

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
September 28, 2014





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.

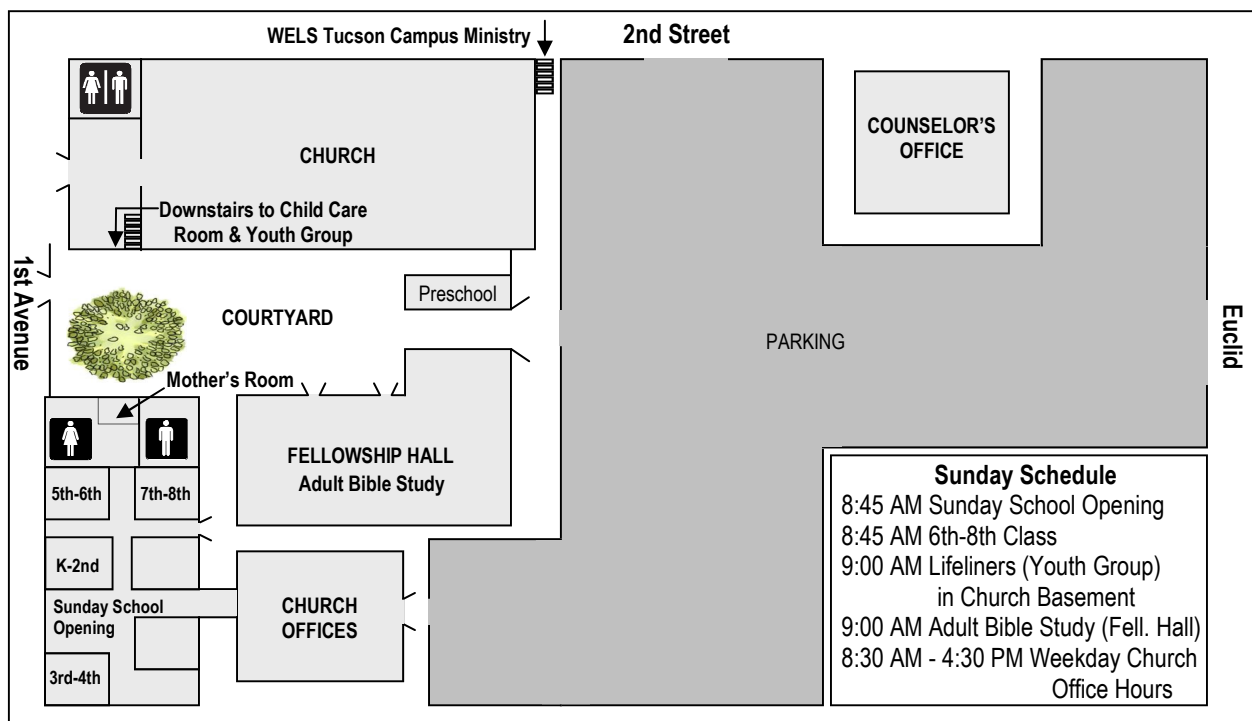
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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)



# SERVICE OF WORD

## Christian Worship

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Rejoice in the Lord

*Rejoice in the Lord always; and again I say, rejoice (Philippians 4:4).*

### WELCOME

*Please stand*

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.


Congregation: And also with you.

### 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: O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com-fort and my guid-ing star; I



come, a sin - ner, trust-ing - ly And bring my man - y sins with me.

C: O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath. My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. I am bowed down and brought very low; I groan in anguish of heart. I confess my iniquity; I am troubled by my sin. O Lord, do not forsake me; be not far from me. Come quickly to help me, O Lord my Savior.




C: O Lord, my sin in - deed is great; I groan be-neath the dread-ful weight. Be




mer - ci - ful to me I pray; take guilt and pun - ish - ment a - way.

### Silent Confession



C: Saint John the Bap - tist points to you And bids me cast my sin on you, For



you have left your throne on high To suf - fer for the world and die.

### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Children of the  
Heavenly Father  
Setting by Anne  
Krentz Organ

The Sunday School  
song is the Verse of  
the Day for the 16th  
Sunday in Pentecost.

