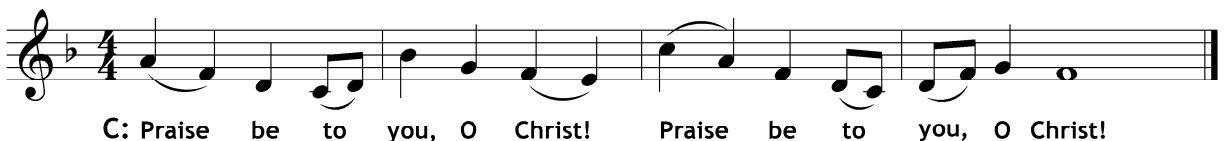
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses

and one for Elijah." (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and covered them, and a voice came from the cloud: "This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!" Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Down from the Mount of Glory
Christian Worship #97

SERMON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Jesus, The Shining Image Of God

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.

In this sung response based the words from Psalm 51:10-12, we pray for a clean heart and a renewed spirit in response to God's gift of grace.

Please be seated

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



OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Shine on Us

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM—

Christ Be Our Light

Arr. by Nancy Raabe

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.

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection.

O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake.

C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Please be seated

HYMN

Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain Christian Worship Supplement #712



1 Je - sus, take us to the moun-tain Where, with Pe - ter,
2 What do you want us to see there That your close com -
3 What do you want us to hear there That your dear dis -
4 Take us to that oth - er moun-tain Where we see you
5 We who have be - held your glo - ry, Ris - en and as -



James, and John, We are daz - zled by your glo - ry,
pan - ions saw? Your di - vin - i - ty re - vealed there
ci - ples heard? Once a - gain the voice from heav - en
glo - ri - fied, Where you shout - ed, "It is fin - ished!"
cend - ed Lord, Can - not help but tell the sto - ry,



Light as blind - ing as the sun. There pre - pare us
Fills us with the self - same awe. Clothed in flesh like
Says of the in - car - nate Word: "Lis - ten, lis - ten,
Where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned cen -
All that we have seen and heard, Say with Pe - ter,



for the night By the vi - sion of that sight.
ours you go, Matched to meet our dead - liest foe.
ev - 'ry - one; This is my be - lov - ed Son!"
tu - ri - on: "Tru - ly this was God's own Son!"
James, and John: "You are God's be - lov - ed Son!"

The hymn writer reminds us that the glimpse of glory seen in Jesus' transfiguration foreshadows the ultimate glory of Christ displayed at Calvary, hidden under the cross.

Please stand

PRAYER

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

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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

C: Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FAREWELL TO ALLELUIA

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ, when we next gather for worship, it will be Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. On that day we will begin our solemn journey to the Savior's cross. While the joy of faith remains undiminished throughout the year, our rejoicing during Lent is muted and quiet. For centuries, therefore, the Christian churches have omitted their most jubilant songs during this season, including the word "Alleluia," which means, "Praise the Lord."

Now for a time we say farewell to Alleluia. We do this to prepare ourselves for the quieter days of Lent. The Alleluias will return on Easter dawn, as we gather to shout our praise to the risen Lord.

CLOSING HYMN

Alleluia Song of Triumph



1. Al - le - lu - ia, song of tri - umph, sound of joy that can - not die;
2. Al - le - lu - ia we are sing - ing, voic - ing hymns in pure ac - cord,
3. Al - le - lu - ia can - not al - ways be our song while here be - low;
4. May our hymns be filled with long - ing—hear us, Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty—



Al - le - lu - ia is the an - them ev - er dear to choirs on high;
With Christ's ho - ly Church u - ni - ted, jus - ti - fied, re - deemed, re - stored,
Al - le - lu - ia our trans-gres - sions make us for a while fore - go.
As we look to your blest Eas - ter, here, and then e - ter - nal - ly,



Saints a - dorned in robes of glo - ry join the great an - gel - ic cry.
And with all his faith - ful peo - ple raise our songs to praise the Lord.
For the sol - emn time is com - ing when our tears for sin must flow.
When we shall once more be sing - ing Al - le - lu - ia joy - ful - ly!

