

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



**Present day view from Mt. Precipice, Nazareth –
“ . . . the brow of the hill on which the town was built . . . ”**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 1, 2015



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.

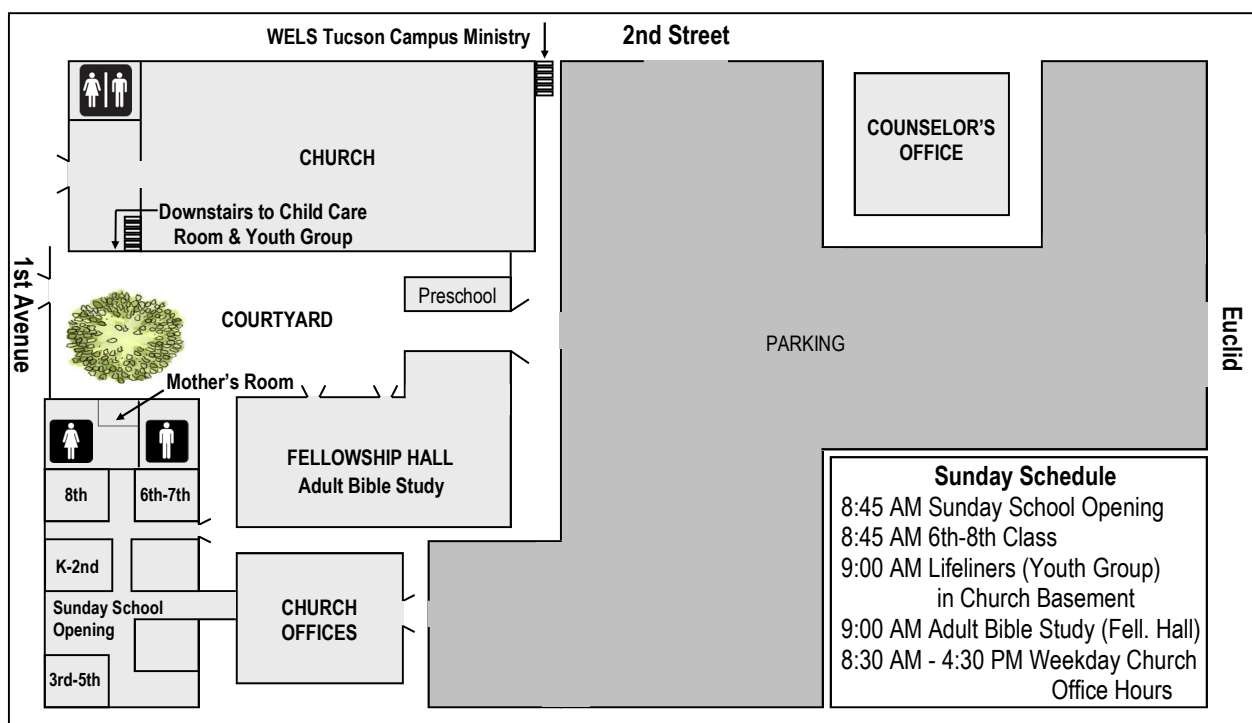
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Beach Spring
Arr. by Michael
Larkin

WELCOME

HYMN

The People that in Darkness Sat
Christian Worship #90

Please stand

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



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

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief intro)

The text of Gloria in Excelsis (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,
 heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we
 give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the
 high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus
 Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
 sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat - ed at the
 right hand of the Father; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our
 prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. For
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the
 glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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 WORD

FIRST LESSON

Some time later the brook dried up because there had been no rain in the land. Then the word of the LORD came to him: “Go at once to Zarephath of Sidon and stay there. I have commanded a widow in that place to supply you with food.” So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.” “As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal

1 Kings 17:7-16 (NIV)

for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.” Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small cake of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD gives rain on the land.’” She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