This musical setting  
of the Confession of  
Sins was arranged by  
the WELS musical  
group Branches  
Band. It  
incorporates Hymn  
27 from Christian  
Worship and several  
Bible passages as  
noted below.

Selected verses from  
Psalm 38.

Ephesians 2:4-5 &  
1:7

Romans 6:13-14

**M:** Because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. In Jesus you have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.

**C:** We have been brought from death to life. Sin shall not be our master, because we are not under law, but under grace.



### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*Please be seated*

The Latin words “Te Deum Laudamus” mean “We praise you, God.” The words of this song of praise come from the 4<sup>th</sup> century A.D. It has been used in Christian worship since that time and has been put to a variety of musical settings. Martin Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed (statement of faith) of the Christian faith.

### YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU *Te Deum*

**Leader: Refrain**

**Congregation: Refrain**



L: With the cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 L: O Je - sus Christ, the Son of God, C: We praise you, we praise you!  
 L: You be - came a man to set us free;

L: With a - pos - tles and proph - ets,  
 L: O Spir - it, most ho - ly, C: We praise you, we praise you!  
 L: You have ris - en to free us;

L: With the mar - tyr - s and your ho - ly Church, *to Refrain*  
 L: To the Trin - i - ty most bless - ed, C: We sing in end - less praise! *to Refrain*  
 L: And with all your saints in glo - ry, *to Final Refrain*

*Final Refrain*

C: You are God; we praise you. You are Lord; we ac - claim you.

To you, O Fa - ther ho - ly, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise,

all cre - a - tion of - fers praise, all cre - a - tion of - fers praise.

## FIRST LESSON

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but

## Ezekiel 33:7-11 (NIV)

you will have saved yourself. Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you are saying: Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’”

*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**Psalm Tone*

1. Have mercy on / me, O God,\* according to your un- / failing love.
2. Wash away all my in- / iquity,\* and cleanse me / from my sin.
3. For I know my trans- / gressions,\* and my sin is always be- / fore me.\*

*Refrain*

4. Against you, you only, / have I sinned\* and done what is evil / in your sight.
5. Surely I was sin- / ful at birth,\* sinful from the time my mother con- / ceived me.
6. Hide your face / from my sins,\* and blot out all my in- / iquity.  
Restore to me the joy of your sal- / vation,\* and grant me a willing spirit, to
7. sus- / tain me.
8. **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**

When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? We who are Jews by

**Galatians 2:11-21 (NIV)**

birth and not 'Gentile sinners' know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by

faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if

righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31



*The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.*

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

"If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that 'every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you

would a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."

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

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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

## SERMON

Ezekiel 33:7-11  
Your Pastor is a Watchman...and so are You!

*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.*



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**OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

*So Nimm Den Meine  
Hände (Lord, Take My  
Hand and Lead Me)  
Setting by Rebecca  
Kramer*

**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!*

*7:45 AM — Please continue on page 10 with the Prayer of the Church.*

*10:00 AM—Please remain seated.*

**(10:00 AM) ADULT CONFIRMATION  
of**

***Carl and Suzanne Lien & Angela Owen***

**Minister:** Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having been instructed in the basic teachings of the Bible, you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "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. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

**M:** Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

**New Member(s):** I do.



- M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?
- NM: I do.
- M: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- NM: I do.
- M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?
- NM: I do.
- M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?
- NM: I do.
- M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?
- NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.
- M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?
- NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

*The Pastor blesses the confirmands and hands them a confirmation certificate.*

- M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

## **(10:00 AM) RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY PROFESSION OF FAITH**

### ***Don & Verne Fredrick***

Minister: Dear members of Grace, Don and Verne Fredrick, have recently joined our congregation by Profession of Faith. This means that they have been baptized and previously confirmed in a Lutheran church, find themselves in agreement with our teaching, and desire to be part of the family here at Grace.

Don and Verne, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to declare your faith and express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your heart and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you desire to be a member here at Grace Lutheran Church.  
New Member(s): I do.

M: Do you believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?  
NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and this congregation is faithful and true to the Word of God?  
NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?  
NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.  
NM: I will, and I ask God to help me.

