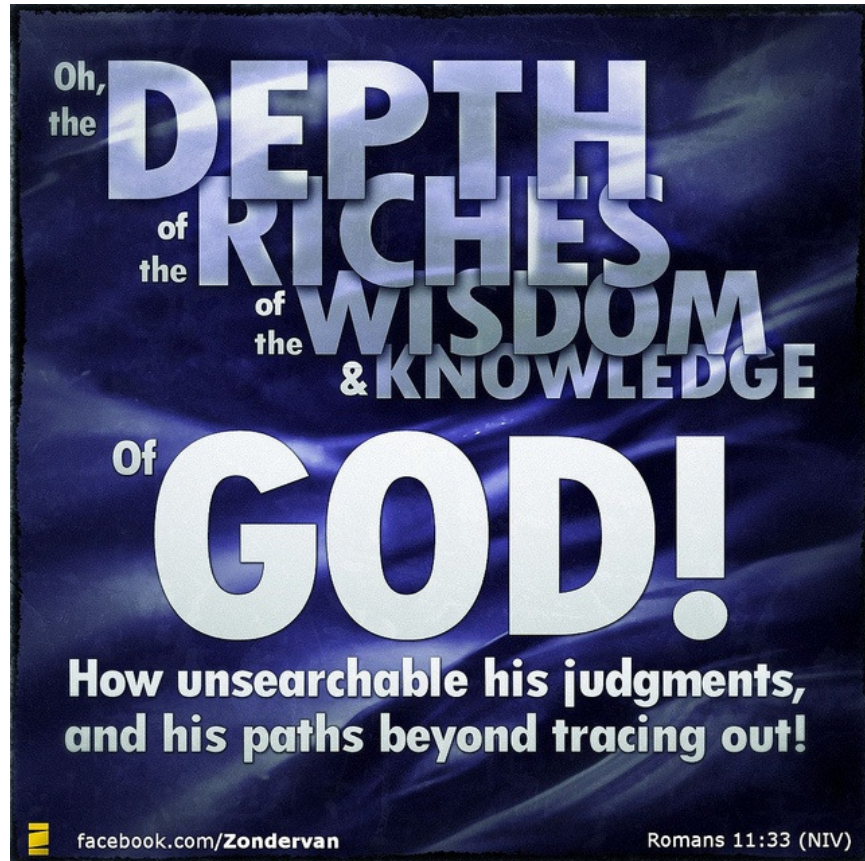


# Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
October 26, 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.

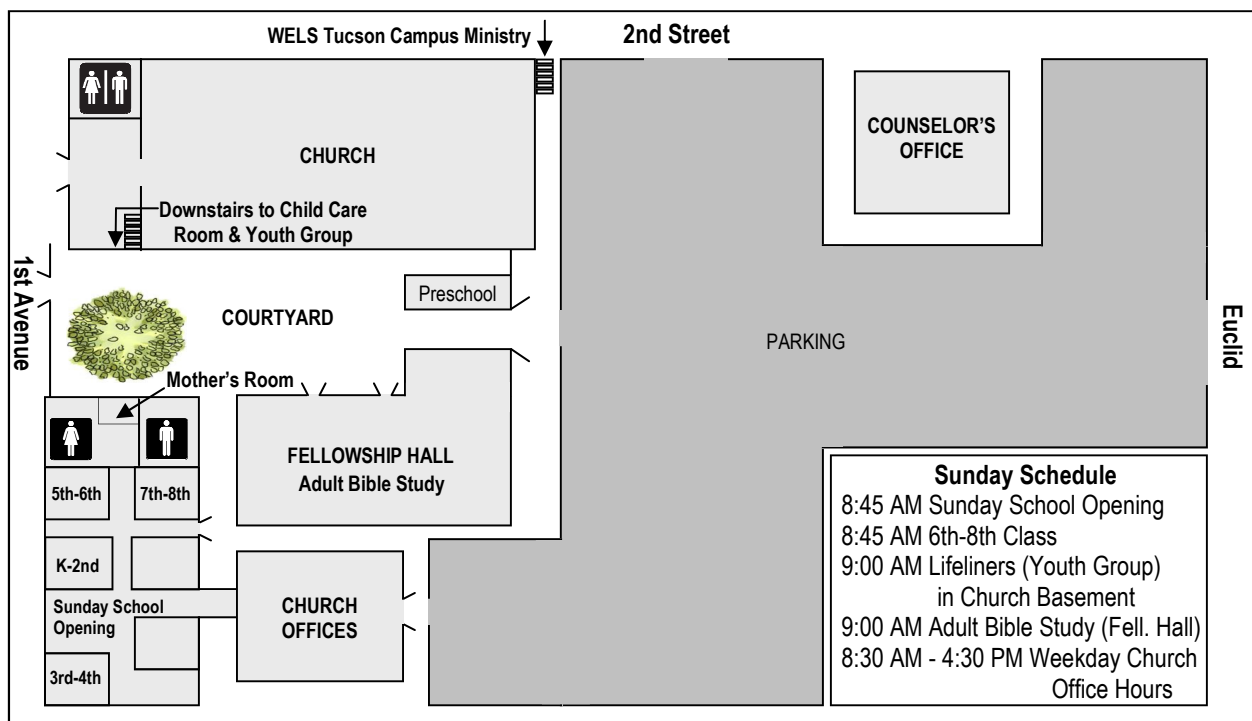
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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)



