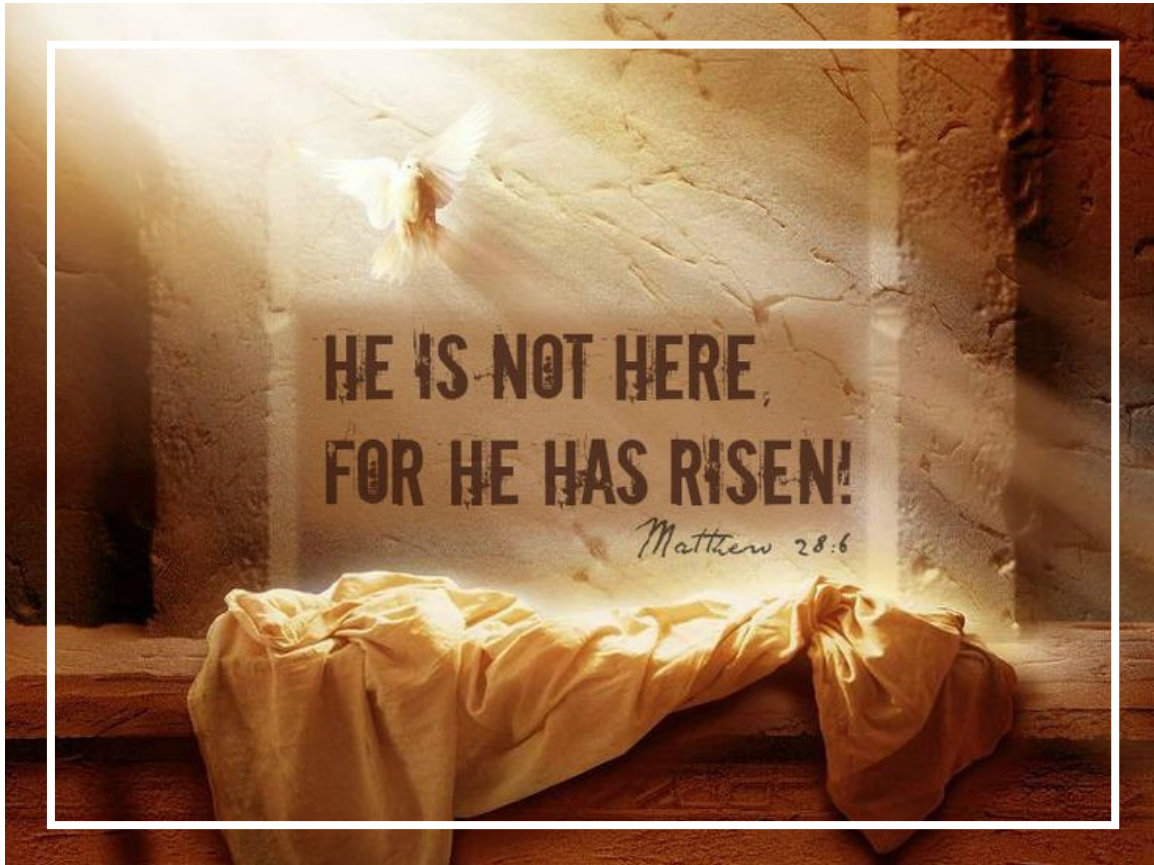


Easter Festival Worship



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 16, 2017



After subdued worship during the season of Lent, which focused on our Savior's suffering and death, our Easter morning worship is full of "Alleluia's" once again. "Alleluia" or "Hallelujah" means "Praise the Lord!"

PRESERVICE MUSIC

Easter Morning Medley arr. by Melody Bober

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Lead On, O King Eternal

Jesus Shall Reign

HANDBELL CHOIR

Crown Him with Many Crowns

WELCOME

HYMN

I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Christian Worship #152 st. 1-2, 5, 7-8

Please stand

EASTER LITANY AND CONFESSION

Minster: Christ is risen!

Cong: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

M: Christ is alive and victorious over death!

C: Alleluia to our living Lord!

M: Christ has won the battle over evil and has reunited us with God.

C: Alleluia to our saving Lord!

M: Christ is present with us and proclaiming peace and joy.

