

# Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
February 8, 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.

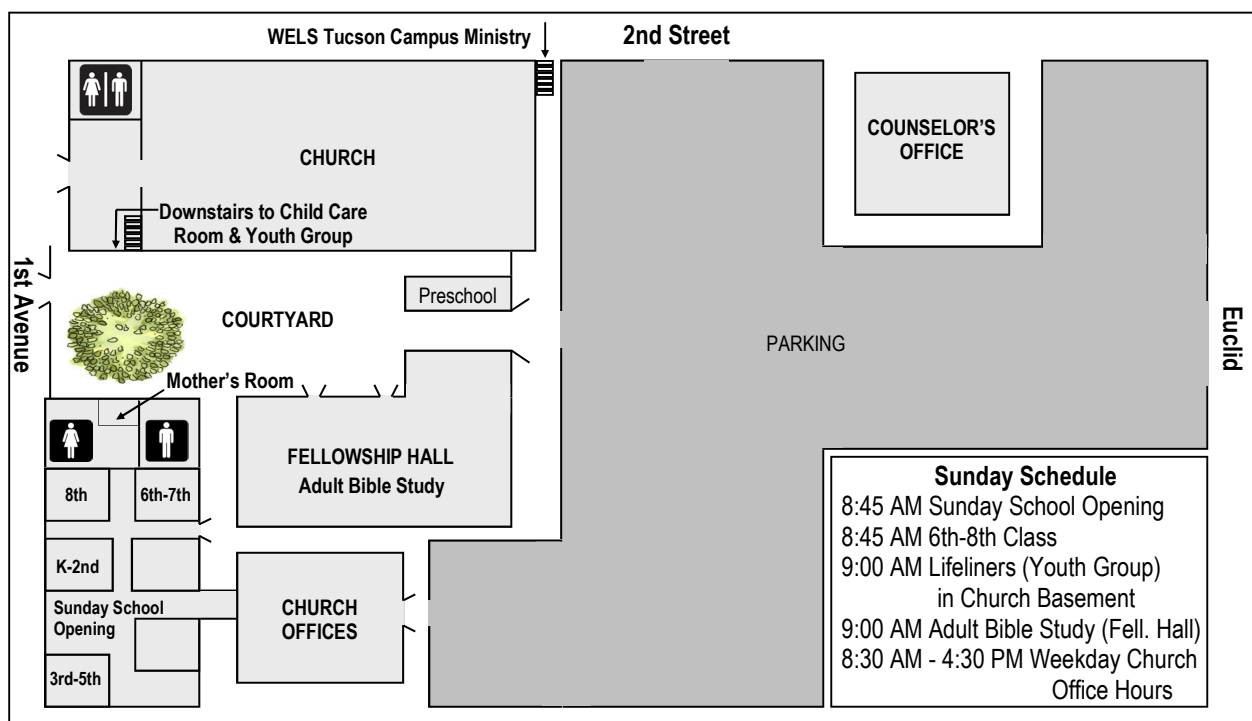
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



# DIVINE SERVICE I

## Christian Worship Supplement

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**  
**7:45 AM—**  
*O Christ, Who Called  
the Twelve*  
Arr. by Cindy Berry

### WELCOME

### HYMN

**I Hear the Savior Calling**  
*Christian Worship #560*

*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*



*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:** 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 introduction)*

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.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

Then the woman went to her husband and told him, “A man of God came to me. He looked like an angel of God, very awesome. I didn’t ask him where he came from, and he didn’t tell me his name. But he said to me, ‘You will conceive and give birth to a son. Now then, drink no wine or other fermented drink and do not eat anything unclean, because the boy will be a Nazirite of God from birth until the day of his death.’” Then Manoah prayed to the LORD: “O Lord, I beg you, let the man of God you sent to us come again to teach us how to bring up the boy who is to be born.” God heard Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman while she was out in the field; but her husband Manoah was not with her. The woman hurried to tell her husband, “He’s here! The man who appeared to me the other day!” Manoah got up and followed his wife. When he came to the man, he said, “Are you the one who talked to my wife?” “I am,” he said. So Manoah asked him, “When your words are fulfilled, what is to be the rule for the boy’s life and work?” The angel of the LORD answered, “Your wife must do all that I have told her. She must not eat anything that comes from the grapevine, nor drink any wine or other fermented drink nor eat anything unclean. She must do everything I have commanded her.” Manoah said to the angel of the LORD,

### Judges 13:6-24 (NIV)

“We would like you to stay until we prepare a young goat for you.” The angel of the LORD replied, “Even though you detain me, I will not eat any of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, offer it to the LORD.” (Manoah did not realize that it was the angel of the LORD.) Then Manoah inquired of the angel of the LORD, “What is your name, so that we may honor you when your word comes true?” He replied, “Why do you ask my name? It is beyond understanding.” Then Manoah took a young goat, together with the grain offering, and sacrificed it on a rock to the LORD. And the LORD did an amazing thing while Manoah and his wife watched: As the flame blazed up from the altar toward heaven, the angel of the LORD ascended in the flame. Seeing this, Manoah and his wife fell with their faces to the ground. When the angel of the LORD did not show himself again to Manoah and his wife, Manoah realized that it was the angel of the LORD. “We are doomed to die!” he said to his wife. “We have seen God!” But his wife answered, “If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and grain offering from our hands, nor shown us all these things or now told us this.” The woman gave birth to a boy and named him Samson. He grew and the LORD blessed him.

