

Midweek Advent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

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Tucson, AZ 85704

December 2, 2015

The Advent of Our King


WELCOME

Please stand


M: Minister C: Congregation




M: Jesus Christ is the light of the world,



C: the light no darkness can o - ver - come.




M: Stay with us, Lord, for it is eve - ning,



C: and the day is almost o - ver.



M: Be our light and scat - ter the dark - ness,




C: and hear our evening hymn of praise.



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In you the
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth; The lamps are
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O Son of



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly, blest is he,
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it: God
God, life - giv - ing Lord; Where - fore you are through all the earth



And blest are you, his on - ly Son.
Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.
And in the high - est heav'n a - dored.

M: Lord God, we thank you for this day of grace now drawing to a close. Stay with us and warm our hearts with your forgiving love in Christ. May your Word keep our faith burning brightly that we may walk in the light of your presence through the darkness of this world. Come and bless us as we worship you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

LET MY PRAYER RISE BEFORE YOU *Psalm 141*



C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.



O Lord, I call to you come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I cry to you.



Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

M: Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

HYMN

*Rise, Arise
Christian Worship #30*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. In him you were also

Colossians 2:8-12 (NIV)

circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, not with a circumcision done by the hands of men but with the circumcision done by Christ, having been buried with him in baptism and raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

PSALM 2

M: Why do the nations conspire

C: **and the peoples plot in vain?**

M: The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD

C: **and against his Anointed One.**

M: The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

C: **the Lord scoffs at them.**

M: Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,

C: **“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”**

M: I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:

C: **He said to me, “You are my Son; today I have become your Father.”**

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

PSALM PRAYER

M: Lord, God, you anointed your Son to be king for the sake of your Church. Help us, as members of his kingdom, to serve him faithfully and to come to the full knowledge of his grace and glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Because Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to expose her to public disgrace, he had in mind to divorce her quietly. But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a

Matthew 1:18-25 (NIV)

son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel”—which means, “God with us.” When Joseph woke up, he did what the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took Mary home as his wife. But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.

HYMN

The Advent of Our King *Christian Worship #1*

SERMON

Genesis 3:14-15

The Advent of Our King: The Incarnate King

So the LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all

the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.”

Please remain seated after the sermon

SONG OF MARY

Magnificat



C: My soul pro-claims the great-ness of the Lord; my spir-it re-joic-es in God my Sav-ior,



for he has looked with fa - vor on his low - ly ser - vant.



From this day all gen - er - a - tions will call me bless - ed.



The Al - might - y has done great things for me, and ho - ly is his name.



He has mer - cy on those who fear him in ev - 'ry gen - er - a - tion.



He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scat-tered the proud in their con-keit.



He has cast down the might - y from their thrones and has lift - ed up the low - ly.



He has filled the hun-gry with good things, and the rich he has sent a-way emp - ty.



He has come to the help of his ser - vant Is - ra - el,



for he has re - mem - bered his prom - ise of mer - cy,



the prom-ise made to our fa - thers, to A-bra-ham, and to his chil-dren for-ev-er. A - men.

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 along. Thank You!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please stand

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

M: For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we pray, O Lord:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to you, O Lord:

C: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

M: For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you thanks, O Lord:

C: **Thanks be to God.**

M: In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and strength, O 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.**

PRAYER FOR PEACE

M: Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis



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 of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP THIS EVENING

Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Accompanist..... Elaine Goldie
Bell Ringer Dylan Guenther
Acolyte Naomi Kassulke
Sound & Recording Tech..... Jeff Weinstein

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HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

<p>Midweek Advent Services Wednesdays, December 9, 16 10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita 10:00 AM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson (soup supper at 6:00 PM) 7:00 PM at Grace-Benson (soup supper at 6:00 PM)</p> <p>Children’s Christmas Service Sunday, December 13 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson</p>	<p>Christmas Eve Services Thursday, December 24 4:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Vail 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson</p> <p>Christmas Day Services Friday, December 25 10:00 AM at Grace-Benson 10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson</p> <p>New Year’s Eve Worship Thursday, December 31 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson</p>
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