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

But I ask: Did they not hear? Of course they did: “Their voice has gone out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.” Again I ask: Did Israel not understand? First, Moses says, “I will make you envious by those who are not a nation; I will make you angry by a nation that has no understanding.” And Isaiah boldly says, “I was found by those who did not seek me; I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me.” But concerning Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and obstinate people.” I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself,

Romans 10:18-11:6 (NIV)

a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don’t you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: “Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me”? And what was God’s answer to him? “I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal.” So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:18a cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 4:20-32 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

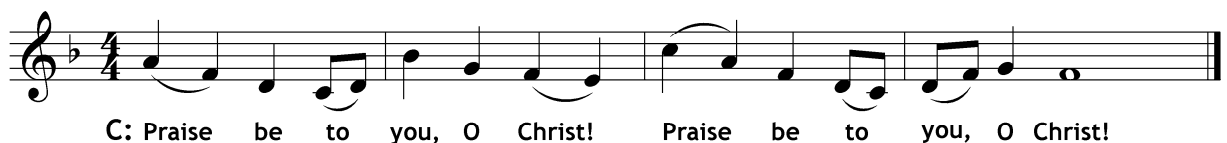
The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.



Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him, and he began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing." All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips. "Isn't this Joseph's son?" they asked. Jesus said to them, "Surely you will quote this proverb to me: 'Physician, heal yourself! Do here in your hometown what we have heard that you did in Capernaum.'" "I tell you the truth," he continued, "no prophet is accepted in his hometown. I assure you that there were many widows in Israel in Elijah's time, when the sky was shut for three and a half years and there was a severe famine

throughout the land. Yet Elijah was not sent to any of them, but to a widow in Zarephath in the region of Sidon. And there were many in Israel with leprosy in the time of Elisha the prophet, yet not one of them was cleansed—only Naaman the Syrian." All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. They got up, drove him out of the town, and took him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff. But he walked right through the crowd and went on his way. Then he went down to Capernaum, a town in Galilee, and on the Sabbath began to teach the people. They were amazed at his teaching, because his message had authority.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
Christian Worship #353

SERMON

Luke 4:20-32
The Disturbing Message

Please stand

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.



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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
There is a Redeemer
CWS #747

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EPIPHANY

- M:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.
- C:** You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.
- M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging.
- C:** You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.
- M:** Prince of Peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of your salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope.
- C:** Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.
- M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn.
- C:** Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

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.

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.

C: And also 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 good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

Jesus is the Lamb of God who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. The words of this song are based on John 1:29, the first verse of our sermon text today.

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. 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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