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

*Christ Is the World's
Light*

Arr. by Dale Witte

10:00 AM—

*You Are the Light of
the World*
By Edward
Broughton

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THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Tim Patoka
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
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 Tech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
Greeters Jay & Beth Pauley (10:00 AM)

TODAY

Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Vic and Lois Thornton in thanks to God for 42 years of marriage and many family birthdays.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship following the 10:00 AM service is hosted by Teddy Pittsinger and Mark and Tina Christianson. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Genesis 22:1-18
Romans 8:31-39
Mark 1:12-15

Sermon Text & Theme

Genesis 22:1-18
A Tremendous Sacrifice!

Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Matt Westra 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 at Living Promise in Morristown, Tennessee. We trust that God will 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 Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall in conjunction with the next regular Voters' Meeting.**

NO Wednesday Bible Studies

There will be no Wednesday Bible Studies during Lent. Class will resume April 11.

Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for next Sunday, February 18 at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. A booklet with Pastor, Staff, 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.

ALA Basketball Tournament

The annual men's church league basketball tournament at Arizona Lutheran Academy (located in Phoenix) will be held on Saturday, March 17 (starting time is still to be determined). Any men interested in playing on a team from Grace should contact Jeff Weinstein: 520-909-7649, trustee@gracelutheransaz.org by February 15.

LWMS Spring Rally

The 2018 Spring Rally for our Circuit of the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) is scheduled for April 14 at Church of the Open Bible, Whiteriver, AZ. Registration AND Mission Money offering due dates will be announced soon. Watch for forms at your Grace site and at www.GrandCanyonLWMS.org. Information about lodging in the White Mountain area will also be available. **NOTE:** If you are among those ladies using the little **Mission boxes** to set aside your Mission offering, remember to write a check or send paper currency to the circuit Treasurer, Rose Petersen, before the deadline. Please, do not send boxes of coins. All checks are to be made out to **Grand Canyon Circuit East** for both mission money and registration. Please watch for further details in upcoming worship folders and newsletters. If you have questions, contact Diane Kramm (520-440-8564).

Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson every Wednesday through March 21. The theme for our services is "Jesus Christ Is Our Great High Priest." The sermons and service themes will rotate among the various sites, so worshipers who attend more than one site could hear a sermon repeated. See the schedule below for the first midweek services on February 14.

Ash Wednesday, February 14

Grace-Benson	6 PM	Supper
	7 PM	Lenten Worship
Grace-Sahuarita	10 AM	Lenten Worship
	6 PM	Supper
	7 PM	Lenten Worship
Grace-Tucson	10 AM	Lenten Worship
	6 PM	Supper
	7 PM	Lenten Worship



We need volunteers to host the meals at Grace-Tucson (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals. You may also contact the church office if you're interested in helping.

Guest Musicians Coming to Grace

Several WELS musicians will be coming to Grace in the coming weeks.

Wednesday, February 28: Branches Band will be at Grace-Tucson for the 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM worship services.

Sunday, March 4: Branches Band will be at Grace-Sahuarita for the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM worship services.

Sunday March 4: Koine will be at Grace-Tucson for the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM worship services.

Additional information about these musicians and events is given below:

Branches Band

WELS musicians Andy and Rachel Braun of the Branches Band will lead our music in worship services on Wednesday, February 28 at Grace-Tucson for both the 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM midweek Lenten services. They will also lead worship music on Sunday, March 4 at Grace-Sahuarita for both the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM worship services. Andy and Rachel travel around the country with this ministry, playing hymns and original songs based on Scripture. Their CDs and other merchandise will be available for purchase. Congregation members will also have an opportunity to make donations to support the ministry of the Branches Band. For more information about the group, please visit www.BranchesBand.com or [www.Facebook.com/BranchesBand](https://www.facebook.com/BranchesBand).

