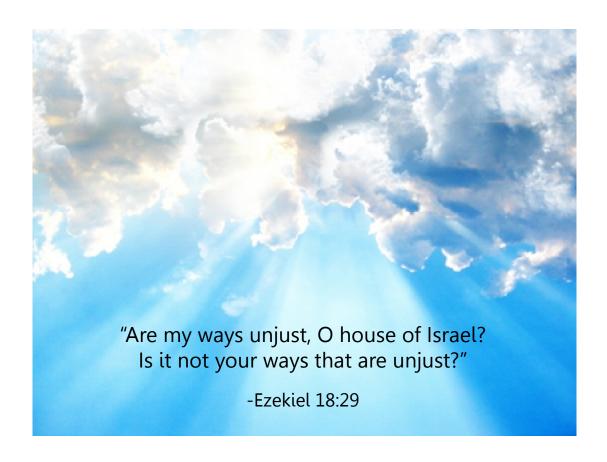
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church October 19, 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.

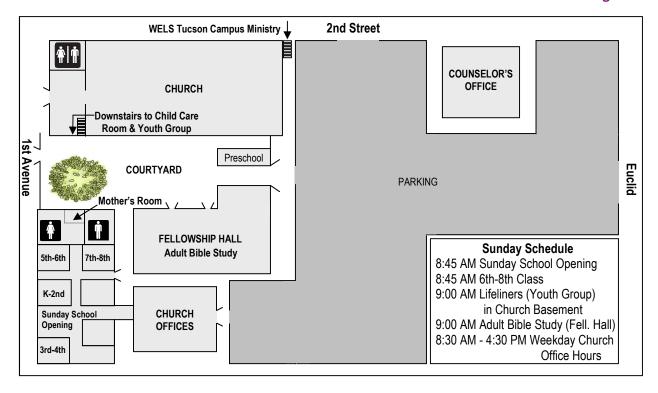
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 AND SACRAMENT

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.



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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

On Eagles' Wings

Jesus Sinners Does

Alicia Shanklin

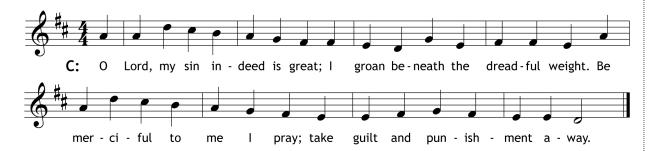
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Receive CW #304

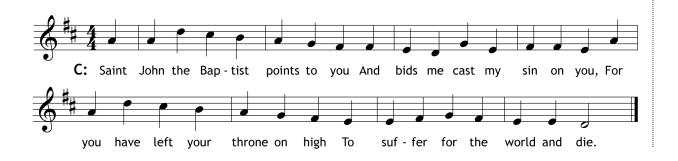
Flute:

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.

Selected verses from Psalm 38.



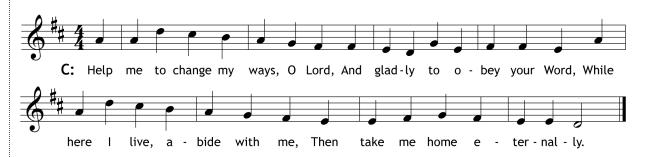
Silent Confession



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.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

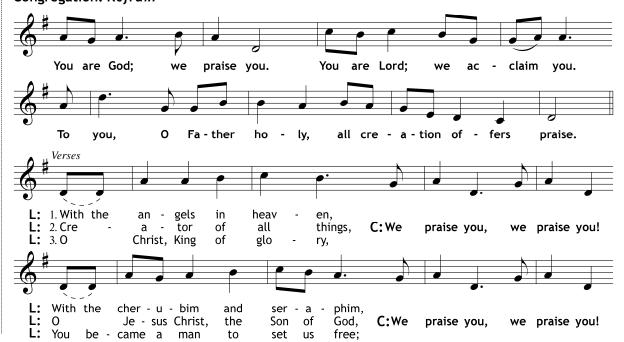
The Latin words "Te Deum Laudamus" mean "We praise vou, God." The words of this song of praise come from the 4th century A.D. It has been used in Christian worship since that time and has been put to a variety of musical settings. Martin Luther loved the Te Deum and referred to it as a fine creed (statement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

