

Third Sunday after the Epiphany Mission Festival Sunday



“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you.”

Isaiah 60:1

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 22, 2012



PRESERVICE MUSIC

7:45 AM How Beautiful
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM O God of Every Nation
By Anne Krentz Organ

MISSION FESTIVAL SERVICE

WELCOME

HYMN

Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word
Christian Worship #576

STAND

INVOCATION

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

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

**C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Mark 10:47

Kyrie

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian church.

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

Gloria in Excelsis

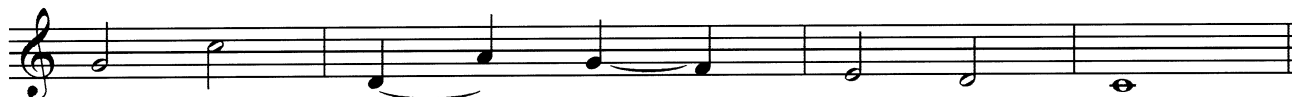
Sung to the Tune of Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, Christian Worship #84.



1 All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord we
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great glo - ry,
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all hu - man
4 You, Christ are ho - ly Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's glo - ry



glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and grace, Your
heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have done Through
sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive our prayer; From
you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a - gain: "All



fa - vor to - ward our fall - en race.
Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth and have sent your messengers to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near. Grant that by the witness of your Church many may be brought into your kingdom and worship you, the only true God; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BE SEATED

CHOIR (10:00 AM)

*Come, now and worship the Lord in His temple.
Come, and sing with joy, with the joy of the Lord.*

*But how can we sing here inside these walls
and never go out to share the love, the joy of the Lord?*

*Let the song go forth, let the melody soar
as we share the joy of the Lord, who is our strength and our song.*

*Let the song go forth, let the melody soar
'til all may hear the joy of the Lord! Share the joy of the Lord.*

Let the Song Go Forth

By Pepper Choplin

FIRST LESSON

Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD rises upon you. See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you. Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look about you: All assemble and come to you; your sons come from afar, and your daughters are carried on

Isaiah 60:1-6

the arm. Then you will look and be radiant, your heart will throb and swell with joy; the wealth on the seas will be brought to you, to you the riches of the nations will come. Herds of camels will cover your land, young camels of Midian and Ephah. And all from Sheba will come, bearing gold and incense and proclaiming the praise of the LORD.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



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| <p>1. Sing to the LORD, / praise his name;*
proclaim his salvation day / after day.</p> <p>2. Declare his glory among the / nations,*
his marvelous deeds among all / peoples.</p> <p>3. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his / holiness;*
tremble before him, / all the earth.</p> | <p>5. let the fields be jubilant, and every- / thing in them.*
Then all the trees of the forest will / sing for joy;</p> <p>6. for he comes to judge the world in / righteousness*
and the peoples / in his truth.</p> <p>7. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son*
and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.</p> |
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Refrain

4. Let the heavens rejoice, let the / earth be glad;*
let the sea resound, and all that / is in it;

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8-15

But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. As the Scripture says, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” For there is no difference between Jew and

Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 52:7

M: Alleluia! Alleluia! How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim salvation. Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Go Ye Therefore

*Go ye therefore, teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Lord.
Go ye therefore, teach all nations, all He commands in the name of the Lord.
And lo, I am with you always, even until the end of the world.
Go in my Name, I am with you, until the end of the world.*

By Mary McDonald

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:18-20

M: The Gospel according to Matthew chapter twenty-eight.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

Then Jesus came to them and 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. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

On Galilee’s High Mountain
Christian Worship #557

SERMON

The Glory of the Lord Rises
1. Darkness in the Land
2. The Light will Bring Brightness

Isaiah 60:1-6

STAND

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.

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 pew and pass it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45 AM

I Love to Tell the Story
Christian Worship #562

10:00 AM

Shout to the North with O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
By Martin Smith & Carol Tornquist

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH — MISSION OF THE CHURCH

M: Eternal God and Father, we give you thanks for the blessings we share as members of your holy Church, for your gracious Word and sacraments, for opportunities to worship and to grow in faith and knowledge, for occasions to serve and be served, for fellowship with believers in our congregation and in our synod.

C: **Help us to rejoice in these blessings, dear Lord, and to use them faithfully.**

M: Jesus Christ, Lord of the Church, you give grace to your people by calling us to be your witnesses in the world. Open our eyes to see the great and noble mission that lies before us. In the hurting eyes of the lonely, in the pained eyes of the sick, and in the searching eyes of the lost, help us to see your face, O Jesus, and to serve others as we would serve you.