**O Jesus, King Most Wonderful
Christian Worship #373**

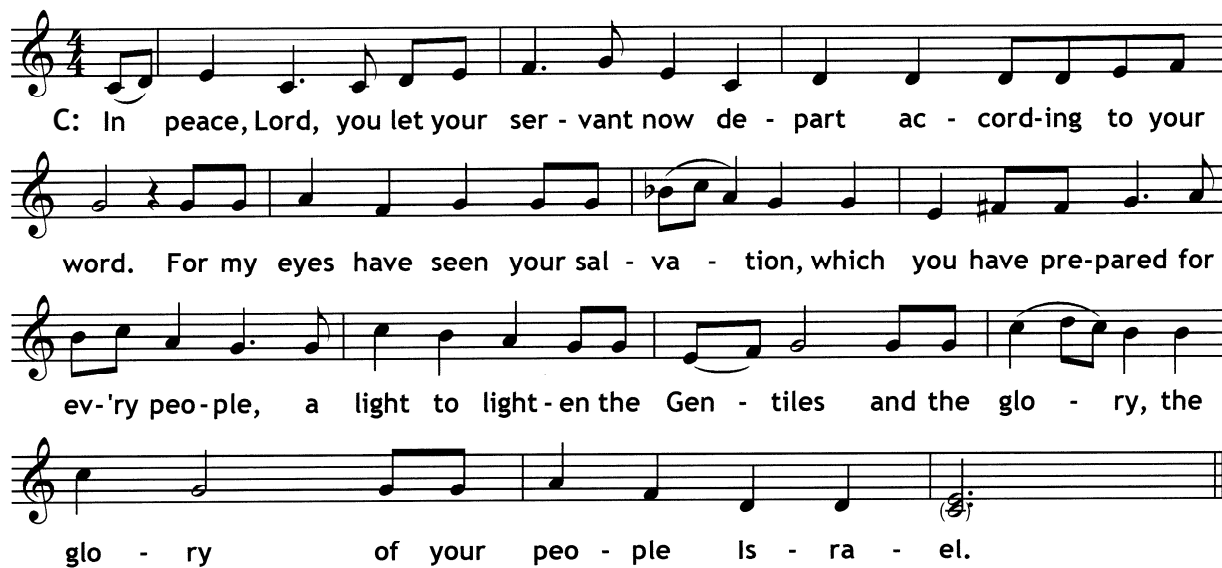
Please stand

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your
word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for
ev-'ry peo-ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: 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: Amen.

Please be seated

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus
Christian Worship #355

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

*Jesus, Name Above
All Names
By Naida Hearn*

Preacher Pastor Sam Clemons
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Jeff Weinstein, Outreach Elder (10:00 AM)
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Lucas Guenther, James Pauley, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snively (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Lauri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

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Called Home to Heaven

Chris Nicholson, brother of Grace member Meghan Festerling was called home to heaven Saturday, January 24. There will be a memorial service for him tomorrow, February 2 at 10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson. There will be light refreshments following the service. Parking is allowed on the street once the parking lot fills up. Car pooling to the service is recommended.

2014 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a year-end offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. *We would ask that you not pick up anyone's envelope but your own.* We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior. This statement may be useful if you choose to itemize tax deductions. Offerings to Grace are charitable donations.

Ordering Altar Flowers

If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Information about ordering is located on the front cover.





**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 • Feb 1-Feb 8

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services7:45 & 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
WELS TCM: *Super Bowl Party* 4:00p

Monday

Memorial Service for Chris Nicholson 10:00a
Handbell Practice 4:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Midweek Bible Studies: *Church History* ... 10:00a & 6:30p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus* 9:00a
Worship Choir Practice 6:30p

Friday

Precious Lambs 9:30-11:30a

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Baby Shower for Molly Street 2:00p
WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *The Apostles* 7:00p
Multi-Site Convention in Las Vegas, NV (Pastor Koehler
and Pastor Rieke will attend Sunday-Tuesday)

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *You Are A Holy Priesthood* 10:00a

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service with Stephen Bautista 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

VAIL

Today

Bible Study: *God's Family* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Worship with Stephen Bautista 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Monday

Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club 9:00a

Wednesday

Bible Study at the Prigge's: *What Child is This?* 6:30p

Sunday

Bible Study: *God's Family* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 10:00a

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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.

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

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Super Bowl Party

This afternoon at 4:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson basement, college students and others of approximately college age are invited to our Super Bowl Party. We'll have food and watch the game (and the commercials) together. This is a great opportunity to enjoy some socializing with fellow Christians and fellow students.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Judges 13:6-24
Romans 10:13-17
Luke 5:1-11

Sermon Text & Theme

Luke 5:1-11
Fish for People

Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Molly Street next Sunday, February 8 at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall, hosted by Donna Malchow, Audrey Nessinger and Dorothy Rauh. The Streets are not registered, but if you'd like to give a gift, the couple encourages the use of Scrip gift cards.



Lenten Services and Suppers at Grace-Tucson

Join us at Grace-Tucson on Wednesdays throughout Lent for our Midweek Lenten Worship Services at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Supper will be served at 5:30 before the evening services. The theme for our services this Lent is "I Tell You the Truth," based on several teachings of Jesus highlighted by that phrase.

WELS musicians Branches Band will be providing music for both of our Ash Wednesday services on February 18 at Grace-Tucson, and both of these services will also include the celebration of Holy Communion.

We need volunteers to host the meals February 18, February 25, March 4, March 11, March 18 and March 25 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals. You may also contact the church office if you're interested in helping.