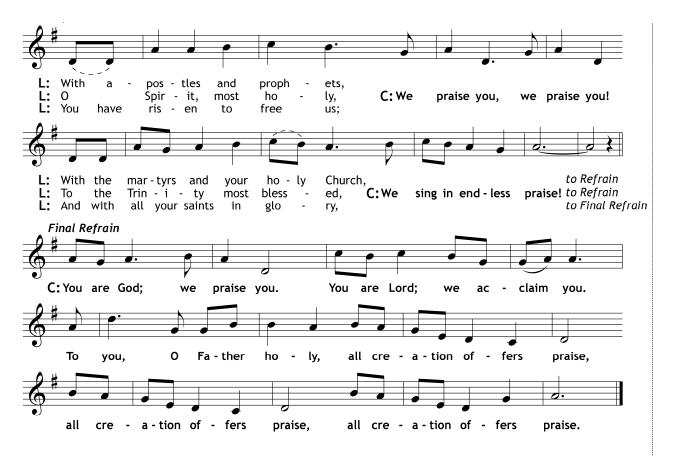
YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

Te Deum

Leader: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain





FIRST LESSON

The word of the LORD came to me: "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: 'The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For every living soul belongs to me, the father as well as the son—both alike belong to me. The soul who sins is the one who will die."

"Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Hear, O house of Israel: Is my way unjust? Is it not your ways that are unjust? If a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits sin, he will die for it; because of the sin he has committed he will die. But if a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 (NIV)

save his life. Because he considers all the offenses he has committed and turns away from them, he will surely live; he will not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' Are my ways unjust, O house of Israel? Is it not your ways that are unjust? Therefore, O house of Israel, I will judge you, each one according to his ways, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent! Turn away from all your offenses; then sin will not be your downfall. Rid yourselves of all the offenses you have committed, and get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will vou die, O house of Israel? For I take no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Sovereign LORD. Repent and live!"

does what is just and right, he will

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.

SECOND LESSON

Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you—unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test. Now we pray to God that you will not do

2 Corinthians 13:5-8 (NIV)

anything wrong. Not that people will see that we have stood the test but that you will do what is right even though we may seem to have failed. For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth.

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



Please stand

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

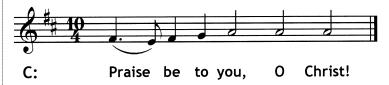
GOSPEL

"What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work today in the vineyard.' 'I will not,' he answered, but later he changed his mind and went. Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, 'I will, sir,' but he did not go. Which of the two did what his father wanted?" "The first,"

Matthew 21:28-32 (NIV)

they answered. Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

What God Ordains Is Always Good Christian Worship #429

SERMON

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 Is God Unfair?

Please stand

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. 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

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Be Still, My Soul Arr. by Cindy Berry

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.
- M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.
- C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- 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.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.

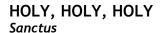


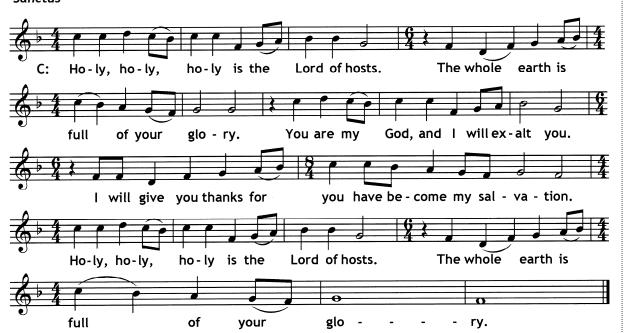
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.





