# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Crispin de Passe (1564-1637), engraver, Plate 6 from the Story of Jonah (Jonah Under the Gourd), engraving, c. 1586, after the drawing by Maarten de Vos.

# Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church October 12, 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.

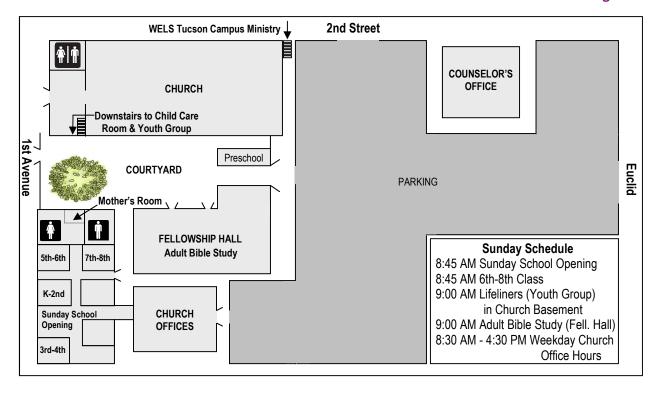
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



### SERVICE OF WORD

Christian Worship

#### 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.

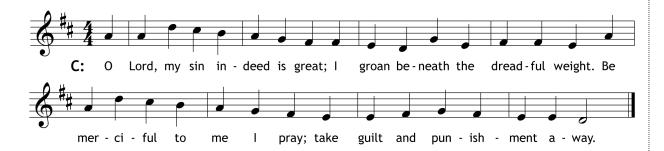
Congregation: And also with you.

#### CONFESSION OF SINS

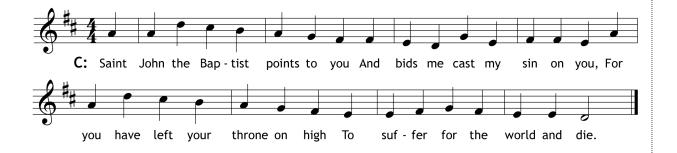
M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.



C: O 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.



#### Silent Confession



PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Wonderful, Merciful Savior with I Will Sing of the Mercies Arr. by Carol Tornquist

10:00 AM— Lobe Den Herren By Jacques Berthier

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.

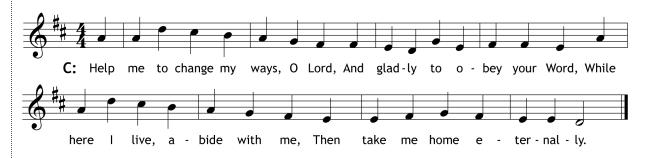
Selected verses from Psalm 38.

Ephesians 2:4-5 & 1:7

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.

Romans 6:13-14

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.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

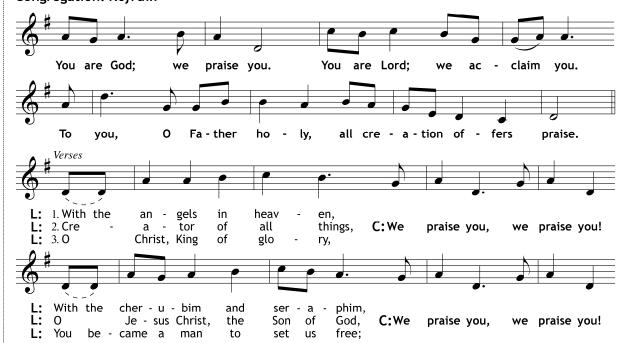
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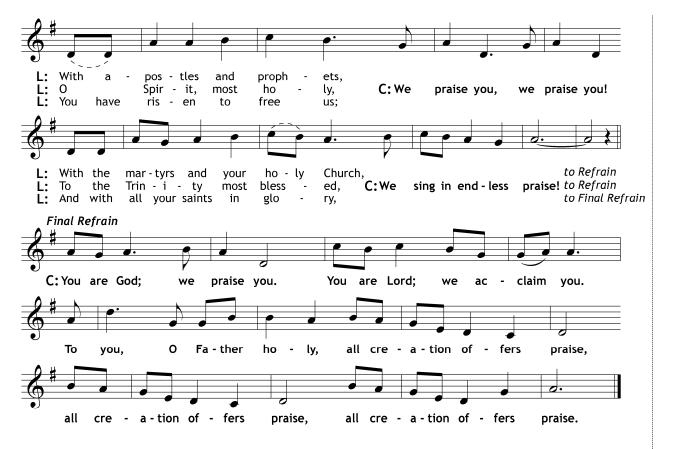
# YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