# ORDER OF SERVICE

## WELCOME

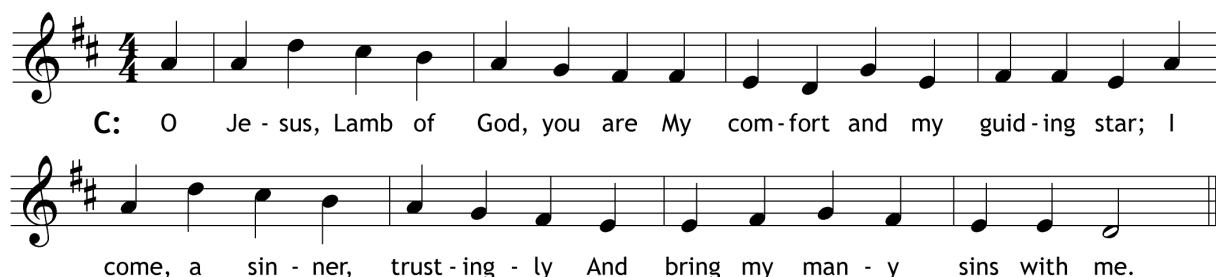
*Please stand*

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.



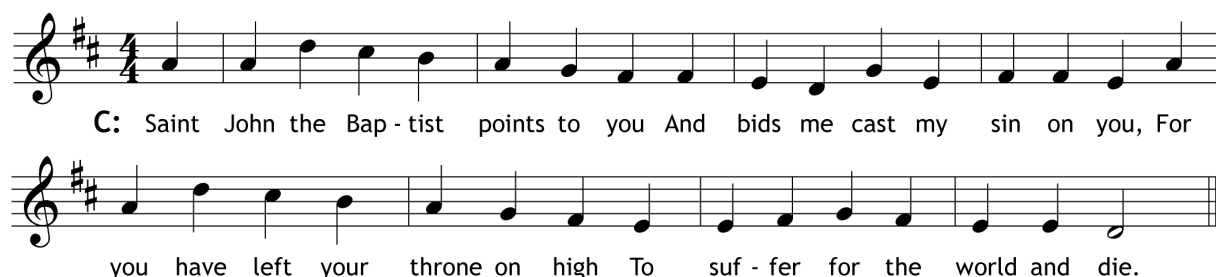
C: O Je - sus, Lamb of God, you are My com-fort and my guid-ing star; I  
come, a sin - ner, trust-ing - ly And bring my man - y sins with me.

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:

**7:45 AM—**

*Immortal, Invisible  
with Handel's Water  
Music*

*Arr. by Marilyn  
Ham*

**10:00 AM—**

*Now Let Us Come  
Before Him*

*By Johann Packelbel*

*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.

Almighty God, in your bountiful goodness keep us safe from every evil of body and soul. Make us ready, with cheerful hearts, to do whatever pleases 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*

## YOU ARE GOD, WE PRAISE YOU

*Te Deum*

Leader: *Refrain*

Congregation: *Refrain*

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.

**Verses**

L: 1. With the an - gels in heav - en,  
L: 2. Cre - a - tor of all things, C: We praise you, we praise you!  
L: 3. O Christ, King of glo - ry,

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 - tirs 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

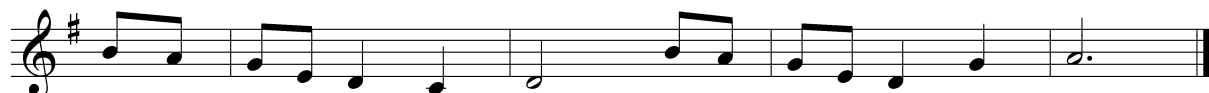
#### Final Refrain



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.

