

First Sunday in Lent



The Sacrificial Lamb by Josefa de Obidos (circa 1670-1684)

Grace Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ
February 18, 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 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.

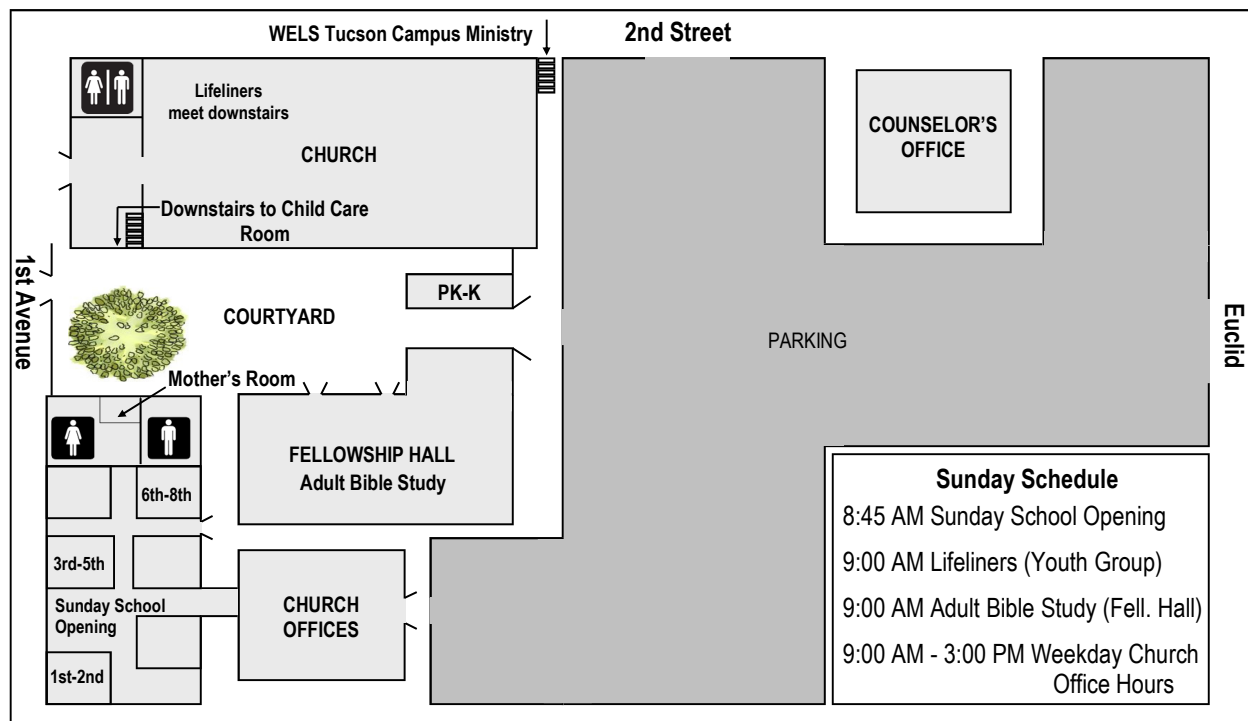
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



The Season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance, remembrance, and prayer. It is a time to consider the sufferings and death of Jesus and to prepare for Easter. This is especially true during midweek services in Lent. The Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days and have only hints of the season's mood, such as the omission of "Alleluias." Sundays are islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. Purple is the color of the season and represents repentance and solemnity.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—What Wondrous Love Is This?

By William Walker; Arr. Victor Labenske

What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this,
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.

10:00 AM—How Deep the Father's Love For Us

By Stuart Townend; Arr. Mark Hayes

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure

It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

WELCOME

Please stand

LENTEN GATHERING RITE

Remember Your Love

The vocalist will introduce the refrain.

The congregation repeats the refrain and sings it again as indicated.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

The vocalist sings these words from Psalm 130:

*As watchmen who wait upon the daylight, wait for the Lord.
I trust in your kindness and redemption and your faithful word.*

Refrain

*Before all the mountains were begotten and earth took shape,
Even then, O Lord, you were our refuge throughout ev'ry age.*

Refrain

Our service today begins with a "gathering rite." This order musically ties together the invocation, confession, Kyrie (Lord, have mercy), and absolution and also replaces an opening hymn. The solemn tone of this gathering rite reminds us of our sin and our need for a Savior. We are comforted by God's great mercy for us in sending Jesus to be that Savior.

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.

After the vocalist sings each verse, follow the corresponding line below:

INVOCATION

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

C: Amen.

M: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

C: And also with you.

CONFESSION

M: As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of Christ's love, let us confess our sin and ask the Lord for pardon and strength.