C: Alleluia to our loving Lord!

M: Christ is in power forever, and ruling now in glory and grace.

C: Alleluia to our reigning Lord!

ALL: AMEN!

M: We are reminded of the need for our victorious Savior as we confess our sins:

All: Dearest Jesus, we humbly bow before you today confessing our many sins of thought, words and actions. We have not and do not always live as your people. Forgive us as we place whole-hearted trust in your death on the cross and on your glorious resurrection victory.

M: Having confessed our sins and professed our trust in Christ, we can be sure of God's forgiveness. It is with great joy that I can announce that you are indeed a forgiven child of God, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. In view of God's love and mercy, go and live as a child of the resurrection.

1 **C: Amen.**

HYMN

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Christian Worship #162

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody consists of six lines of music. The lyrics are: "He is a - ris - en! Glo - rious Word! Now rec - on - ciled is God, my Lord; The gates of heav'n are o - pen. My Je - sus did tri - um - phant die, And Sa - tan's ar - rows bro - ken lie, De - stroyed hell's fierc - est weap - on. Oh, hear What cheer! Christ vic - to - rious, Ris - ing glo - rious, Life is giv - ing. He was dead, but now is liv - ing!"

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Lord Jesus, when you rose victorious from death, you gave us a day of great rejoicing. The stone that the builders has become the cornerstone of our faith. Let cries of joy and exultation ring out to celebrate the good news of your resurrection, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

C: **Amen.**

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Jonah 2:2-9

“In my distress I called to the LORD, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O LORD my God. When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the LORD.”

PSALM 118 *The choir will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the refrains.*

Choir/Cantor:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:



I will not die but live, and will pro-claim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

The Lord is my strength and my song;

He has become my salvation.

The Lord's right hand is lifted high;

The Lord's right hand has done mighty things!

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

I will give you thanks for you answered me;

You have become my salvation.

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Choir:

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;

The Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad.

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

Congregation:

I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the Lord has done.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

HYMN

Alleluia, Alleluia, Give Thanks

Christian Worship #154

Congregation: stanzas 1, 2 & 5

Choir: stanzas 3 & 4

Please stand

EASTER GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-10

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb. There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men. The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.' Now I have told you." So the women hurried away from the tomb, afraid yet filled with joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them. "Greetings," he said. They came to him, clasped his feet and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

Please be seated

HYMN

Alleluia! Jesus Lives

Christian Worship #153

SERMON

Luke 24:1-8

Turn to Jesus for Resurrection and Life

Please stand

EASTER CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther's Explanation to the 2nd Article of the Apostle's Creed

I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the virgin Mary, is my Lord. He has redeemed me, a lost and condemned creature, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil, not with gold or silver but with his holy, precious blood and with his innocent suffering and death. All this he did that I should be his own, and live under him in his kingdom, and serve him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as he has risen from death and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true.

Please be seated

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS TO THE RISEN LORD

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 include your name and information in the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the pew and pass it to those worshipping with you. We appreciate having you worship with us on Easter morning. Thank you!

OFFERTORY

Christ the Lord Has Risen!

Arr. by Tom Birchwood

Please stand

EASTER PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, God of grace, you have brought us into a new and living hope by the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

C: Christ is risen!

M: For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive.

C: He is risen indeed!

M: He was delivered over to death for our sins and raised to life for our justification.

C: Alleluia!

M: We marvel at the love you showed by your willingness to sacrifice your Son to pay for our sins; we bow down in adoration at your mighty power, which raised him from the dead.

C: We praise you for sending the true Life and Light into the world.

- M: Lord Jesus, God of grace, you have filled our hearts with resurrection joy by your victory over sin, death, and the grave.
- C: You have conquered the darkness and given us comfort and hope.**
- M: With the Church of every age, we offer you unending praise, for you have crushed Satan's head and have removed our guilt.
- C: You are risen!**
- M: Take away our doubts and fears, and daily renew in us the joy of our salvation.
- C: Alleluia!**
- M: Holy Spirit, God of grace, you have called us by the gospel and brought us to saving faith in our risen Lord.
- C: We glorify you for opening our eyes to see the light of life.**
- M: Keep us with Jesus Christ in the one true faith.
- C: He is risen!**
- M: As we journey through life, make us yearn for the day when you will give eternal life to us and all believers in Christ.
- C: He is risen indeed!**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent Prayer.

