

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2015



At his gate was laid a beggar
named Lazarus, covered with sores.

-Luke 16:20 NIV

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ



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.

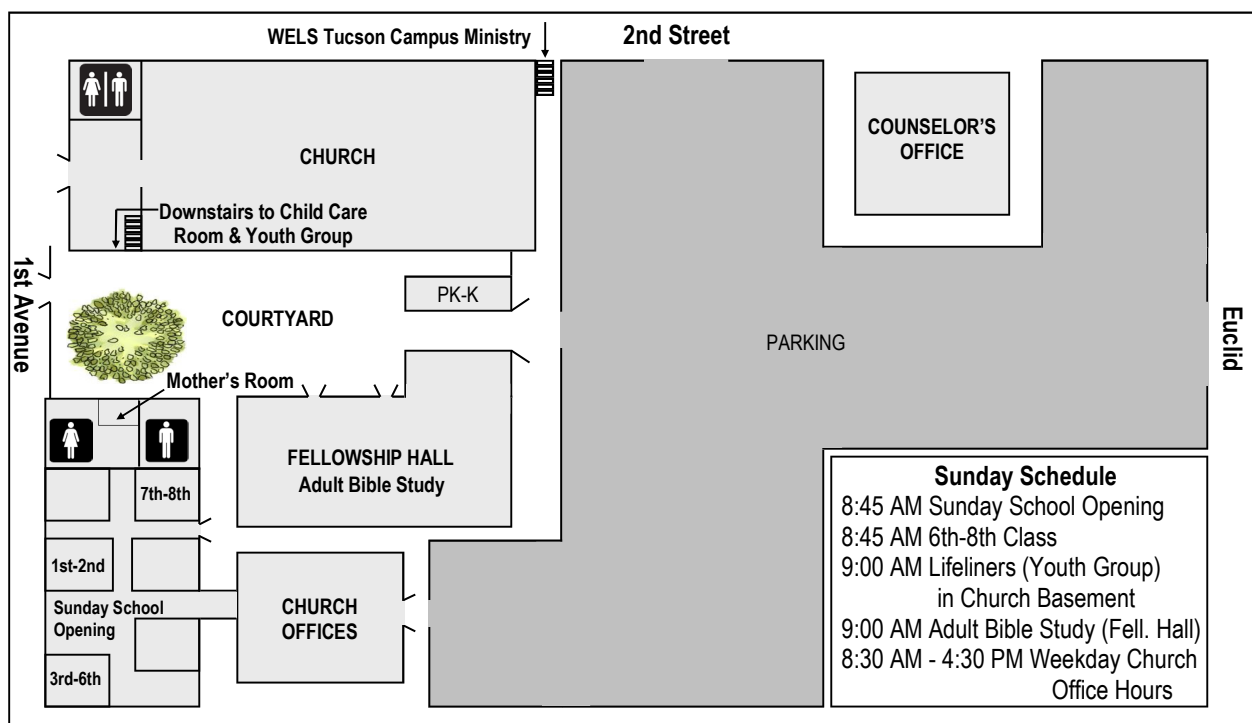
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

HYMN

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Christian Worship #340

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*If You But Trust in
God to Guide You
Arr. by Rebecca
Kramer*

10:00 AM—

*Blessings
By Jim Brickman*

*We come before the
true God only
because of his mercy
and not because we
deserve to come. We
confess our
unworthiness and
rejoice to hear the
assurance of
forgiveness.*

*Kyrie—We sing our
penitential
confession to our
Triune God—Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
asking for his mercy.
The name Kyrie is
shortened from the
Greek Kyrie
Eleison, which
means “Lord have
mercy.”*

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al might y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our lifewith your love.



You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir it; you make us pure and

This vibrant song of praise, composed for the Christian Worship hymnal, leads the congregation to respond to the absolution with thanksgiving and praise. It specifically praises God for all that he has done for us in Christ. The title and refrain echo verses of Psalm 8.

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood.
 You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

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: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

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.

FIRST LESSON

If you see the poor oppressed in a district, and justice and rights denied, do not be surprised at such things; for one official is eyed by a higher one, and over them both are others higher still. The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields. Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them? The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much, but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep. I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, or wealth lost through some misfortune, so that when he has a son there is

Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 (NIV)

nothing left for him. Naked a man comes from his mother's womb, and as he comes, so he departs. He takes nothing from his labor that he can carry in his hand. This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind? All his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger. Then I realized that it is good and proper for a man to eat and drink, and to find satisfaction in his toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given him—for this is his lot. Moreover, when God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work—this is a gift of God. He seldom reflects on the days of his life, because God keeps him occupied with gladness of heart.