Ash Wednesday Service at Grace-Benson

Pastor Rieke is leading an Ash Wednesday service at Grace-Benson on Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 PM. All are welcome.

Lenten Services in Sahuarita

Pastor Koehler and Pastor Kassulke will lead devotional Lenten services on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM during Lent at Grace-Sahuarita. These brief services will include hymns, prayers, psalms and a reading of the Passion History. Lent gives us the opportunity to focus on our Savior's suffering and death and prepare us for Easter. All are welcome.

Multi-Site Convention

Pastor Koehler and Pastor Rieke will be attending a WELS multi-Site Church Convention in Las Vegas, NV February 8-10. This Convention will be an opportunity to work with other congregations pursuing multi-site ministry to share ideas and advice. While this multi-site approach is still fairly new among WELS churches, there are a number of congregations involved in such work. Several pastors have been invited to attend along with the Administrator for the WELS Board for Home Missions, a Mission Counselor, and two District Mission Board Chairmen. We pray that this Convention may be a blessing to all who attend!

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, January 25, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Chadwick Graham. Pastor Graham currently serves at Grace Lutheran Church in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Please keep Pastor Graham, his wife Karis, and his children Ben and Megan in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Oshkosh and here at Grace! You will find his acknowledgment letter on page 15.

Women of Grace Valentine Tea—February 14

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 14 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. There is a sign-up sheet available in the Fellowship Hall and at all the Grace locations if you are able to host a table or bring sandwiches, desserts or your own teapot.

Please RSVP by February 9 to Diane Kramm (440-8564), Joyce Long (405-5133) or the Church Office (623-6633) if you plan to attend. This invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson. It should be a lot of fun so please invite your girl friends. Questions? Contact Diane Kramm (440-8564) or Joyce Long (405-5133).

Show Your Love By Sharing Your Clothing!

Grace has an on-going clothing drive for our Apache brothers and sisters in northern Arizona.

What kind of clothing can I donate? GOOD – as in "I'd wear that!"
 CLEAN – as in "wash it first!"
 CLOTHING – as in "all of the above, for all ages!"

Contact Russ and Sandy Weir at 795-0062 if you'd like to donate, or bring to the church office.

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love..." (Romans 12:10).

Thrivent Choice Dollars

2014 Choice Dollars expire on March 31, 2015. Don't miss this opportunity to recommend where some of Thrivent Financial's charitable outreach funds are distributed. Grace is eligible to receive those dollars. If you are a Thrivent member you can direct your Choice Dollars by going to Thrivent.com or calling a Customer Care Professional at 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and when prompted, say, "Thrivent Choice."

Rev. Chadwick L. Graham
75 Overland Trail
Oshkosh, WI 54904
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January 27, 2015

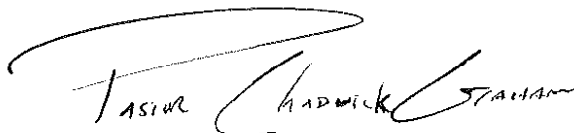
Re: Acknowledgment of the Divine Call

Bryan Guenther
Grace Lutheran Church
830 N First Ave
Tucson, AZ 85719

Dear Mr. Bryan Guenther and members of Grace (Benson-Sahuarita-Tucson-Vail):

Mr. Bryan Guenther informed me on Sunday afternoon, January 25, 2015, that you have called to me to serve as one of your pastors. It is an honor that our gracious God has led you to extend this divine call to me. I ask for your prayers that the Lord of the Church will grant a decision which will honor his saving reputation and serve the greater good of his kingdom.

In His Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pastor Chadwick L. Graham". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "P" and "G".

Pastor Chadwick L. Graham

Cc: Northern Wisconsin District President, Rev Joel Zank
Arizona-California District President, Rev Jon Buchholz
Winnebago Conference – Butte Des Morts Circuit pastor, Rev Jud Krohn
Gadsden Conference – Saguaro Circuit pastor, Rev Nathan Kassulke



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