- M: Work through us as we proclaim the saving message of the crucified and risen Jesus near and far, so that many others may hear your call, obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, and join us before the throne of God and of the Lamb.
- C: Alleluia! For our Lord God Almighty reigns. Alleluia! 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.**

BLESSING

- M: May the news of Christ's resurrection fill you with joy and hope until the day of your resurrection to eternal life.
- C: Amen!**

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

The Day of Resurrection
Christian Worship #166

POSTLUDE

Fanfare for Resurrection Day
By Steven Scott

Those Assisting in Easter Worship

Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Patoka
Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Accompanist	Teri Guenther
Handbell Director	Melissa Newbrey
Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke
Trumpet	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Ushers	Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler, Colton Watson
Sound and Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavelly
Greeters	Jean & Ron Husemann

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We wish you a blessed Easter Day! If you do not currently have a church home, we invite you to join us for worship each week throughout the year. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet found near the doors as you leave. We are happy to answer any questions you may have about our church and invite you to speak with one of the pastors if you have an interest in becoming a member of Grace.

Easter Lilies

Thank you to those who have beautified our Easter worship by providing lilies:

- Nani Witter—In memory of husband, John, and son, Joel Witter.
- Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In memory of our parents.
- Lois & Vic Thornton—In memory of family.
- Dorothy Lietha—In memory of loved ones.
- Nancy Miles—In thanks to God for his grace and overflowing blessings.
- Jeanette O'Donald—In thanks to God for all my blessings.
- Lauri Colton—In memory of friends and family who have gone before.
- Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of parents.
- Bob & Audrey Nessinger—In loving memory of Dick Street and Linda Nessinger.
- Marsha Hoffman—In loving memory of John & Esther Hoffman and Bob & Marge Good.
- Dottie Kaiser—In loving memory of parents and loved ones.
- Jean & Ron Husemann—In thanks to God for his blessings that never end.
- AJ Richter
- Amy Rudd
- Dwight Shafer



For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!

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.

You're invited to worship with us at any of our four sites:

Grace-Tucson

830 N. 1st Ave in Tucson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Tucson is:

- 7:45 AM Worship Service
- 8:45 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Teen & Adult Bible Studies
- 10:00 AM Worship Service

Grace-Benson

451 W. Duane St. in Benson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Benson is: 7:30 AM Worship Service

Grace-Sahuarita

17675 S. La Cañada Dr. in Sahuarita.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Sahuarita is:

- 7:45 AM Worship Service
- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:00 AM Adult Bible Study

Grace-Vail 10:00 AM Worship Service

We worship in Esmond Station School at 9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way in Rita Ranch.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Vail is:

- 9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
- 9:15 AM Adult Bible Study
- 10:00 AM Worship Service

NO Bible Studies This Week at Grace-Tucson

There will be no Bible Studies this week. The Women's Thursday *Key Bible Words* Bible study will resume on April 27 and the Wednesday *Church History* Bible Study will resume on May 3.

New GIG begins April 19!

If you're interested in learning the basics of the Bible or have an interest in possibly becoming a member of Grace, the Grow In Grace class is the class for you! Pastor Koehler will be teaching this series of classes beginning this Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. The class will meet in the church office conference room. You can let pastor know of your interest in the class or ask him any questions about it. Just catch him at church, call the church office (623-6633) or email him (RevRGK3@GraceLutheranSAZ.org). If you have an interest in the class but cannot meet on Wednesday evenings, please let him or one of the other pastors know.

ALA Golf Classic April 29

The 24th Annual ALA Golf Classic is coming up on Saturday, April 29 at Legacy Golf Resort in Phoenix. This is a fundraiser for the Arizona Lutheran Academy Athletic Department. The 4-person scramble tournament begins with a shotgun start at 1:30 PM. The cost is \$85 for an individual golfer or \$320 for a foursome. Visit www.ALACoyotes.org for more information or to register for this event!