SECOND LESSON

"To the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Do not be afraid of what you are about to

Revelation 2:8-11 (NIV)

suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death."

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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



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!

Please stand

GOSPEL

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad

Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)

things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You
Christian Worship #444

SERMON

Luke 16:19-31
Count Your Blessings

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.

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



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

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Now Thank We All
Our God
Arr. by Victor
Labenske*

10:00 AM—

*Blessings
By Laura Story*

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.

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.

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

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



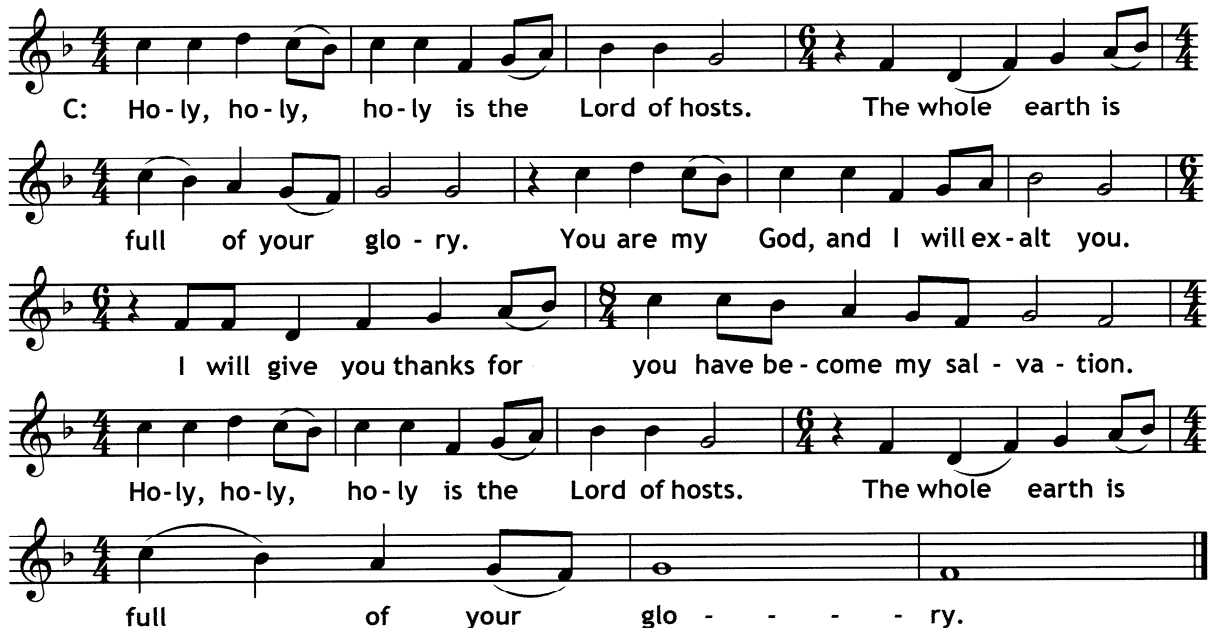
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

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.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men.

Please be seated

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.

HYMN (10:00 AM)

Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing
Christian Worship #443

Please stand

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-news his prom-is-es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Allelu-ia!

We provide **gluten-free 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 distribution.

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.

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.



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

CLOSING HYMN

May We Your Precepts, Lord, Fulfill
Christian Worship #458

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants..... Education Elder, Jason Watson (10:00 AM)
 Spiritual Needs Elder, Jacob Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
 Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
 Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
 Jon Miller, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Lauri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
Blessed Assurance
Arr. by Victor
Labenske

10:00 AM—
*Praise God from
Whom all Blessings
Flow*
Arr. by Phillip
Keveren

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Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, September 13, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Carl Schroeder to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Schroeder currently serves at St. John Lutheran Church in Baraboo, WI. Please keep Pastor Schroeder, his wife Stacey and their 4 children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Baraboo and here at Grace!

New Thursday Women's Bible Study: *Titus*

Named for the recipient of this letter from Paul, the book of Titus is a blessing for the church and for pastors. Christian doctrine, along with church structure and pastoral encouragement are found here. You will appreciate the application to our church life today. Come check it out this Thursday, October 8 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall!