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

1. Lord Jesus, obedient in the desert:
2. Christ Jesus, the promise of salvation:
3. Lord Jesus, the flood of living water:



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|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |
| 2. Christ, have mer - cy. | Christ, have mer - cy. |
| 3. Lord, have mer - cy. | Lord, have mer - cy. |

ABSOLUTION

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.

Please join in singing the refrain once more.



Re - mem-ber your love and your faith-ful-ness, O Lord.



Re - mem-ber your peo-ple and have mer-cy on us, Lord.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us up again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, "Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, "Father?" "Yes, my son?" Abraham replied. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?" Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there

and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called out to him from heaven, "Abraham! Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. "Do not lay a hand on the boy," he said. "Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son." Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The Lord Will Provide. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided." The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, "I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me."

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

Romans 8:31-39

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or

persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written: “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text which focuses our thoughts and attention on the theme of the service or the season of the church year.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:10

M: It is written: “Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.”

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Mark 1:12-15

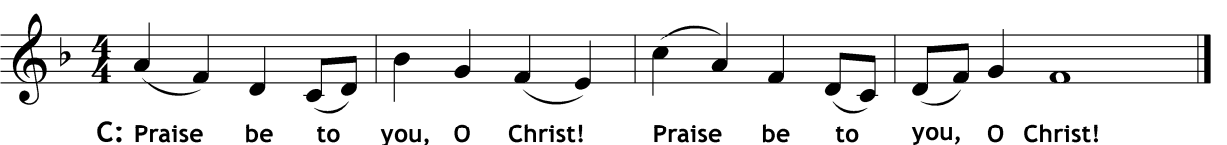
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



At once the Spirit sent him out into the wilderness, and he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him. 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!”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

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.

Please be seated



HYMN OF THE DAY

The Love of Christ, Who Died for Me Christian Worship Supplement #749

This hymn examines the true nature of God's grace. While human love is directed toward people and things that bring pleasure, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

1 The love of Christ, who died for me Is
2 My sins I on - ly see in part, My
3 O liv - ing Lord of life, for whom The

more than mind can know, His
self - re - gard - ing ways; The
heav - ens held their breath, To

mer - cy mea - sure - less and free To
se - cret pla - ces of my heart Lie
see, tri - um - phant from the tomb, A

meet the debt I owe. He
bare be - fore his gaze. For
love that con - quers death, Pos -

came my sin - ful cause to plead; He
me the price of sin he paid; My
sess my heart that it may be Your

laid his glo - ries by, For
sins be - yond re - call Are
king - dom with - out end, O

me a home - less life to lead, A
all a - like on Je - sus laid, He
Christ who died for love of me And

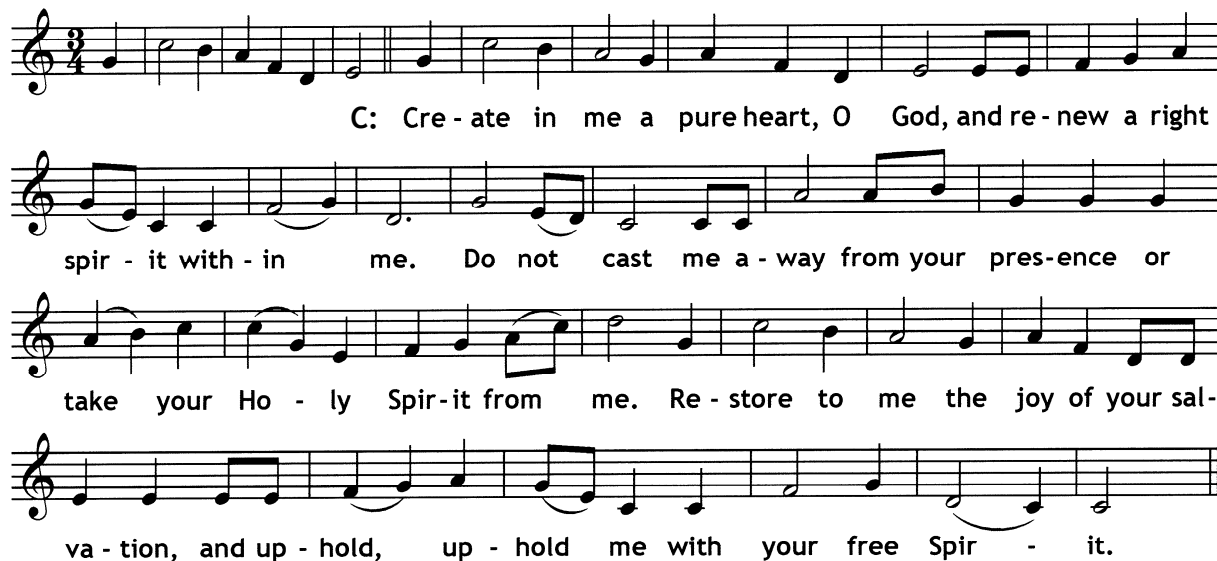
shame - ful death to die.
died to bear them all.
lives to be my friend.