Grace Church Picnic (All Sites)—May 6

Grace-Sahuarita will be hosting the all-site Church Picnic on Saturday, May 6 at noon (Address: 17675 South La Cañada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). Great food, great fellowship, and activities for both kids and adults! It's a wonderful opportunity to see one of our other sites and meet your fellow members. Members are asked to bring a side dish. The main dish will be provided. There will be a dessert contest this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you have any questions, please contact Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704.

Confirmation Open House Invitation

This year's Youth Confirmation is on Sunday, May 7. Two eighth graders (Jacob Miller and Brandon Walshaw) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service. All are invited to congratulate the confirmands with a cake reception following the service.

The Grace congregation is also invited to an open house hosted by the Miller family from 3:00-5:00 PM that afternoon (May 7) in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Divine Calls

On Sunday, April 2, Pastor Rieke was informed that Palos Lutheran Church in Palos Heights, Illinois had voted to extend to him a Divine Call to serve as their pastor. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Palos Lutheran and one to Grace. In the next few weeks, he will be working to make a decision whether to accept the new Call and to move his ministry to Illinois or to decline the Call and to continue serving in southern Arizona. He will strive to make that decision with prayer and careful consideration on the basis of where his particular gifts for ministry best fit the opportunities before him.

Pastor Rieke welcomes any input that the friends and members of Grace might wish to share with him. You can reach him by phone at 343-9881 or by email at RevCMR@GraceLutheranSAZ.org. He also appreciates prayers offered on behalf of him and his family during this deliberation as well as for both congregations as they consider the ministry before them.

Pastor Kassulke, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, has declined the call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pierre, South Dakota. He will continue to serve in his role as an associate pastor at Grace in Tucson. He would like to thank all those who shared their thoughts with him during the deliberation and who prayed for him and his family. Please continue to pray that God would bless the gospel ministry wherever it is conducted!

Youth Cross Fitness Camp at Grace-Sahuarita

Beginning June 1 through July 13, Grace-Sahuarita will host a Youth Cross Fitness Camp (ages 6-13) every Thursday from 10 AM-2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita. Each week the youth will learn life skills about gardening, cooking, fitness, strengthening and healthy choices. God's Word will be connected to all of these life skills. There will be weekly challenges that the youth can take home to share with their families. There is no charge for this program and lunch will be provided. The camp is limited to 50 youth. You may register by email to Pastor Heiman at revrah@gracelutheransaz.org.

Save the Date!

June 19-23: Vacation Bible School at Grace-Tucson from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM.



**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 • Apr 16-Apr 23

TUCSON

Today

- Sunrise Service (in the Courtyard) 7:00a
- Easter Breakfast (in the Fellowship Hall)..... 8:00a
- Easter Concert (in the Church)..... 9:00a
- Easter Festival Worship (in the Church)..... 10:00a

**There is NO Adult Bible Class, Sunday School, or
WELS TCM Bible Study on Easter Sunday.**

Monday

- NO** Handbell Practice 6:30p
- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

- NO** Midweek Bible Studies
- NEW!** Grow in Grace Class in Conference Room .. 6:30p

Thursday

- NO** Women's Bible Study

Saturday

- Shepherd of the Hills Women's Mini Conference..... 7:30a
- Church Council Meeting..... 8:00a

Sunday

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following both services
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*... 9:00a
- Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 - *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
- WELS TCM Bible Study: *Easter is Everything*..... 7:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

- Outdoor Easter Festival Worship..... 9:00a
- Easter Breakfast..... 10:00a

Wednesday

- NO** Midweek Bible Studies

Sunday

- Children's Sunday School 9:00a
- Adult Bible Study: *How We Got the Bible*..... 9:00a
- Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

VAIL

Today

- Easter Breakfast..... 9:00a
- Easter Festival Worship..... 10:00a

Monday

- NO** Bible Study.....

Saturday

- Family Devotion Night at the Riekes 6:00p

Sunday

- Children's Sunday School 9:00a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 9:00a
- Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets*..... 9:15a
- Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

BENSON

Today

- Easter Festival Worship 8:00a
- Easter Breakfast..... 9:00a

Sunday

- Worship Service/Communion..... 7:30a

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