M: Having heard your promises, we, the members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, receive you in fellowship and love, and invite you to share in our worship and mission, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

*The pastor addresses the congregation:*

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:  
Hearing this confession of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Don & Verne Fredrick with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for them as Christ commands?

**Congregation:** Yes, as God gives me strength.

## **PRAYER**

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Don and Verne to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may continue to offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

M: Don and Verne, we welcome you to the family at Grace. Go in peace.

*Please stand*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

**M:** Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

**C:** **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

**M:** You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

**C:** **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

**M:** Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

**C:** **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

**M:** Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

**C:** **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

**C:** **We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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

**Jesus Sinners Does Receive**  
*Christian Worship #304 st. 1-4, 7*

*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.*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

*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*

## BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE:

*Christ is Our Cornerstone  
Tune by John Darwall  
Arr. by Koiné*

### CLOSING HYMN (see page 12)

*In Christ Alone  
Christian Worship Supplement #752*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher .....	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader .....	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanist .....	Elaine Goldie
Sunday School Choir Director .....	Ariana Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sunday School Accompanist .....	Adele Koutia (10:00 AM)
Vocalists .....	Jay Wiechmann (7:45 AM) Pastor Nathan & Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Guitar .....	Jim Goldie
Ushers .....	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM) Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM) Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech .....	Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

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1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found.  
 2 In Christ a - lone— who took on flesh,  
 3 There in the ground his bod - y lay,  
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,



He is my light, my strength, my song;  
 Full - ness of God in help - less babe.  
 Light of the world by dark - ness slain;  
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;



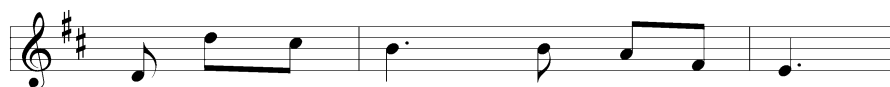
This cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground,  
 This gift of love and right - eous - ness,  
 Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day  
 From life's first cry to fi - nal breath,



Firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.  
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.  
 Up from the grave he rose a - gain!  
 Je - sus com - mands my des - tin - y.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
 Till on that cross, as Je - sus died,  
 And as he stands in vic - tor - y,  
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man



When fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!  
 The wrath of God was sat - is - fied;  
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
 Can ev - er pluck me from his hand;



My Com - for - ter, my all in all,  
 For ev - 'ry sin on him was laid.  
 For I am his and he is mine—  
 Till he re - turns or calls me home,



Here in the love of Christ I stand.  
 Here in the death of Christ I live.  
 Bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.  
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.





**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 • Sept 28-Oct 5**

\*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-Tucson. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

### **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  
*Grace-Vail Bible Study at Esmond Station* ..... 9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Sunday School at Esmond Station* ..... 9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Worship at Esmond Station* ..... 10:00a  
 WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Pizza & Prophet* ..... 7:00p

### **Monday**

*Bible Study at Vail Golf Club: Sermon-Based Study* ..... 9:00a  
 Precious Lambs ..... 9:30-11:30a  
 Handbell Practice ..... 4:30p  
 English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### **Tuesday**

English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

### **Wednesday**

Grace Extension Group Meeting ..... 9:00a  
 Midweek Bible Study: *Creation & Modern Science* ..... 10:00a  
 Midweek Bible Study: *Creation & Modern Science* ..... 7:00p

### **Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle* ..... 9:00a  
 Worship Choir Practice ..... 6:30p

### **Saturday**

Women of Grace Kaffeeklatsch at Grace-Tucson ..... 9:30a

### **Sunday**

Worship Services/Communion ..... 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):  
   • C.S. Lewis: "*Beyond Personality*" ..... 9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Bible Study at Esmond Station* ..... 9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Sunday School at Esmond Station* ..... 9:00a  
*Grace-Vail Worship at Esmond Station* ..... 10:00a  
 WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Baptism* ..... 7:00p

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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.