Men's Fellowship

The next men's fellowship outing will take place this Friday, October 9 at 7:00 PM at Golf N Stuff (6503 E Tanque Verde Rd, 85715). All men 18 and older are invited to attend and play a round of mini golf!

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Fall Rally

The Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuit East will hold its annual Fall Rally October 10, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Tucson. Pastor Nathan Kassulke from Grace, Tucson and Pastor James Connell from Cross of Christ, Las Cruces will speak on outreach with a strong focus on campus ministry. For more information go to www.grandcanyonlwms.org and www.lwms.org.

Silent Auction at Redeemer

On Saturday, October 17 from 5:00-7:00 PM, Friends of Redeemer will host their 2nd Annual Silent Auction at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, 85743). Friends of Redeemer was created to help support the ministry of Christian Education at Redeemer.

If you would like to make a donation, simply drop it off in the Redeemer school office. The donation deadline is October 12. You can find more details at www.FriendsOfRedeemer.org. You may also contact Ben Weinstein at 331-8714.

Upcoming Chili & Cornbread Cook-Off (and Kickball)

On Saturday, October 17, Grace-Vail will be hosting another Chili and Cornbread Cook-off. The event will start at 12:00 PM at Esmond Station (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747). If you are interested in competing in either the chili or the cornbread cook-off, please contact Boz Lomasney (440-251-4704). If you are just interested in enjoying some good food and fellowship, there is no need to contact anyone, just show up any time after 12:00. In addition to the cook-off, there will also be a friendly pick-up kickball game following. Hope you can make it!

Worship Choir

Worship Choir is beginning soon and requires no long-term commitment! Worship Choir will be singing on November 1. To prepare for that date, rehearsals will be held on Monday, Oct. 19 and 26 at 6:30 PM in the church basement. All members are invited to join us! (If you can't participate on November 1, consider joining us for Thanksgiving and Christmas services. Watch for announcements about practice dates leading up to these services.) If you have any questions, please contact Director Teri Guenther (235-1177) or Music Coordinator Beth Kassulke (260-3649).



Christian Fellowship Group

The Christian Fellowship group will meet on Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Grace member Bob Rentschler will be our guest presenter. We hope you can make it! *The Christian Fellowship Group provides people 55 and better with an opportunity to enjoy the company of others on a very informal basis.*

Member Information Sheets Needed!

We are still in need of information sheets from a large portion of the congregation. These forms allow you to share contact information as well as information about your family, your gifts and talents, and ways that you would be interested in serving at church. **Please drop them off in the gray box (in the Courtyard) or mail them to the church office. You can also fill out an online version of the forms at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/profile.** Thank you for your help!



**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 4-Oct 11

TUCSON

Today

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)..... 9:00a
• *Kassulke: Hypocrisy*..... 9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Islam* 7:00p

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus* 10:00a

Friday

Men's Fellowship at Golf N Stuff..... 7:00p

Saturday

LWMS Fall Rally at Holy Cross 9:00a

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Interactive Faith Bible Study* 6:00p

Friday

Men's Fellowship at Golf N Stuff..... 7:00p

Saturday

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

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Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 6:30p

Thursday

NEW! Women's Bible Study: *Titus* 9:00a

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Men's Fellowship at Golf N Stuff 7:00p
Boy Pioneer Campout to Peppersauce Cave (Fri-Sun)

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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
TCM: *When Did it Happen in the Old Testament?* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Interactive Faith Bible Study* 6:00p

Friday

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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.

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. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

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 Kassulke family. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Tom & Marcia Phillips in loving memory of Howard & Florence Phillips.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

1 Chronicles 29:1, 2, 10-18
Romans 6:15-23
Luke 17:1-10

Sermon Text & Theme

Romans 6:15-23
Set Free to Be Slaves

Communion Register Sign-In

If you are a Grace member, we ask on communion Sundays that you please write your name on one of the communion register sheets located at the entrances to church if you plan on receiving the Lord's Supper. This helps us maintain a record for the spiritual care of our members. Thank you.

ALA Thrift Store Closed

The HELP Foundation Thrift Store, which since 1970 has supported Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) through the sale of second-hand clothing, housewares, and other items officially closed on September 30. Members of Grace have supported the Thrift store with donations of used items over many years. In the first 15 years of its operation, the store contributed nearly \$500,000 (in 1970's and 1980's money) to the opening and running of ALA. The building that has housed the store is presently on the market. Thank you to all those who have supported both ALA and the Thrift Store in the past. Please continue to keep ALA, our area Lutheran high school in your prayers!



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