

# Fifth Sunday in Lent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
March 22, 2015



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.

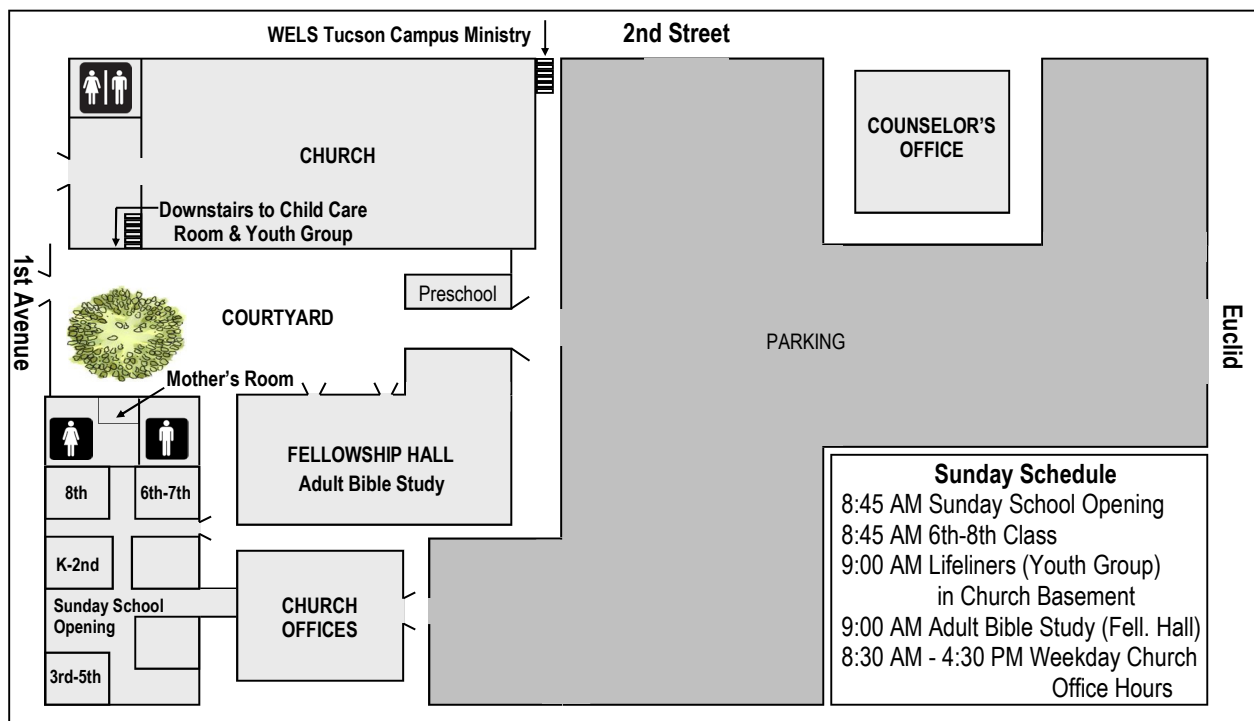
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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 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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



**DIVINE SERVICE II**  
*Christian Worship Supplement*

**WELCOME**

**OPENING HYMN**

**This Is the Day the Lord Has Made**  
*Christian Worship #225*

*Please stand*

**INVOCATION**

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

**Congregation: Amen.**

**RESPONSIVE READING**

Minister: “This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: ‘In repentance and rest is your salvation...’”

**Congregation: “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”**

M: “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...”

C: **He sent his one and only Son Jesus, who came not “to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”**

M: “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

C: **“Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name’s sake.”**

**CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION**

M: Because we are all sons and daughters of the Lord, we are called by him to repent of our sins. Let us go before our God and ask for his forgiveness.

**Congregation sings:**

*CW #398 (tune of CW #493)*

1. Lord, we con-fess our num'-rous faults, How great our guilt has been,  
How vain and fool-ish all our thoughts, How deep-ly stained with sin.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**

**7:45 AM—**  
*Above All*  
*Arr. by James Koerts*

**10:00 AM—**  
*God Loved the World*  
*Tune by George J. Elvey*  
*Arr. by Bruce R. Backer*

*Isaiah 30:15*

*Proverbs 28:13*

*Acts 3:19*

*Luke 5:32*

*2 Peter 3:9*

*Psalms 79:9*

*Acts 17:29-30*

*Our Confession and Absolution with music and hymn stanzas is an arrangement by WELS musicians Branches Band.*

1 John 1:9

M: The Apostle John declares, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Together, we confess our sins.

Psalm 51

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

*Silent Confession*

Congregation sings:

CW #398 (tune of CW #493)

2. It's not by works of right - eous - ness Which our own hands have done,  
But we are saved by God's free grace A - bound - ing through his Son.

1 John 1:7, 2:12,  
5:11

M: Having confessed your sins, hear the good news of our salvation, "the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. Dear children, your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Congregation Sings:

CW #398 (tune of CW #493)

3. It's from the mer - cy of our God That all our hopes be - gin;  
4. Raised from the dead we live a - new; And, jus - ti - fied by grace,  
It's by the wa - ter and the blood Our souls are washed from sin.  
We shall ap - pear in glo - ry, too, And see our Fa - ther's face.

## SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; 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

This is what the LORD says—he who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick: “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. The wild animals honor me, the jackals and the owls, because I provide water in the desert and streams in the wasteland, to give drink

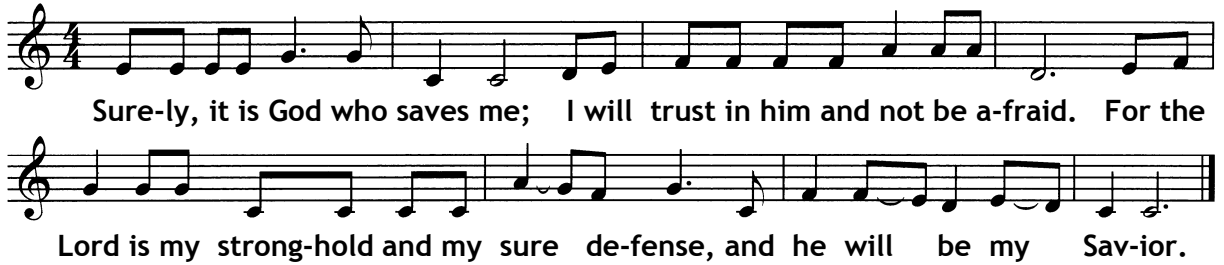
### Isaiah 43:16-24 (NIV)

to my people, my chosen, the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise. Yet you have not called upon me, O Jacob, you have not wearied yourselves for me, O Israel. You have not brought me sheep for burnt offerings, nor honored me with your sacrifices. I have not burdened you with grain offerings nor wearied you with demands for incense. You have not bought any fragrant calamus for me, or lavished on me the fat of your sacrifices. But you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses.”

*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.*

*Refrain*

The Psalms were the hymnbook of the Old Testament. These poems, inspired by God, have been set to music and used in the worship lives of God's people for thousands of years. We give praise to God and encouragement to one another as we incorporate the singing of Psalms or selected verses of Psalms into our worship services.



Sure-ly, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be a-fraid. For the Lord is my strong-hold and my sure de-fense, and he will be my Sav-ior.

*Psalm Tone*



1. I am always with / you, O LORD\* you hold me by my / right hand.
2. You guide me with your / counsel,\* and afterward you will take me into / glory.
3. Whom have I in heav- / en but you?\*

And earth has nothing I desire be- / sides you.

*Refrain*

4. My flesh and my / heart may fail,\*  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for- / ever.
5. **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.

*Refrain*

**SECOND LESSON**

**Romans 11:11-21 (NIV)**

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring! I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if

the root is holy, so are the branches. If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not boast over those branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but be afraid. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 10:45 cf. NIV

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

He went on to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard, rented it to some farmers and went away for a long time. At harvest time he sent a servant to the tenants so they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. He sent another servant, but that one also they beat and treated shamefully and sent away empty-handed. He sent still a third, and they wounded him and threw him out. Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my son, whom I love; perhaps they will respect him.' But when the tenants saw him, they talked the matter over. 'This is the heir,' they said. 'Let's kill him, and the inheritance will be ours.' So they

Luke 20:9-19 (NIV)

threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When the people heard this, they said, "May this never be!" Jesus looked directly at them and asked, "Then what is the meaning of that which is written: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone'? Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." The teachers of the law and the chief priests looked for a way to arrest him immediately, because they knew he had spoken this parable against them. But they were afraid of the people.

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

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

My Song Is Love Unknown  
Christian Worship #110

## SERMON

Luke 20:9-19

What Will You Do With the Son?

1. Use him for your own purposes?
2. Respect, love and trust in him?

*Please stand*

*The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.*

## 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.

*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!*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—LENT

**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.



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

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**

*He Leadeth Me /  
Lead on, O King  
Eternal*

*Arr. by Penny  
Rodriguez*

**10:00 AM—**

*Love Unknown  
Tune by John N.  
Ireland  
Setting by Patricia  
Kaiser*



- 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.**

*Please be seated*

### HYMN

**God Loved the World So that He Gave**  
*Christian Worship #391*

*Please 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.**

- 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.**

*Please be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.*

*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*

**POSTLUDE: CLOSING HYMN**

**Hail, O Once-Despised Jesus**  
*Christian Worship #351*

**7:45 AM—**  
*God of Grace*  
By Lloyd Larson

**10:00 AM—**  
*We Sing the Praise*  
*of Him Who Died*  
Arr. by Daniel Reed  
Setting by J. Wayne  
Kerr

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**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Preacher**..... Pastor Ron Koehler  
**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists** ..... Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Vocalists** ..... Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM) Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)  
**Guitar** ..... Jim Goldie  
**Ushers**..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster (10:00 AM)  
Danny Koehler, Jon Miller, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

**Divine Call Extended**

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, March 8, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor James Hein. Pastor Hein currently serves at Resurrection Lutheran Church in Rochester, Minnesota. Please keep Pastor Hein and his wife Adrian in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Rochester and here at Grace!