KOINE

WELS band KOINE will lead music in our worship services on Sunday, March 4 at Grace-Tucson for both the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM worship services. The service they will be presenting is called *Footsteps to the Cross*, a very visual and moving musical narrative following Christ from the Mount of Transfiguration to the cross. KOINE is an award winning worship band known for combining century-old hymns with modern accompaniment. After the services, their CDs and other merchandise will be available for purchase. Congregation members will also have an opportunity to make donations to support their music ministry. For more information about the group, please visit www.KoineMusic.com or [www.Facebook.com/Koine](https://www.facebook.com/Koine). *If you would like to see KOINE but cannot attend Grace-Tucson this morning or would like to hear more of their music, they will be presenting a concert featuring the hymns of Martin Luther at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Marana on Sunday, March 4 at 6:00 PM.*

Part-time Positions Available

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

Worship Choir

Worship Choir is rehearsing on Thursday evenings at 6:30 PM in the sanctuary. We are preparing music for the Lenten season and for Easter Sunday (April 1). This is a short-term commitment and a great opportunity to serve your church during this special time in the church year! Singers of all abilities are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Music Coordinator Beth Kassulke: 520-260-3649, music@gracelutheransaz.org.

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. Donations made before April 15 can still be applied to your 2017 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!

Arizona Lutheran Academy Gala

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, March 24, 2018. This is the date for the 7th Annual Gala, *Global Adventure*, celebrating the rich diversity of God's children at Arizona Lutheran Academy. This big fundraising event will support ALA students by raising money to make campus improvements and to assist families with need-based tuition assistance.



Ways to participate:

ATTEND. Tickets will be available soon at ALAcoyotes.org/gala. *Note:* All alumni who graduated from ALA in years ending in 3 or 8 can attend the 2018 Gala for half-price. This is a great opportunity to have a class reunion at the Gala!

DONATE. Auction items are being accepted. If you prefer, you can donate money to go toward the fundraising effort. Go ALAcoyotes.org/gala and look for the donation form.

SPONSOR. Go to ALAcoyotes.org/gala to find more information about sponsorships and advertising at the Gala.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed hats, scarves, and blankets to Holy Cross for the Missions Project and the Vets Project in 2017. They were able to send over 600 hats and 150 scarves to Mission to the Children and the Apache Mission. They also were able to send a total of 20 afghans and 116 pairs of white socks to our veterans. Holy Cross will be collecting items for these groups again this year. Caps and scarves, flannel blankets, afghans, white socks, skull caps for our military men and women in active duty, and skull caps for those who are going through cancer treatment are needed. Donations can be dropped off in the office at Grace-Tucson. There is no deadline. Please contact Karen Manning at 520-241-0909 if you have any questions.

Called to Eternal Glory

Grace member Gisela Kittel was called home to heaven on Tuesday, January 30. A memorial service will be held at Grace-Tucson. A date has not yet been set, but may be in mid-March. Announcements will be included in future worship folders when the service has been scheduled.



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at FOUR places!**

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

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TUCSON

Today

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship 8:45a
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners: *Deal with It: School Issues* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
WELS TCM: *What Is Love?* 7:00p

Monday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion.. 10:00a & 7:00p

Lenten Supper 6:00p

Thursday

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

Handbell Choir 5:30p

Worship Choir 6:30p

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a

Coffee Fellowship following both services

Children's Sunday School 8:45a

Lifeliners: *Deal with It: School Issues* 9:00a

Adult Class & Youth Confirmation (Fellowship Hall):

• ALA Presentation 9:00a

Voters' and Call Meeting 2:00p

WELS TCM: *Jesus' Most Famous Sermon* 7:00p

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Today

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

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion... 10:00a & 7:00p

Lenten Supper 6:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a

Adult Bible Study: *Means of Grace* 9:00a

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a

Coffee Fellowship following worship

Voters' and Call Meeting (at Grace-Tucson) 2:00p

VAIL

Today

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

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/Communion 10:00a

Coffee Fellowship following worship

Voters' and Call Meeting (at Grace-Tucson) 2:00p

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Wednesday

Lenten Supper 6:00p

Ash Wednesday Worship w/Communion..... 7:00p

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Voters' and Call Meeting (at Grace-Tucson) 2:00p

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