*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.*

*The vocalist(s) will sing the verses, the congregation may join in the Refrains.*



Lord, in your mer-cy hear my prayer; your good-ness nev - er fails.

The Lord has long looked with favor Upon the chosen land;  
To Jacob's heirs, the wealth of earth Is lavished in their hand.  
The captive chains of servitude Are loosed, the slaves are free;  
And through God's grace, the bonds of sin Give way to liberty.

#### **Refrain**

Restore to us salvation, Lord, Let your displeasure cease;  
And still the pow'r of your own wrath With gentle winds of peace.  
My humble heart the still small voice Of your great love attend;  
The faithful, you from death redeem, the fearful you defend.

#### **Refrain**

Your steadfast love and faithful ways Will meet us face to face;  
The arm of justice, mercy sways; The righteous, truth embrace.  
May wisdom dwell in human law, And justice, courts display;  
Let righteous ways precede your steps, and guide us on our way.

#### **Refrain**

### **SECOND LESSON**

**Romans 10:13-17 (NIV)**

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are

the feet of those who bring good news!" But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word of Christ.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

**John 8:12 cf. NIV**

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

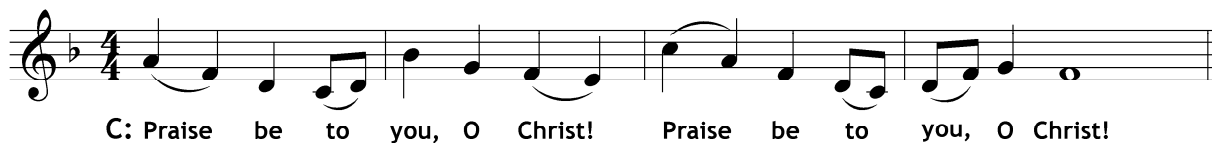
*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around him and listening to the word of God, he saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." When they

had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



## 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.

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

*The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.*

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

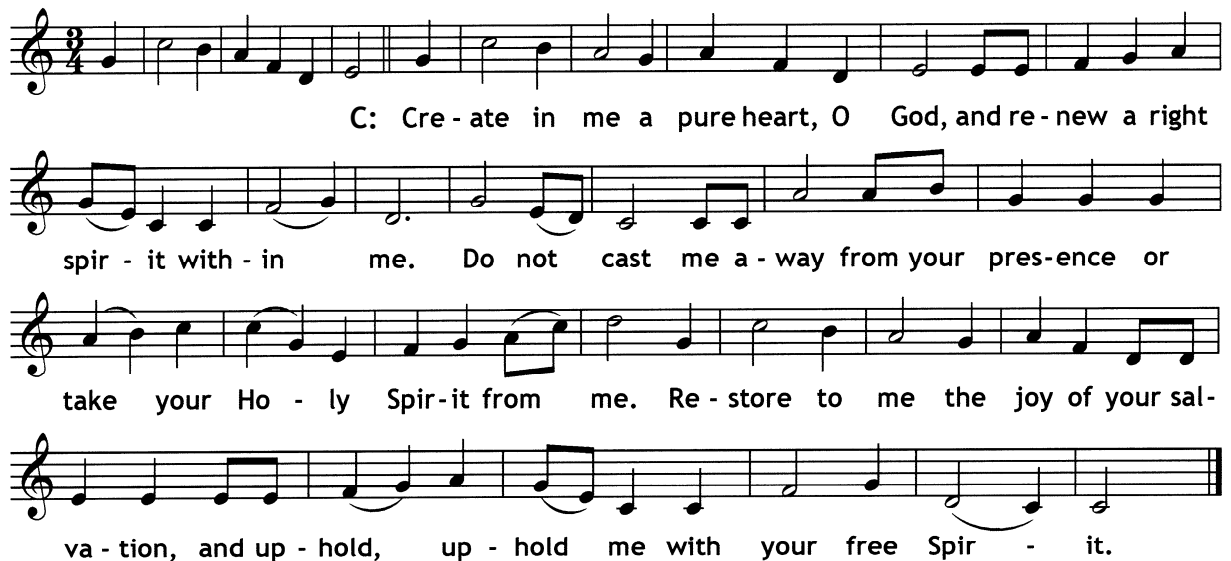
How Shall They Hear the Word of God  
Christian Worship #575

## SERMON

Luke 5:1-11  
Fish for People

*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.