**Lenten Services and Suppers at Grace-Tucson**

Join us at Grace-Tucson this Wednesday for our final Midweek Lenten Worship Services at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Supper will be served at 5:30 before the evening service. The theme for our services this Lent is "I Tell You the Truth," based on several teachings of Jesus highlighted by that phrase. Please consider asking an unchurched friend to join you!

**Easter for Kids**

Easter for Kids will be held at Grace-Tucson Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us for an Easter Bible lesson, singing, crafts, lunch, and hunting Easter eggs. Registration forms are available in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall or you can register online at [www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/e4kregistration](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/e4kregistration).

**Grace's Old-Fashioned Church Picnic**

It's time, once again, for Grace's old-fashioned church picnic Saturday, April 11, starting at noon. This year, our picnic will be held at the Grace-Sahuarita site (17675 S. La Canada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). Great food, great fellowship, and lots of fun for the whole family. It's a wonderful opportunity to see one of our newest sites and meet your fellow members. Members are asked to bring a side dish. There will be a dessert contest this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you are interested in bringing a dessert for the contest, please contact Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704.

**Christian Fellowship Group: Guenther Basket Collection**

On Saturday, April 11 at 10:00 AM, the Christian Fellowship group will visit the U of A State Museum, Bldg 26 (NE corner of Park & University) for a presentation on the Guenther Basket Collection by Alan Ferg, author and retired UA Museum Administrator (and nephew of Jon Guenther!). There is free parking at Main Gate Garage (Euclid), Tyndall Avenue Garage and our Grace parking lot. It should be a great presentation, so we hope you can make it! Please RSVP to Cora in the church office by April 9 if you plan to go (623-6633). There is a 20 person limit, so please



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 • Mar 22-Mar 29**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

- 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): *Bible Study* ..... 9:00a
- Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
  - *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days*..... 9:00a
- Carrasco Baby Shower in Fellowship Hall** ..... 2:00p
- WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Problem of Pain*..... 7:00p

**Monday**

- Handbell Practice..... 4:30p
- English a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

- Midweek Lenten Worship**..... 10:00a

**Wednesday (continued)**

- Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall.....5:30-6:15p
- Midweek Lenten Worship** .....6:30p

**Thursday**

- Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus* .....9:00a
- Worship Choir Practice.....6:30a

**Friday**

- Precious Lambs Playgroup at the Stevens ...9:30-11:30a

**Sunday**

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- Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
- Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
  - *Pastor Clemons* .....9:00a
- Bridal Shower for Ariana Grahn**.....2:00p
- WELS TCM Movie Night: *Passion of the Christ* .....6:00p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

- Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship..... 9:45a

**Wednesday**

- Lenten Devotional Service..... 10:00a

**Sunday**

- Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship..... 9:45a

**BENSON**

**Today**

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

**Sunday**

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

**VAIL**

**Today**

- Bible Study: *Joshua*.....9:00a
- Children's Sunday School .....9:00a
- Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship..... 10:00a

**Monday**

- Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club .....9:00a

**Friday**

- Precious Lambs Playgroup at the Stevens .. 9:30-11:30a

**Saturday**

- Canvassing in Vail**..... 9:30-11:30a

**Sunday**

- Bible Study: *Joshua*.....9:00a
- Children's Sunday School .....9:00a
- Worship Service/ Coffee Fellowship..... 10:00a

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**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.

**Altar Flowers**

The flowers beautifying worship this morning have been given by the Hawkins children and grandchildren in memory of Mr. & Mrs. Herman Oberfeld.

**You Are Invited**

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Sally Littau, Nancy Miles, Deb Rader, Pat Rader and Lois Thornton. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

*Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Isaiah 45:22-25  
 Hebrews 12:1-3  
 Luke 19:28-40

**Easter Breakfast**

The Easter breakfast at Grace-Tucson this year (April 5) will consist of egg casseroles served by the Lifeliners. **Members are asked to bring fruit or baked goods to share. If you have a few minutes to help clean up following the breakfast it would be greatly appreciated!** Please contact Laura Lipke with any questions at 742-0211.

**Holy Week Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2  
 10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita  
 10 AM & 6:30 PM at Grace-Tucson

**Good Friday**

Friday, April 3  
 6:30 PM at Grace-Sahuarita  
 Tenebrae Service  
 (Service of Darkness)  
 6:30 PM at Grace-Tucson

Worshippers are asked to leave this church service in silence, leaving in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day. Please visit with friends and family prior to entering church for worship.



**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5  
 Grace-Benson  
 Festival Worship—7:30 AM  
 Grace-Sahuarita  
 Festival Worship—9:45 AM  
 Grace-Tucson  
 Sunrise Worship—7 AM  
 Easter Breakfast—8 AM  
 Easter Concert—9 AM  
 Festival Worship—10 AM  
 Grace-Vail  
 Easter Breakfast—9 AM  
 Festival Worship—10 AM



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