

*“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”
(Genesis 1:1).*



Special Song Service on Creation with Music by Chris Driesbach

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 29, 2012



Personal prayer before worship

Almighty and merciful God, I thank you for your creation. The sun that provides me light belongs to you. The air I breathe belongs to you. The night belongs to you. The day belongs to you. The earth whose fruit generously nourishes me belongs to you. How generous you are to the whole human race. Without you, the true Sun, I would vanish like a shadow. To you alone I owe my being, my living, and my moving. Therefore, I will live only for you who gave up your Son for me. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

SONG SERVICE ON CREATION

WELCOME

OPENING SONG

Glory, Glory Hallelujah

Chris will help us learn this favorite Gospel song from his home church in New Orleans

Chorus

(Chris)
Glory glory
As I lay
Glory glory
As I

(Congregation)
glory glory
my burden down
glory glory
lay my burden down

(Chris)
Hallelujah
My burden down
Hallelujah
My burden down

(Congregation)
Hallelujah
my burden down
Hallelujah
my burden down

Verse 1

(Chris)
I'm goin' home
To be with Jesus
As I lay
My burden down

(Congregation)
glory glory
hallelujah
my burden down
my burden down

I'm goin' home
To be with Jesus
As I lay
My burden down

glory glory
hallelujah
lay my burden down
lay my burden down

Chorus

Verse 2

(Chris)
Friends don't treat me
Like they used to
As I lay
My burden down

(Congregation)
glory glory
hallelujah
my burden down
my burden down

Friends don't treat me
Like they used to
As I lay
My burden down

glory glory
hallelujah
lay my burden down
lay my burden down

Chorus

*Please stand***INVOCATION**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit;

Congregation: our Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. Amen.**RESPONSIVE READING****Psalm 148**

P: Praise the Lord. Praise the LORD from the heavens,

C: praise him in the heights above.

P: Praise him, all his angels,

Men: praise him, all his heavenly hosts.

P: Praise him, sun and moon,

C: praise him, all you shining stars.

P: Praise him, you highest heavens

Women: and you waters above the skies.

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD

Men: for he commanded and they were created.

P: He set them in place for ever and ever;

Women: he gave a decree that will never pass away.

P: Praise the LORD from the earth,

C: you great sea creatures and all ocean depths, lightning and hail, snow and clouds, stormy winds that do his bidding, you mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, wild animals and all cattle, small creatures and flying birds, kings of the earth and all nations, you princes and all rulers on earth, young men and maidens, old men and children.

P: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;

C: his splendor is above the earth and the heavens.

P: He has raised up for his people a horn,

C: the praise of all his saints, of Israel, the people close to his heart. Praise the Lord!**CONFESSION OF SINS****C: O Holy God, just Judge, if I look to the heavens, I remember that you, my God, are offended by me in many ways. I have sinned, Father, against heaven and against you. I am not worthy to be called your child. If I look to the earth, I realize that through my sin I have disgracefully wasted creation. I have often wasted not only the darkness of night, but also the light of day. I have loved and worshipped created things and have not loved and worshipped you, the Creator of all things. My body is your creation, to be used in your service; but I have used my body in the service of sin. My heart is your creation but my heart is full of evil. My life is to shine with the light of your love but the stars put me to shame. With sorrow I confess my sin to you, my Creator.****With joy I flee to your Son, Jesus Christ my Lord. Through Christ, I believe without any doubt that your grace and the forgiveness of sins are mine—all mine. All creation accuses me. My conscience accuses me. Both tables of the divine law accuse me. Day and night Satan accuses me. But you, O kindest Jesus, take up my defense. You desire that I forsake comfort in any created thing. A refuge has been prepared for me in the satisfaction you made for my sins. I have a refuge in your intercession for me at the right hand of the Father. I take refuge in your wounds O Jesus. I hide in you, my Rock. In you I have protection. In you I am acquitted of all my sin.***Be seated*

We continue with the Word of God and with hymns and songs that speak of Creation.

1. THE CREATOR

P: For this is what the LORD says—

C: he who created the heavens, he is God; he who fashioned and made the earth, he founded it.