### Confirmation and Profession of Faith

Angela Owen and Carl & Suzanne Lien will be confirmed during 10:00 AM worship this morning. Don & Verne Fredrick will become members of Grace through Profession of Faith following the confirmations. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings on him!

### Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by out-of-state member, Betty Doucette, in celebration of her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday!

### 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 Bob & Audrey Nessinger. 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*

Genesis 50:15-21  
Ephesians 4:29-5:2  
Matthew 18:21-35

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Genesis 50:15-21  
*How Can We Forgive as God Forgives?*

### Divine Call Extended for Grace-Sahuarita

On Tuesday, September 23, the Grace voters extended a Divine Call to Pastor David Barkow to serve as Mission Pastor at Grace-Sahuarita. Pastor Barkow currently serves as pastor at Christ the Lord Lutheran Church in Cottage Grove, MN. Please keep pastor Barkow, his wife Rachel, and his children Gabrielle and Asher in your prayers as he considers this Call.

### Pastor Kassulke Receives A Divine Call

Pastor Kassulke has received a Divine Call to serve as pastor at St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lincoln, NE. This means that he now holds two Calls, one from Grace and one from St. Mark. He is deliberating whether to accept the new Call or to decline it and continue his work at Grace. The decision will be made with prayer and careful consideration, based on where Pastor Kassulke believes he can best use his God-given talents to serve God's kingdom. Pastor Kassulke welcomes your prayers, not only for him, but also for his family and for both churches. He would also be pleased to speak to or hear from anyone with questions or comments.

### Merger News

We plan to file papers with the Arizona Corporation Commission tomorrow, September 29, to complete the merger of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Benson into Grace Lutheran Church of Southern Arizona. We pray that God would richly bless our expanding ministry!

## **Grace-Vail Canvassing This Saturday!**

It's that time of year again! In preparation for our Grand Opening at Esmond Station, you are invited to come out and help distribute flyers to the neighborhood. Our first canvass will be this Saturday, October 4 from 9:30-11:30 AM at Esmond Station. We will also be canvassing on the next two Saturdays leading up to the Grand Opening on October 25. No previous canvassing experience is necessary. Lunch will be provided for those in attendance.

## **Women of Grace Kaffeeklatsch**

A "Welcome to WOG Kaffeeklatsch Brunch" will be held at the Tucson site (830 N. 1st Ave) this Saturday, October 4 at 9:30 AM. This promises to be a great time to get acquainted with Grace ladies from all the sites and do some brainstorming for other upcoming events. Sign-up sheets are available at all the Grace locations. Contact Diane Kramm/WOG President if you have any questions at [pdkramm@earthlink.net](mailto:pdkramm@earthlink.net), 520-440-8564.

## **Women of Grace Fall Retreat Deadline**

The registration for the Grand Canyon Circuit East/West 2014 Joint Fall Retreat is due tomorrow, September 29! Registration forms are available online at [www.grandcanyonlwms.org](http://www.grandcanyonlwms.org) and need to be mailed to Becky Grube at 241 N. Harrison Road, 85748. If you have questions please contact Diane Kramm at 440-8564.

## **Christian Fellowship Group: *Postal History Foundation***

The Postal History Foundation is one of Tucson's best kept secrets! That is, unless you are a philatelist. What's a philatelist? Well, mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11 for a visit to the Postal History Foundation to have that secret revealed and learn what philately is all about. The Postal History Museum is a half block from our church, but rides will be arranged for those needing them. Meet first at church by 10:00 AM so we can begin our tour at the museum by 10:30 AM. The meeting ends when the tour ends, so no food needed this month. Contact Russ Weir at 795-0062 if you have special needs.

**—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship President**

## **Wednesday Bible Studies**

Join us this Wednesday, October 1 at 10:00 AM or 7:00 PM for our video based Bible study regarding creation and modern science. Our topic this week is "All Creatures Great and Small: Microbes and Creation." We'll meet in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

## **English as a Second Language: Help Needed!**

English as a Second Language is in need of additional teachers and babysitters on Monday and Tuesday evenings. If you know of anyone who might be interested in volunteering, please contact the church office at 623-6633. *ESL runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM September through May.*