Leader: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain





#### FIRST LESSON

Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and

Jonah 4:5-11 (NIV)

said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die." But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

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. Hear my voice when I / call, O LORD;\* be merciful to me and / answer me.
- 2. Do not hide your / face from me,\*
  do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
- Do not reject me or for- / sake me,\*O God my / Savior.

#### Refrain

- 4. Though my father and mother for- / sake me,\* the LORD will re- / ceive me.
- 5. I am still confi- / dent of this:\*
  I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
- 6. Wait / for the LORD;\*
  be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.
- 7. 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

For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's

#### Romans 9:6b-16 (NIV)

children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son." Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the

same father, our father Isaac. Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I

hated." What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.



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

Please stand

#### **GOSPEL**

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, 'Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?' 'Because no one has hired us,' they answered. He said to them, 'You also go and work in my vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the

### Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

last ones hired and going on to the first.' The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. 'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' But he answered one of them, 'Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You Christian Worship #380

SERMON Jonah 4:5-11
Heart-Check

Please stand

#### 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



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

#### **OFFERTORY MUSIC:**

**7:45 AM**— Chief of Sinners Though I Be Arr. by Valerie A. Floeter

10:00 AM— Chief of Sinners Though I Be Arr. by Melvin Rotermund

#### **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

- 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.

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.



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.



Please be seated

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN** 

Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak Christian Worship #561

#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Scripture Reading	Taste of Ministry Student, Nate Lindloff (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Vocalists	Jay & Missy Wiechmann (7:45 AM)
Clarinet	Missy Wiechmann (7:45 AM)
Worship Choir Director	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Breitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
•	E Kramm, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)

**POSTLUDE:** 

**7:45 AM**— Not Unto Us CWS #392

10:00 AM— Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak Arr. by Thomas R. Pearce

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## **Taste of Ministry**

We thank Michigan Lutheran Seminary (MLS) student Nate Lindloff for reading our Scripture lessons in the 10:00 service this morning. Nate is participating in the Taste of Ministry program, through which schools like MLS give students the opportunity to work with and learn from a parish pastor about his work. This helps students as they consider whether to pursue studies to become full-time pastors. We pray that God would grant Nate safe travels back to Saginaw, Michigan and bless his studies there. We also pray that God would continue to provide qualified men to study for the pastoral ministry and to serve our congregations and the kingdom of God. MLS is one of two Preparatory Schools (High Schools) operated by our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.



# 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 • Oct 12-Oct 19

TUCSON Today  Worship Services	Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: Church History		
Handbell Practice	Children's Sunday School8:45a Youth Confirmation Class8:45a Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00a		
Tuesday Council Meeting6:15p	Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  • C.S. Lewis: "Beyond Personality"9:00a		
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p	WELS TCM: CS Lewis: "Beyond Personality"		
SAHUARITA Today Worship Service	VAIL Today Bible Study: Book of Numbers		

## Wednesday

Bible Study: Church-Mission-Ministry.....10:00a

#### Saturday

#### **BENSON**

#### **Today**

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

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### **TODAY**

#### 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 our worship this morning have been given by Pat and Merlin Nielsen in thanks for 54 years of marriage and in memory of loved ones.

#### 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 Eric & Erika Hanson. 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

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 2 Corinthians 13:5-8 Matthew 21:28-32

Sermon Text & Theme
Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Is God Unfair?

#### **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**

On Monday, September 29, papers were officially filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission to complete the merger of Bethlehem Lutheran Church of Benson into Grace Lutheran Church of Southern Arizona. We welcome the members who have now joined us through our fourth site, Grace-Benson. We pray that God would richly bless our expanding ministry!