*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!*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—  
Speak, O Savior; I  
Am Listening  
Arr. by Valerie  
Floeter

*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.*

*Please be seated*

*This hymn leads us  
to consider the cost  
of discipleship and  
to pray for Jesus'  
guidance and  
strength to fulfill  
his will.*

# HYMN

## O Christ, Who Called the Twelve Christian Worship Supplement #770



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To  
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The  
3 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On  
4 O Christ, th' a - pos - tles' Lord, The



rise and fol - low you, For -  
truth for a - ges sealed, Whose  
roads they'd nev - er trod To  
mar - tyrs' strength and song, The



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For  
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The  
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The  
cru - ci - fied and ris - en King To



ven - tures bold and new: Grant  
ways of God re - vealed: In -  
near - er reign of God: Send  
whom the saints be - long: Though



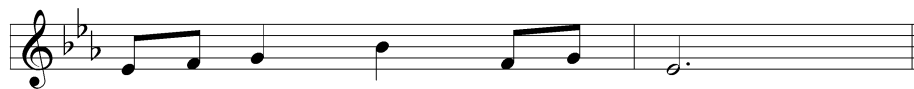
us to hear your call To  
struct us now, we pray, By  
us on ways where faith Tran -  
gen - er - a - tions pass, Our



risk se - cur - i - ty And,  
your em - pow'r - ing Word. True  
scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where  
trib - ute still we bring, Our



bound in heart and will to you, Find  
teach - er, be for all who seek Their  
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both  
hymns a sac - ri - fice of praise, Our



per - fect lib - er - ty.  
light, their life, their Lord.  
life and min - is - try.  
lives an of - fer - ing.

*Please stand*

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through 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*

*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*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING HYMN

**Praise to You and Adoration**  
*Christian Worship #470*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preacher** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists** ..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)  
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Vocalist** ..... Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)  
**Worship Choir Director** ..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Ushers** ..... Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)  
Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)  
Jonathan Miller, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

## POSTLUDE:

**7:45 AM—**  
*Send Me*  
Arr. by Valerie Floeter

*Pastor Koehler is preaching at Grace-Sahuarita this morning.*

## 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.

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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 • Feb 8-Feb 15**

**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):  
• *Pastor Kassulke: Amos* .....9:00a  
**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)

**Monday**

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

**Tuesday**

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

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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

**Friday**

Precious Lambs ..... 9:30-11:30a

**Saturday**

WOG Valentine's Tea at Grace-Tucson ..... 11:30a

**Sunday**

Worship Services .....7:45 & 10:00a  
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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: *Is it OK to Date a Non-Christian?* ..... 7:00p

**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 .....7:30a

**Sunday**

Worship Service .....7:30a

**VAIL**

**Today**

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

**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.

## Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Molly Street today at 2:00 PM in the 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.



## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Vic & Lois Thornton in celebration of their daughter, Rosie Geselbracht's 27<sup>th</sup> birthday and in loving memory of Lila Moll and Rosalie Thornton, her grandmother's.

## 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 O'Donald, Rentschler and Weir Families. 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*

Exodus 34:29-35  
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2  
Luke 9:28-36

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Luke 9:28-36  
*This is God's Son!*

## Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for Sunday, February 22 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Pastor and Council reports can be found in the church entryways and in the Fellowship Hall. The report keeps members informed and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

## Women of Grace Valentine Tea—February 14

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea this Saturday, February 14 at 11:30 AM in the 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 tomorrow, 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).

## **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. Please consider asking an unchurched friend to join you!



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 25, March 4, 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. Please consider asking an unchurched friend to join you!

## **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. Please consider asking an unchurched friend to join you!

## **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!

## 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).*

## Prayer Chain

If you would like to make a prayer request for yourself or someone you know, you may contact Geri DeRosa (615-6059) or Cora in the church office (623-6633). You may join the prayer chain and participate in prayers for others by contacting Geri DeRosa by phone or email [gjder@aol.com](mailto:gjder@aol.com).

## 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](http://Thrivent.com) or calling a Customer Care Professional at 800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and when prompted, say, “Thrivent Choice.”

## Tuition Tax Credit

Even in the New Year, it is not too late to make a donation to the HELP Scholarship Foundation which may also be claimed as a tax credit on your 2014 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2014 tax year. Tuition Tax Credits can reduce (dollar-for-dollar) the amount that you owe in state income taxes up to \$2106 for a married couple (filing jointly) or \$1053 for an individual. These credits are also limited by your total tax liability. Visit [www.helpscholarships.org](http://www.helpscholarships.org) for more information or to make a donation. Flyers with donation brochures are also available at any of Grace’s locations. If you have any questions about the Tuition Tax Credit program, please speak to Stephanie Weinstein (520-909-8022) or one of the pastors.

For the 2015 tax year, donation limits increase to \$2134 per married couple and \$1067 for individuals.

Grace currently has 8 students enrolled at Redeemer Lutheran School (Colby Heinz, Samuel and Naomi Kassulke, Tristan and AJ McDunn, Emma and Jacob Miller, and Colton Watson) and 5 students at Arizona Lutheran Academy (Elizabeth Colton, Daniel Koehler, Dustin and James Pauley, and Josiah Weinstein). We are very thankful that through the tuition tax credits, Sam and Naomi Kassulke and Danny Koehler’s tuition costs have been covered for the current school year. Your help in this way is extremely valuable to families, and you are even allowed to recommend a specific student to receive the benefits of your donation.



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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)