This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

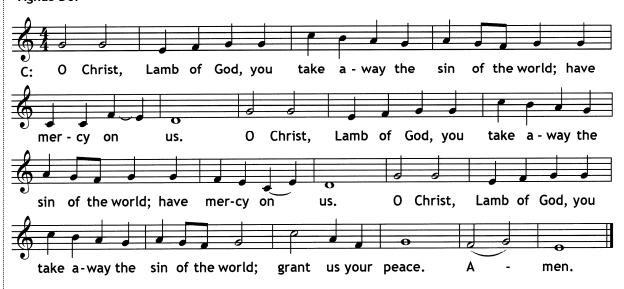


We provide glutenfree communion wafers for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

distribution.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei



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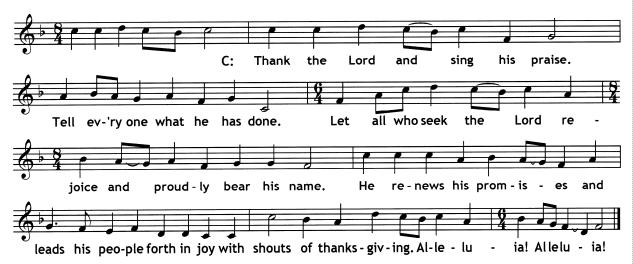
DISTRIBUTION

The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

Please stand

THANK THE LORD



PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

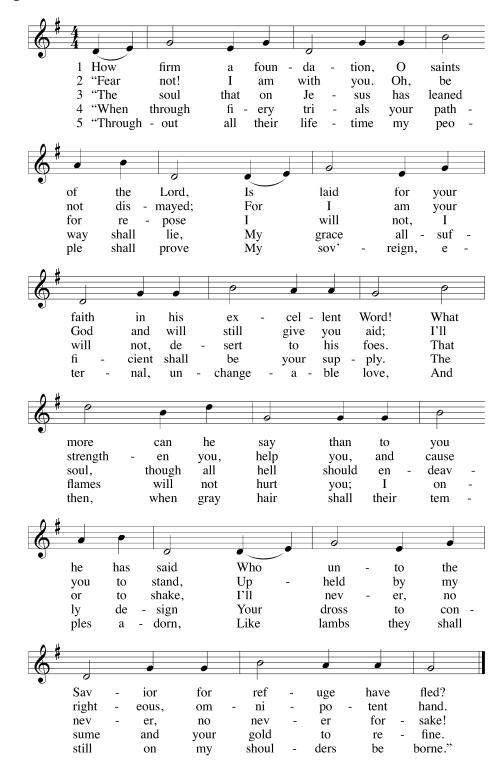
The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation Christian Worship Supplement #768

Vocalists: stanzas 1-2 Congregation: stanzas 3-5



POSTLUDE:

How Firm a Foundation Arr. by Victor Labenske

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The beloved words of this hymn are wed to its traditional American melody.

Text: A Selection of Hymns, London, 1787, alt.

Tune: FOUNDATION (11 11 11 11) Traditional American melody; Caldwell's *Union Harmony*, 1837.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants	Outreach Elder, Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanist	Kathy Parra
Flute	Alicia Shanklin (10:00 AM)
Vocal Leaders	Jeff Weinstein (7:45 AM)
	Redeemer School Children & Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Redeemer School Children's Directo	r Megan Watson (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Jonathan Miller, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jay Pauley (10:00 AM)
	Lauri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

Thank You!

Thank you to the students of Redeemer Lutheran School who are leading the singing of the *Te Deum* in our 10:00 worship service this morning. Redeemer Lutheran School is operated by our sister church in Marana and provides a quality education with a focus on God's Word. 8 members of Grace are currently students at Redeemer (K-8), and Grace provides a scholarship to active member families to assist them in providing this Lutheran education for their children. For more information about Redeemer Lutheran School, please visit www.redeemertucson.com.

Call Declined

After prayer and careful consideration of his Divine Call to serve as pastor of St. Mark Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, and of his current Call to Grace, Pastor Kassulke has decided to decline the Call to Nebraska and to continue serving at Grace. He would like to express his thanks to everyone who shared their thoughts concerning the ministry at Grace and especially for the prayers on his behalf and on behalf of the congregations involved. Please continue to pray for the gospel ministry wherever it is conducted.