P: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.” (*Isaiah 45:15*)

C: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (*Genesis 1:1*)

HYMN

How Great Thou Art
Christian Worship #256 stanzas 1 and 4

2. THE CREATION—HUMAN BEINGS

P: God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.
(*Genesis 1:27*)

C: For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. (*Psa 139:13,14*)

SONG

God Made It All (*sung by Chris*)

3. THE ANGELS

P: Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

C: For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. (*Col 1:15,16*)

P: No harm will befall you, no disaster will come near your tent. For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways. (*Psalms 91:10,11*)

C: Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? (*Hebrews 1:14*)

HYMN (*Chris will play and sing with the congregation*)

Now the Light Has Gone Away
Christian Worship #593 stanzas 1, 4, 5

4. VEGETATION

P: Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation; seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.”

C: And it was so. The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. (*Genesis 1:11*)

HYMN

Praise to God, Immortal Praise
Christian Worship #612 stanzas 1 and 2

5. THE HEAVENLY BODIES

P: And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark seasons and days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth.”

C: **And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate the light from darkness.**

Men: **And God saw that it was good.** (*Genesis 1:14-18*)

Women: **When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him?** (*Psalms 8:3,4*)

SONG (*Chris will show us how to sing this song with him*)

Lift Me Up

Refrain:

So lift me up as you have promised.

I have no one to go to, Lord, but you.

Raise my spirit out of this darkness.

Help me to trust and keep my eyes on you.

6. THE RUIN OF GOD’S CREATION

P: So the LORD God banished [Adam] from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

C: **After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.** (*Genesis 3:23-24*)

Men: **Sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin.** (*Romans 5:12*)

C: **We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.** (*Romans 8:22*)

HYMN

All Mankind Fell in Adam’s Fall
Christian Worship #378 stanzas 1, 2, 3

7: THE CREATOR DIES TO REDEEM HIS CREATION

P: God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. (*2 Corinthians 5:19*)

Men: **“For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.**

Women: **The LORD will call you back as if you were a wife deserted and distressed in spirit—a wife who married young, only to be rejected,”** says your God.

C: **“For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with deep compassion I will bring you back. In a surge of anger I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness I will have compassion on you,”** says the LORD your Redeemer. (*Isaiah 54:5-8*)

HYMN

Carry the Cross (*sung by Chris*)

(Congregation may sing the refrain)

Carry the cross; be not ashamed.

Children of Christ, shout out his name!

Lift it up high, to the sky, carry the cross.

Lift it up high, to the sky, carry the cross.

CREEDAL SONG

Because My Father Loves Me (*sung by Chris and congregation*)

Refrain: God three in one -- Father, Spirit, Son

All one God and He loves me, He loves me

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

Good Morning, Father (*sung by Chris*)

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—GENERAL THANKSGIVING

P: O Lord God Almighty, through the greatness of your power all things in heaven and earth were created. We thank you for crowning the year with your goodness, for spreading grain over the fields, and for adorning the valleys with bounty. You have filled the earth with riches and rewarded human labor. Above all, though, we thank you for bringing us salvation through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Great is your name, O God, and marvelous is your mercy.

Make your Church alive with the power of the gospel. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us that we may serve you with fervent zeal: rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing in prayer.

Give quietness and confidence to all who may be enduring any trial or adversity of body, mind, or spirit, and grant them the rewards of faith and trust in you.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

And since our salvation is nearer than when we first believed, help us, O God, to cast off the works of darkness and to put on the armor of light, so that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns, he may, according to his promise, transform our lowly bodies and make them resplendent in a form like his. In his holy name, we pray. 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.**

BENEDICTION

P: As you go on your way, the Lord go with you; before you to show you the way; behind you to encourage you; beside you to befriend you; above you to watch over you; and within you to give you peace; in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow
Christian Worship #334

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

7:45 AM

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Arranged by Martin Shaw

10:00 AM

O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made
Arranged by Valerie A. Floeter

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Worship Leader**.....Pastor Colin Rieke, *Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail*
- Guest Musician**.....Chris Driesbach
- Accompanists**Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech**.....Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

Thank You

Thank you to Chris Driesbach for joining us today, leading several worship songs, and sharing with us the Song Service on Creation that he helped develop. Thank you also to Chris for leading our Adult Bible Class and speaking about God's work in his life and in the life of his congregation in New Orleans. A brief autobiography from Chris is included on the back page of your service folder.