C: **Awaken us to the opportunities you give to proclaim your message of love.**

M: Holy Spirit, giver of life, through Word and sacrament bestow on us the wisdom and power we need to witness clearly and to act boldly. Help us to speak the truth in love, to give the reason for the hope we have, and to conduct ourselves with gentleness and respect.

C: **Set our hearts on fire as we work and witness for Christ.**

M: Hear us, Lord, as we pray for a family member, an acquaintance, a neighbor, or a friend who does not believe in you, or whose faith is weak or troubled.

Silent Prayer.

M: Bless the Church with men and women who are willing to proclaim your Word in places where we cannot go. Keep them and their loved ones in your care, and let nothing hinder their work. By the power of the gospel, restore their spirits each day, so that they do not lose heart as they serve us and others.

C: **Move us to support them with our sincere prayers and generous offerings.**

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

M: Wherever your Word is proclaimed, O Lord, grant it success. Let your kingdom come to us and others, so that we and many more might join the assembly of saints and angels to sing your praise forever.

C: **Savior of all, hear our prayer and help us in our mission. 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.**

BE SEATED

HYMN

Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak
Christian Worship #561

STAND

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

Numbers 6:24-26

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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

O Christ, Our True and Only Light
Christian Worship #569

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

Crucifer
Arr. by David M. Cherwien

10:00 AM

Sing the Glad Song
By Franklin Ritter

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Preacher Pastor Gary Lupe
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Choir Director Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Trumpets Pastor Ron Koehler and Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)

We extend a sincere thanks to Pastor Gary Lupe for his message in our services today and for conducting Adult Bible Class this morning.

Support Apache Mission Work

The Grace Lutheran Pioneers are currently collecting money in support of the Partners in Apache Land mission program. Yesterday they spent time learning about the Apache missions and tasting fry bread. If you would like to contribute to the Pioneer collection, you may pick up a decorated mission money box this morning (while supplies last). The boxes will be collected before Easter so that the donations may be sent. Also, watch for the Pioneer Bake Sale in February that will also support this mission effort.



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To Aid You in Worship...

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

Welcome to Grace!

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.

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.

Pastor Colin Rieke, Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail, is preaching for Mission Festival at Shepherd of the Hills this morning.

Mission Festival Guest Speaker and Potluck TODAY!

Today is Mission Festival at Grace. Our guest preacher is Rev. Gary Lupe, an Apache Pastor from Whiteriver, AZ. He will give a presentation about his work during the Bible Study time from 9:00-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Following the 10:00 AM service there will be a potluck lunch. We hope you are able to stay and join us!

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Kickoff Party TODAY!

The WELS TCM Semester Kickoff Party is **TODAY** beginning at 6:00 PM. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Information will be available regarding our semester schedule for Bible studies and activities, as well as food and fun, and an opportunity to sign up for parking permits for the semester. See Pastor Kassulke if you have any questions.

Creation Sunday

WELS musician Chris Driesbach will join us next Sunday, January 29 for a special service on Creation. In the Adult Bible Class that morning, Chris will tell us about his experiences as a member of our WELS church in New Orleans which was destroyed by hurricane Katrina. He will also share the story of how he became a Christian. Please plan to join us.

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) will also be serving their **annual Chupala Lunch** that day after the 10:00 AM worship service. Chupala is a delicious southwestern chicken and bean dish served with tortillas and other fixings. Donations in support of the Lifeliners and their activities are appreciated.

2011 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. *We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own.* 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 are charitable donations.

This Week's Schedule (1/22/12 - 1/29/12)

Today MISSION FESTIVAL

- Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *Guest Speaker: Pastor Gary Lupe*9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office)9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*9:00a
- Mission Festival Potluck following 10 AM Worship**.....
- WELS TCM Welcome Back Party!**6:00p

Monday

- Bible Study in Vail: *Book of Acts*9:00a
- English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p
- Bible Study at the Rieke's: *Book of Acts*.....7:00p

Tuesday

- Council Meeting**6:15p
- English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*.....10:00a
- Handbells Practice in the Church Basement5:30p
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*.....6:45p
- Bible Study at the Prigge's: *Prepared to Answer*7:00p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Class: *Prayer*.....9:00a
- Worship Choir.....6:30p
- Men's Bible Study.....7:30p