# **ALA Volleyball in Tucson**

The Volleyball teams from our Area Lutheran High School, Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA), will be playing in Tucson tomorrow, October 13. As ALA is located in Phoenix, this is a rare opportunity to see their athletic program right in our own backyard. ALA will play against Desert Christian High School at 7525 E Speedway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85710. A Freshman game is scheduled for 4:00 PM, followed by Junior Varsity at 5:00 and Varsity at 6:00. ALA encourages fans to wear black to show their support and to come out and cheer on the teams.



# **Wednesday Bible Studies**

Pastor Clemons will begin a new unit of his Bible Study, "The History of the Christian Church," this Wednesday, October 15 at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

#### **Thrivent Action Team**

There is a new and easy way for Thrivent Members to take action and meet a need in their community and it's called Thrivent Action Teams.

Here's how it works (and how easy it is):

- \* See a need.
- \* Plan a service project or fundraising event.

  (Examples: clothing drives, hands-on service projects for the elderly and needy, fundraising through car washes, talent shows, wreath sales, and even educational events such as car maintenance and extreme couponing). More examples can be found at <a href="https://www.Thrivent.com/actionteam">www.Thrivent.com/actionteam</a>.
- \* Thrivent Members can form 2 teams a year with Thrivent and non-Thrivent team members!
- \* Log onto <a href="https://www.Thrivent.com/actionteam">www.Thrivent.com/actionteam</a> at least 21 days before your event and complete a simple application. You will hear back within 5 business days.
- \* If approved, expect to receive a \$250 Community Impact Card to use toward your project's expenses (such as supplies and promotional costs) plus t-shirts/other materials that you can request.
- \* Within 2 weeks, share your story on the Thrivent Web Site.

That's all there is to it. Really. Several board members have reported great success with their Thrivent Action Teams. Try it!

For more information, log onto <a href="www.Thrivent.com/actionteam">www.Thrivent.com/actionteam</a>, or contact board member Sue Jensen, at 520-721-7843 or <a href="suejens@comcast.net">suejens@comcast.net</a> for more information.

# **Church Office Request**

If you are a winter visitor or have changed any of your phone numbers or your address we'd appreciate having your updated information in the church office. Please email Cora at office@gracelutheransaz.org or call 623-6633 with your updated information. Thank you!

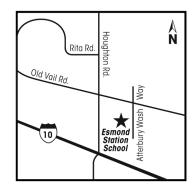
## **Grace-Vail Canvassing This Saturday!**

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 next canvassing date will be this Saturday, October 18 from 9:30-11:30 AM at Esmond Station. No previous canvassing experience is necessary. Lunch will be provided for those in attendance.

## **Grand Opening at Esmond Station!**

Grace-Vail is now worshiping at Esmond Station School, which is a newly opened school located in the middle of a quickly growing housing development (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747).

To celebrate our new worship location, we will be hosting a Grand Opening at Esmond Station on the 25<sup>th</sup> of October from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The Grand Opening will have numerous attractions including a classic car show, various food trucks, jumping castles and other inflatables for all ages, a kids' arts and craft area, and an information booth where attendees can learn more about Grace-Vail and our other worship sites. In addition to these attractions and many more, the Christian group Koiné



will be making a return trip to Tucson. We are so blessed to have the band be a major part of the entertainment on Saturday as well as having them assist in worship the following Sunday at Grace-Vail.

# **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.

#### **Area Reformation Service**

The 2014 Area Reformation Service for Tucson and Southern Arizona will be Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 PM at Grace-Tucson. The theme of our service, based on Psalm 119:105, is "Your Word is a Lamp for My Feet and a Light for My Path." Pastor Eric Hartzell from Georgetown, Texas, will be our guest preacher, and Pastor Adam Mueller from Redeemer Lutheran Church will lead the liturgy. Please join us

for this festive service celebrating God's grace to us as reflected in our Lutheran heritage. A dessert fellowship will be provided following the service.

We anticipate that the Grace parking lot will fill up quickly, but the U of A Main Gate parking garage is located across the street to the east of Grace and is free on weekends. If you are able, please consider parking there so that those who have trouble walking can park at the church.