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.

AZ-CA Pastors' Conference

Grace's pastors will be attending the District Pastors' Conference in Citrus Heights, CA from Tuesday through Thursday. Pastor Kassulke (District Council) and Pastor Koehler (District Mission Board) will also have meetings on Monday. Pastor Clemons will remain in Tucson. Please contact the church office if you are in need of pastoral care this week.



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 19-Oct 26

TUCSON Today Worship Services/Communion	WednesdayMidweek Bible Study: Church History10:00aMidweek Bible Study: Church History7:00pThursdayNO Women's Bible Study6:30pWorship Choir Practice6:30pSaturdayMemorial Service for Terry Dent4:00pSundayWorship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00aCoffee Fellowship following both servicesChildren's Sunday School8:45aYouth Confirmation Class8:45aLifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00aAdult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):• Rev Stern: We Work Together As We Walk Together9:00aArea Reformation Practice2:00-4:00pWELS TCM: Luther Reformation Movie6:00p
SAHUARITA Today Worship Service	VAIL Today Bible Study: Book of Numbers

Check out the GRACE WEBSITE at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org!

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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.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Nancy Miles in memory of her mother, Evelyn Clark, on what would have been her 97th 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 the Miller family. 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

2 Kings 21:1-15 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Matthew 21:33-43

Sermon Text & Theme

Romans 11:33-36
Time to Pop the Questions!

Memorial Service

Grace member Terry Dent was called home to heaven Monday, October 13. Terry's memorial service will be held at Grace-Tucson this Saturday, October 25 at 4:00 PM with a light meal to follow.

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!

Part-Time Office Assistant

As part of our merger plan, the voters at Grace approved the hiring of a part-time assistant to work closely with Cora in the Church Office. The Church Council is now prepared to hire on a short-term basis (several weeks), with the possibility of extending the position in the future. This position would entail approximately five to ten hours of work per week and would be a paid position with a wage of \$10 per hour. A major emphasis of this position would be communicating with members and updating personal profiles. Candidates for the position should be able to work closely with Cora and the pastors, be friendly and proficient communicators, and have computer skills. Anyone interested in applying for this position is invited to submit a resume to the Church Office on or before November 2. Questions regarding the office assistant position may be addressed to Cora or one of the pastors.

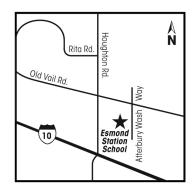
Christian Giving Counselor in Tucson

Pastor Jon Stern, who serves our Arizona-California District as a Christian Giving Counselor, will be our guest preacher at Grace-Tucson next Sunday, October 26. He will also conduct our Adult Bible Study that day. Pastor Stern's specific focus is current gifts (in contrast with deferred gifts, such as through wills and estates). The October edition of the WELS Connection featured information about our Christian Giving Counselors. These Counselors are available free of charge to assist WELS members with stewardship and financial planning issues.

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).

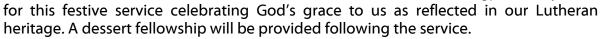
To celebrate our new worship location, we will be hosting a Grand Opening at Esmond Station on the 25th of October from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. The Grand Opening will have numerous attractions including a classic car show, various food trucks, jumping castles and other inflatables for all ages, a kids' 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.

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





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.

Vail Country Fair

Our church will again have a booth at the Vail Country Fair this year! The fair is Saturday, November 8 from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM at the Pima County Fairgrounds (11300 S. Houghton Road, 85747). This is a great way to share information about our church. We hope you will stop by the booth on the 8th!



Roast Beef Dinner



Come, bring a friend, and enjoy good food and fellowship on Friday, November 14 from 4:30-6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. Any monies left over after expenses are paid will go toward a Women of Grace project. Women or men are asked to bring a pie for dessert.

The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Pies, Coffee, Tea, & Milk.

We definitely will need help with cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help.