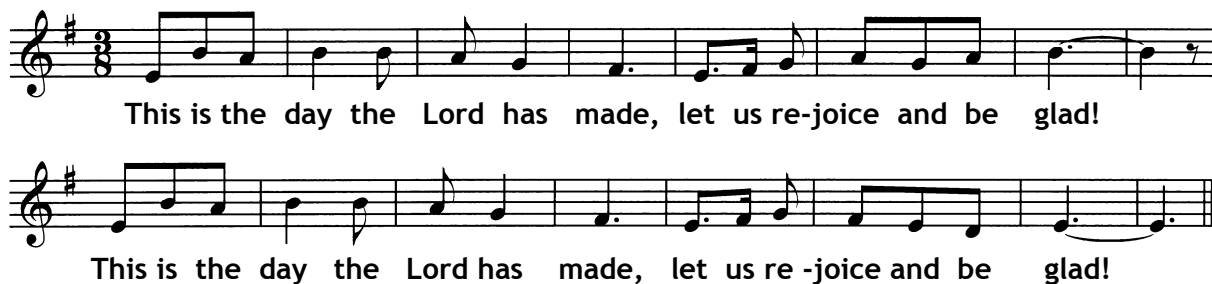
## FIRST LESSON

Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem fifty-five years. His mother's name was Hephzibah. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD, following the detestable practices of the nations the LORD had driven out before the Israelites. He rebuilt the high places his father Hezekiah had destroyed; he also erected altars to Baal and made an Asherah pole, as Ahab king of Israel had done. He bowed down to all the starry hosts and worshiped them. He built altars in the temple of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put my Name." In both courts of the temple of the LORD, he built altars to all the starry hosts. He sacrificed his own son in the fire, practiced sorcery and divination, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the eyes of the LORD, provoking him to anger. He took the carved Asherah pole he had made and put it in the temple, of which the LORD had said to David and to his son Solomon, "In this temple and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I will put my Name forever. I will not again make the feet of the Israelites wander from the land I gave their forefathers, if only

## 2 Kings 21:1-15 (NIV)

they will be careful to do everything I commanded them and will keep the whole Law that my servant Moses gave them." But the people did not listen. Manasseh led them astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the LORD had destroyed before the Israelites. The LORD said through his servants the prophets: "Manasseh king of Judah has committed these detestable sins. He has done more evil than the Amorites who preceded him and has led Judah into sin with his idols. Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: I am going to bring such disaster on Jerusalem and Judah that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle. I will stretch out over Jerusalem the measuring line used against Samaria and the plumb line used against the house of Ahab. I will wipe out Jerusalem as one wipes a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down. I will forsake the remnant of my inheritance and hand them over to their enemies. They will be looted and plundered by all their foes, because they have done evil in my eyes and have provoked me to anger from the day their forefathers came out of Egypt until this day."

*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. The LORD is my strength / and my song;\* he has become my sal- / vation.
2. The LORD's right hand is / lifted high;\*  
the LORD's right hand has done / mighty things!
3. I will not / die but live,\* and will proclaim what the / LORD has done.

*Refrain*

4. I will give you thanks, for you / answered me;\* you have become my sal- / vation.
5. The stone the builders rejected has become the / capstone;\*  
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous / in our eyes.
6. This is the day the / LORD has made;\* let us rejoice and be / glad in it.
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**

As God's fellow workers we urge you not to receive God's grace in vain. For he says, "In the time of my favor I heard you, and in the day of salvation I helped you." I tell you, now is the time of God's favor, now is the day of salvation. We put no stumbling block in anyone's path, so that our ministry will not be discredited. Rather, as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way: in great endurance; in troubles, hardships and distresses; in beatings, imprisonments and riots; in hard work, sleepless nights and hunger; in purity, understanding, patience and kindness; in the Holy Spirit and in sincere love;

**2 Corinthians 6:1-13 (NIV)**

in truthful speech and in the power of God; with weapons of righteousness in the right hand and in the left; through glory and dishonor, bad report and good report; genuine, yet regarded as impostors; known, yet regarded as unknown; dying, and yet we live on; beaten, and yet not killed; sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; poor, yet making many rich; having nothing, and yet possessing everything. We have spoken freely to you, Corinthians, and opened wide our hearts to you. We are not withholding our affection from you, but you are withholding yours from us. As a fair exchange—I speak as to my children—open wide your hearts also.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are  
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the  
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, killed another, and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is

**Matthew 21:33-43 (NIV)**

the heir. Come, let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants? He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.”

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

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us  
*Christian Worship #486*

## SERMON

Romans 11:32-36 (NIV)

“For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind

of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

### Time to Pop the Questions!

- Then: 1) Listen to God’s answers  
2) Learn from God’s wisdom  
3) Live as God’s people.

*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*

## 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*



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

### OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**

*Take My Life and Let  
it Be*

*Arr. by Tom Fette*

**10:00 AM—**

*Praise God, from  
Whom All Blessings  
Flow*

*Arr. by Phillip  
Keveren*



## 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*

*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.*

## HYMN

Not Unto Us  
Christian Worship #392

*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.