CDs of Chris' original Christian songs are available free of charge or for an optional donation. There are also baskets at the church exits for you to make a gift on behalf of Chris' work if you would like to do so.



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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.

Altar Flowers have been given by Ron & Norma Stevens in memory of their fathers, George T. Stevens, Jr. and Gilbert R. Huber.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

Job 7:1-7
Romans 8:28-30
Mark 1:29-39

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Romans 8:28-30
God Works for Your Good

Chupala Lunch!

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) invite you to join them after the 10:00 AM worship service for their annual Chupala Lunch. Chupala is a delicious chicken and bean dish with Southwestern spices that is served with tortillas and taco fixings. The Lifeliners appreciate your donations which will support their activities, including a trip to this summer's WELS Youth Rally. We also hope that you enjoy not only the meal but also the time in the company of your fellow Christians.

If you are still in need of a 2012 calendar, the Lifeliners have a few left over from their 2011 sale. These calendars feature beautiful pictures of God's creation as well as Bible verses for each month and each week. They are available today for a donation to the Lifeliners.

2011 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes for their giving to the Lord will find a 2011 offering statement 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.

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.

Thank You

Greg Grorud would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during his recovery from surgery.

This Week's Schedule (1/29/12 - 2/5/12)

Today CREATION SUNDAY

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *Guest Speaker: Chris Driesbach* 9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
- Chupala Lunch Following 10 AM Worship**.....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study 7:00p

Monday

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

Tuesday

- Worship Planning Team Meeting..... 6:00p
- English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

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www.facebook.com/GraceTucsonWELS

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 10:00a
- Handbells Practice in the Church Basement..... 5:30p
- 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
- NO** Worship Choir 6:30p
- Boy & Girl Pioneers 6:30p

Saturday

- Sunbeams & Buckaroos: TSO Children's Concert** 9:45a

Sunday

- Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Classes:
 - *The Life of Christ: The Calling of the Twelve* (F. Hall) ... 9:00a
 - *Grow in Grace Class* (Conference Room in Office) 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship following 10 AM Worship
- WELS TCM Super Bowl Party!** 4:00p

Sunbeam & Buckaroo Outing

Sunbeam and Buckaroo families will be attending the Tucson Symphony Orchestra Children's Concert this Saturday, February 4. Families are to meet at the Tucson Symphony Center (2175 N. 6th Ave, just south of Grant) at 9:45 AM. Call or e-mail Deb Sloyan for more information, 622-5116 or tsloyan@cox.net.

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.*

Women of Grace Valentine's Tea

The Women of Grace invite all ladies of the congregation to join them on Saturday, February 18 at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for the annual Valentine's Tea. Debbie and Erich Dyjak will give a presentation about spreading the gospel during their mission trip to Thailand. **There are sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall if you are able to make sandwiches, a dessert, or decorate one of the tables. Please RSVP to 623-6633 if you plan on attending.** Have questions? Contact Sue Sargent at 647-3049 or Lois Thornton at 323-8772. Hope to see you there!

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 30, 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 Saturday, February 11 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.

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.

A Message from the ALA Scrip Program

Did you know that Scrip brought in over \$93,000 last school year to help not only Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) students, but also students in our WELS elementary schools across Arizona? And did you know that just a small percentage of people in each congregation generated that \$93,000? Can you imagine what would happen if even more of our people in our churches purchase Scrip?

Why don't you jump in and help generate these dollars with us? Scrip is totally free, really! You purchase a store gift card at face value and you receive 100% of those dollars to spend at the store. The Scrip program purchases these gift cards at a discount, and this discount becomes the money that we can use to share the Gospel with students in our schools!

If just a few more people in our congregations would use Scrip, we could easily double the benefit to our kids. So please, give it a try. Explore the ALA Scrip Program website (www.alacoyotes.org/Scrip) and see if your favorite stores offer Scrip. Or speak with your church's Scrip reps today (see Vic and Lois Thornton in the Courtyard after the 7:45 AM worship service, or Debbie Koehler after the 10:00 AM service). Scrip is free, it's easy, and it means so much to our kids. Thank you!