A Tremendous Sacrifice!

1. Look at the Love!
2. Look at the Lamb!

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

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!

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



OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45 AM—How Deep the Father's Love for Us with Love Divine, All Love Excelling

*How deep the Father's love for us How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure.*

10:00 AM—Lamb of God By Twila Paris; Arr. Mark Hayes

*Oh Lamb of God, Sweet lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God
Oh wash me in His precious Blood, My Jesus Christ the Lamb of God*

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.

C: **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

7:45 AM — Please continue 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.


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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for this special use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

This ancient song of the church is based on John 1:29, Isaiah 53:7, and Revelation 5:6. It reminds us of the Old Testament customs of the Passover and aids us in acknowledging Christ as our sacrificial Lamb.

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.

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.

*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.*

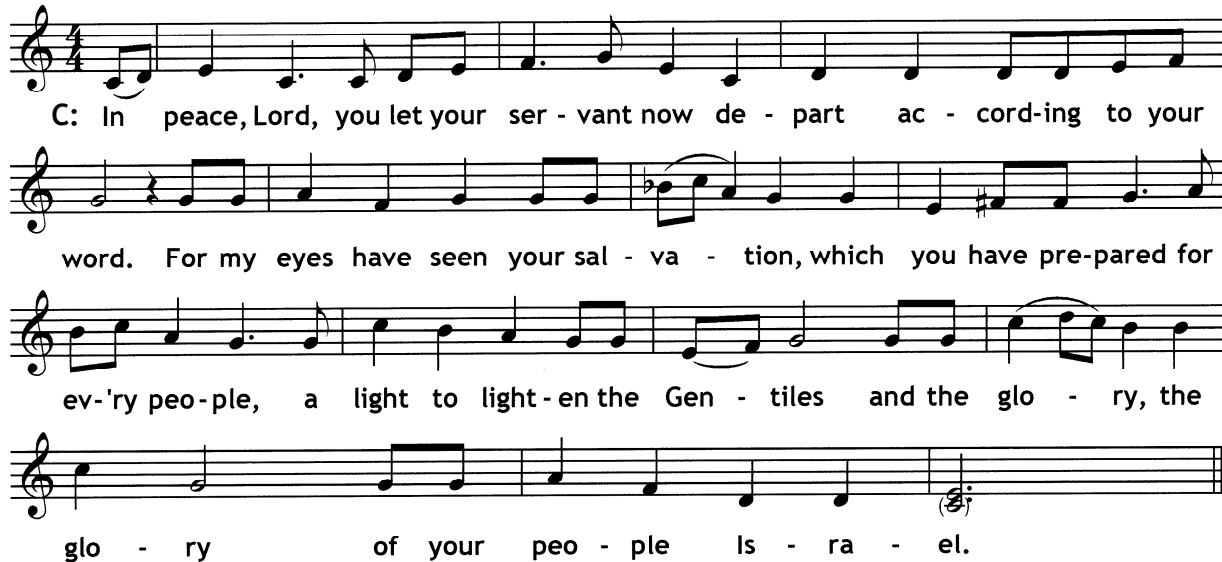
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THANKSGIVING

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.

Based on the words of Simeon, found in Luke 2:29-32.

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.

We express heartfelt thanks to God for the gifts we received in the Sacrament.

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.

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 be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

The Lamb Christian Worship Supplement #714

As the Lord provided
for Abraham a
sacrifice in place of
his son Isaac, so also
he lovingly provides
for us his own Son,
Jesus, the perfect
Lamb of God
sacrificed for the
sins of the world.



1 The Lamb, the Lamb, O Fa - ther, where's the
2 The Lamb, the Lamb, One per - fect fi - nal
3 The Lamb, the Lamb, As way - ward sheep their
4 He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and
5 He rose, he rose, My heart with thanks now

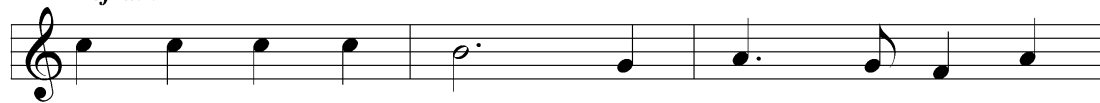


sac - ri - fice? Faith sees, be - lieves God
of - fer - ing. The Lamb, the Lamb, Let
shep - herd kill So still, his will, On
wretch - ed - ness. He lives, for - gives, He
o - ver - flows. His song pro - long 'Til

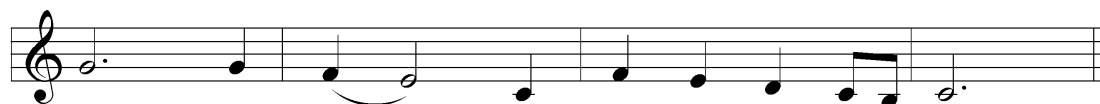


will pro - vide the Lamb of price!
earth join heav'n his praise to sing.
our be - half the law to fill.
gives me his own right - eous - ness.
ev - 'ry heart to him be - long.