Friday

- ALA Basketball @ Desert Christian** (see times below)

Saturday

- Vail Canvassing Blitz in Rita Ranch**1:00p

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- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Bible Study*7:00p

ALA Basketball Coming to Tucson



This Friday, January 27 the Arizona Lutheran Academy boy's and girl's basketball teams will be playing here in Tucson at Desert Christian High School (7525 E. Speedway). Girls' JV and Varsity play at 3:00 and 6:00 respectively. The Boys' JV team plays at 4:30 PM and Varsity plays at 7:30 PM. Ben Bernthal (Peace) and Tyler Koehler (Grace) play on both teams. Plan to come and cheer on our Coyotes! A nominal admission fee will likely be charged.

Arizona Lutheran Academy is a WELS high school located in Phoenix. Grace offers tuition support to active members of our congregation who attend ALA. Currently five Grace students attend ALA.

Engaging Christians In Outreach Ministry

Please plan to attend the Kingdom Workers' annual Spiritual Renewal Event this Saturday, January 28, at Paradise Valley Lutheran Church, in Phoenix. Continental breakfast will be served starting at 7:45 AM with the meeting to start at approximately 9:00 AM. Kingdom Workers board members have heard each presentation, and each one is excellent! Each presentation is directly related to our command to "go and make disciples." The lead presenter, Pastor Hintz, is the Director of our Commission on Evangelism. The other two couples speaking, the Kimerleys and the Felgenhauers have been actively involved in home and world mission projects. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

Christian Fellowship Group Potluck

Christian Fellowship Group will meet Saturday, February 11, at noon in the Fellowship Hall for a potluck. We will also be making valentines for residents at the Sabino Rehab Care Center. We are always looking for new members. Come, give us a try! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and older with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Grace-Vail Bible Studies

We invite you to join us for a journey through the book of Acts found in the New Testament. This book recounts the history of the early Christian Church. It shows how the Holy Spirit worked through the challenges that the early Christians faced to spread his gospel message. Many of these challenges are similar to the ones we face today. The Bible Study continues tomorrow, January 23, and is offered at two times:

- 9:30AM at Del Lago Golf Club 14155 East Vía Rancho Del Lago – Vail
- 7:00PM at Pastor Rieke's house 10596 E Pleasant Pasture Dr – Tucson

Canvassing Blitz

In preparation for our third service at Grace-Vail (on February 12) we will be canvassing this Saturday, January 28 at 1:00 PM. We will be meeting at Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop). This is a great way to share information about our second site and also a way to share the love of Christ.

Men's Bible Study this Week

Please join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall this Thursday, January 26 at 7:30 PM for a Men's Bible Study that will focus on the roles and responsibilities of a Christian man in today's world.

Countdown to Kindergarten

Countdown to Kindergarten will be held at Redeemer Lutheran School this Wednesday, January 25 beginning with a pizza dinner at 5:30 PM. Our preschool and Kindergarten students will perform at 6:00 PM followed by activities for the kids while parents get valuable information on Kindergarten, our curriculum, tuition assistance, tax credits and registration. Please call 572-8136 to RSVP.

Grace offers tuition support to active members of our congregation who attend Redeemer, our WELS grade school in Tucson. Eleven children from Grace currently attend Redeemer.

Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, you may contact Johneth Myrmo (624-3626) or Cora in the church office (623-6633). You may join the prayer chain and participate in offering prayers for others by contacting Johneth Myrmo.

Cans for the Women of Grace



The Women of Grace are collecting aluminum cans and will use the recycling proceeds for upcoming projects. If you have cans please bring them to Grace and put them in the receptacle located just inside the parking lot gates.

Tuition Tax Credit Donations

As you prepare your 2011 tax return in the coming months, don't forget about the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit. State law allows you to make a donation in support of Lutheran education and to claim the same amount as a credit on your state tax return. Basically, this means that you get to decide how money that would otherwise be paid in taxes gets used. A donation made before April 15 and before you file your taxes may be claimed on the 2011 return, so you can also determine your tax liability before making a donation. Donations are made through a Student Tuition Organization (STO) such as the HELP Scholarship Foundation (www.helpscholarships.org). You may even recommend your donation for a specific student. Donations are eligible for the tax credit up to \$500 for a single person or \$1000 for a married couple in 2011, with a slight increase to \$503 and \$1006 in 2012. Please contact the church office if you have questions.