## 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

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
Christian Worship #334

*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*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Guest Preacher ..... Pastor Jon Stern, *WELS Christian Giving Counselor*  
Worship Leader..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
Accompanists .....Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)  
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
Vocalists ..... Craig Lipke & Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)  
Jacob Hanson & Abby Walshaw (10:00 AM)  
Ushers ..... Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)  
Dave Breitzkreitz, 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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## Christian Giving Counselor

Thank you to Pastor Jon Stern for being our guest preacher today and for leading Adult Bible Study.

Pastor Jon Stern serves our Arizona-California District as a Christian Giving Counselor. 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.

### POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

*To God Be the Glory*  
CW #399

*"Great things he has  
taught us, great  
things he has done,  
and great our  
rejoicing through  
Jesus the Son..."*

10:00 AM—

*Let All Things Now*  
*Living*  
Arr. by Nancy Raabe



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at FOUR places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study and activities  
at Grace locations in  
Benson, Sahuarita, Tucson and Vail.**

**This Week at Grace • Oct 26-Nov 2**

**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):  
• *Rev Stern: We Work Together As We Walk Together*...9:00a  
Area Reformation Practice ..... 2:30-4:00p  
WELS TCM: *Luther Reformation Movie*..... 6:00p

**Monday**

Precious Lambs at the Tucson Mall ..... 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  
Call Meeting in the Sanctuary..... 7:00p

**Wednesday**

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 10:00a  
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*..... 7:00p

**Thursday**

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

**Saturday**

Area Reformation Practice in the Sanctuary .....9:00a

**Sunday REFORMATION**

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):  
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* .....9:00a  
Area Reformation Service..... 3:00p  
**NO** WELS Tucson Campus Ministry .....

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Worship Service ..... 9:45a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
Bible Study & Discussion..... 11:00a

**Wednesday**

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

**VAIL**

**Today**

Bible Study: *Book of Numbers* ..... 9:00a  
Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service/Koiné..... 10:00a

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

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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 our worship this morning have been given by Sean and Mary Brearcliffe in celebration of the wedding of their daughter, Erin Brearcliffe and Jesse Carrasco, and of their own 27th wedding anniversary.

## 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 Lynda Littau, Sally Littau, Nancy Miles, 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*

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23  
2 Timothy 4:9-18  
Matthew 10:16-23

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Daniel 6:10-12, 16-23  
**GOD CAN SHUT THE LIONS' MOUTH**  
*A Reformation Story*

## 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.

## Call Declined

Pastor David Barkow has announced his decision to decline the Call extended to him to serve as Grace's Mission Pastor to Sahuarita. This decision was made with much prayer and careful consideration, including conversations with Grace's current pastors and other members. We trust that God will continue to accomplish his will through the calling process and that this deliberation will serve God's kingdom and Pastor Barkow's ongoing work.

## Call Meeting

We have scheduled our next **Call Meeting for this Tuesday, October 28 at 7:00 PM**, in the church at Grace-Tucson. All members are welcome to join us for this meeting and to offer appropriate input to the voters.

## Attention: Young Instrumentalists!

If you would like to play a piece for this year's Children's Christmas Eve Service, please contact Kathy Parra (579-8364). There will also be a meeting for you and your parents on Sunday, November 9, immediately following the 10:00 service. We will meet in the sanctuary. Thank you!

## Area Reformation Service

The 2014 Area Reformation Service for Tucson and Southern Arizona will be next 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.

## 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.

## Wednesday Bible Studies

Pastor Clemons will continue his Bible Study, *"The History of the Christian Church,"* this Wednesday, October 29 at 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

## Christian Fellowship Group: Cody's Beef 'n Beans

Need a reason to eat out? Then mark your calendars for Saturday, November 8, at noon for the annual eat-out at Cody's Beef 'n Beans. It's located at 2708 E. Fort Lowell Rd. A special emphasis will focus on discussing the future status of this church group. Your input is needed, so please plan on attending! An RSVP is needed by Tuesday, November 4 so Cody's can plan for this event. Contact Russ Weir at 795-0062 or Cora in the church office at 623-6633 if you plan to attend.

**—Russ Weir, Christian Fellowship Group President**

## 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.

## 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](mailto:office@gracelutheransaz.org) or call 623-6633 with your updated information. Thank you!

## Hymnal Survey

The WELS Hymnal Project Committee is asking for WELS members to offer input through an online survey that they have prepared. You are invited to take the survey at <http://welshymnal.com/research/member-survey>. It may be helpful to have a Christian Worship hymnal handy as you take the survey.

## 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.*

## 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 [www.Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://www.Thrivent.com/actionteam).
- \* Thrivent Members can form 2 teams a year with Thrivent and non-Thrivent team members!
- \* Log onto [www.Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://www.Thrivent.com/actionteam) 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 [www.Thrivent.com/actionteam](http://www.Thrivent.com/actionteam), or contact board member Sue Jensen, at 520-721-7843 or [suejens@comcast.net](mailto:suejens@comcast.net) for more information.