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.



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.

Cans for the Women of Grace

Divine Call

The Arizona Lutheran Academy Board of Directors has extended a call to Brian Gottschalk, currently teaching math and coaching track at Wisconsin Lutheran High School in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. His call is for the lower math classes and coaching cross country and track at ALA. Please keep Brian in your prayers as he considers where God would have him serve.

Arizona Lutheran Academy is our WELS high school located in Phoenix. Currently five Grace students attend ALA.

Lenten Services and Suppers

Our Lenten theme this year is "See His Cross!" We will celebrate Midweek Lenten Services beginning on February 22 and ending on March 28. We will have a morning Lenten service at 10:00 AM and an evening service at 7:00 PM. You are also invited to join us for supper at 6:00 PM before the evening service. We do need volunteers to host the meals (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help in this way! There is also an additional sheet with more information about hosting a meal. Available dates: Feb 22, Feb 29, Mar 7, Mar 21, and Mar 28.

Pioneer/Sunbeam Bake Sale—February 12

The Grace Lutheran Pioneers will have bake sale items available for a donation after both services Sunday, February 12. Proceeds will be used in support of Partners in Apache Land, their current mission project. If you would like to contribute to the Pioneer collection, you may pick up a decorated mission money box in the Fellowship Hall this morning (while supplies last). The boxes will be collected before Easter so that the donations may be sent.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Bible Study

Tonight kicks off the first Bible study of the semester for our college students. The topic this evening is "What Would Jesus Drive?" If you are a college student or of college age then you are welcome to join us. The Bible study is located in our Student Center, which is downstairs in the church basement. The Bible study begins 7:00 PM. We hope to see you there!

Chris Driesbach

I'm the musician at Crown of Life WELS in New Orleans, and during the last four plus years I've been on many "Thank You" trips, playing concerts at over 480 WELS churches in 34 states from Anchorage, Alaska to Orlando, Florida. My songs are all original Christian music and I love to tell the story of our church and my journey to faith.

Crown of Life was almost destroyed August 29, 2005 when flooding caused by hurricane Katrina put 4.5 feet of muddy seawater in our 3 church buildings. I was one of the first to get into our property after the water went down and I have to say I really thought we were finished as a congregation. I was so wrong! God's love has poured over us through the overwhelming kindness of individuals, churches, and our church body. The Builders for Christ have restored our church, fellowship hall and parsonage. Our church was rededicated October 29, 2006. 41 of our neighbors' and members' homes have been rebuilt by the Kingdom Workers Faith in Action group. Many college and high school students came here to do the dirty, dangerous work of gutting flooded homes. In all, 1,300 volunteers have come to help us. Ample funds have been generously donated to pay for it all. I wish I could tell you what it's like for us to have been recipients of all this care and love. Completely amazing, awesome, and impossible to comprehend.

I moved to New Orleans in October of 2000, and have been a member of Crown of Life since then and the church musician for most of that time. I've been writing Christian songs for the last 5 years, including a song about my personal experience with hurricane Katrina. I have recorded 5 Christian CDs: "Lifted" in 2006 and 2007, "Feed Your Faith" in 2008, "Let Christ Be Known" 2009, a collection of hymns also in 2009 and "Jesus Is the Man!" finished in October 2010.

I played music professionally for 30 years on the west coast. I was an atheist until age 33, and after that sort of a new-age spiritualist. 8 years later I became a Lutheran and a Christian at the same time in 1995. Faith Lutheran Church and Pastor James Oldfield in Anchorage, Alaska were my first church and pastor. We went through a 22-week Bible study course together. Pastor Oldfield read to me out of the Bible when I asked him all of the hardest questions I could think of and after 6 weeks of his class I was given the gift of faith by the Spirit working through God's Word. My life completely changed, of course!

I lost all my musical equipment in the flood following the storm, but generous WELS members have given money to replace it, and I've got some really wonderful new gear. I have a deep desire to go play for and say thanks to the nice people who've helped us so much, and have touched me so wonderfully, to meet them and worship with them. I've long dreamed of being a Christian songwriter and performer - a new career working for my God. My new CD called "Jesus Is the Man!" was completed in October 2010.

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