Refrain



Wor - thy is the Lamb whose death makes me his



own! The Lamb is reign - ing on his throne.

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—*Lamb of God* (CWS 748) By Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide, But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod And to become the Lamb of God.

O Lamb of God, sweet lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
Oh, wash me in his precious blood, My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

10:00 AM—*In Christ Alone/Before the Throne of God Above* Arr. David Carnes

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm

'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants	Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
	Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocalists	Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)
	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Violin	Maya Parra (7:45 AM)
Ushers	Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
	Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Dustin Pauley, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech.....	Jeremy Snively (10:00 AM)
Greeters	Debbie Koehler, Stephanie Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team.....	Lauri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

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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 page 11, and a personal preparation guide on page 156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see page 11 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Genesis 28:10-17
Romans 5:1-11
Mark 8:31-38

Voters' and Call Meeting TODAY

A Voters' Meeting for our congregation will be held TODAY 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 booklet keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting. During this meeting, voters will also extend a call for a pastor to be our mission pastor at Grace-Vail and Grace-Benson.

Thank You to Doug Meyer

We thank Mr. Doug Meyer, the Director of Mission Advancement for Arizona Lutheran Academy, our WELS high school in the Phoenix area. We appreciate hearing information about the school and the ways they are able to teach God's Word and to share the Savior with students daily. Grace has many members who have graduated from ALA, four students there currently, and our congregation provides financial support to the school and to our students who attend there. It is a blessing to have a fine Christian high school available to us and to have Mr. Meyer with us today!

Called to Eternal Glory

Grace Member John Bolm was called home to heaven on Thursday, February 8. A memorial service will be held at Grace-Tucson on Saturday, February 24 at 11:00 AM. A luncheon will follow.

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 this week.



February 21

Grace-Benson: <i>Jesus Our Great High Priest Makes Us Priests</i>	6 PM	Supper
	7 PM	Worship
Grace-Sahuarita: <i>Jesus Is Our Self-Sacrificing High Priest</i>	10 AM	Worship
	6 PM	Supper
	7 PM	Worship
Grace-Tucson: <i>Jesus Is Our Perfect High Priest</i>	10 AM	Worship
	6 PM	Supper
	7 PM	Worship

We need volunteers to host the meals at Grace-Tucson (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted 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 at 623-6633 if you're interested in helping.

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.

Open House

All Grace members are invited to an open house on March 4 from 11:30 AM to 6:00 PM at the Heiman residence to celebrate the confirmation of Owen Heiman and the baptism of Pastor and Laura's 4th son (who is expected to be born soon). Food and beverages will be served throughout the day. No RSVP is necessary. The Heimans live at 550 N. Pecan Holiday Lane, Sahuarita, AZ 85629.

Church Library Media Items Available

If you still own a VCR or a cassette player – you're in luck! Our church library is giving away all of its cassette tapes and video tapes to anyone that would like them. A few tables will be set up with these items on the west end of the fellowship hall by the church library after each service TODAY and on Sunday, February 25th. Please come by and take any of these items that you feel you or a friend or relative can use!

Our library also has lovely children's books for Easter and other times of the year – in addition to many devotional, fiction, and Bible study books for adults, teens, and children. Please visit the Grace Church library and take a look at the wonderful books available to check out!

Thrivent Choice Deadline

Thrivent members, the deadline to use your Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31. There are two easy options for directing your Choice Dollars:

Online at www.Thrivent.com/thriventchoice.

Phone: 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt.

The Member Connection Center is open until 6 p.m. Central time, Monday – Friday.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Sloyan: 520-561-7625, dsloyan1@gmail.com.

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.

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.BranchedBand.com or 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. *If you would like to see KOINE but cannot attend Grace-Tucson that 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.*



**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 • Feb 18 – Feb 25

TUCSON

Today

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

SAHUARITA

Today

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**

Wednesday

Lenten Worship 10:00a & 7:00p
Lenten Supper 6:00p

Saturday

John Bolm Memorial Service (at Grace-Tucson) **11:00a**

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/Communion 7:30a
Voters' and Call Meeting (at Grace-Tucson) **2:00p**

Wednesday

Lenten Supper 6:00p
Lenten Worship 7:00p

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

Monday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Lenten Worship 10:00a & 7:00p
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00p

Thursday

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

Saturday

John Bolm Memorial Service **11:00a**

Sunday

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
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's the Deal With Miracles?* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Adult Bible Study 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Voters' and Call Meeting (at Grace-Tucson) **2:00p**

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 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