

# The Coming of the Holy Spirit— The Day of Pentecost



Grace Lutheran Church  
May 24, 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.

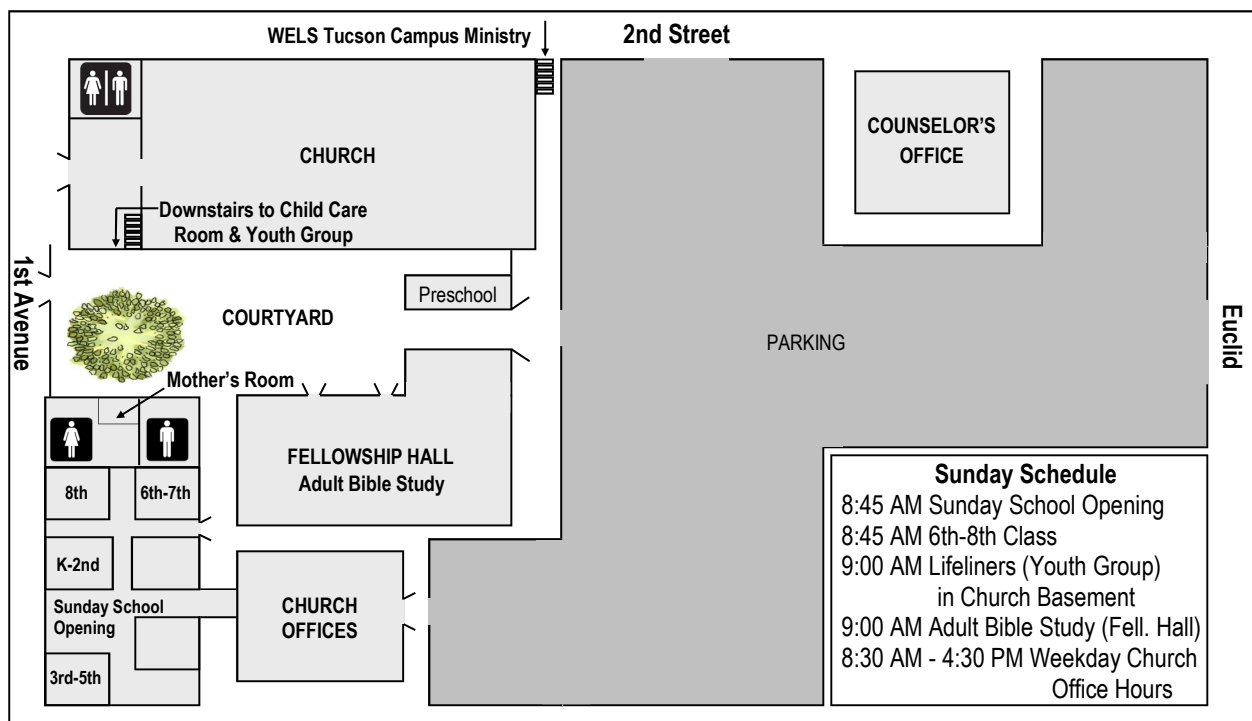
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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 II**  
*Christian Worship Supplement*

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**

*Spirit of God,  
Descend Upon My  
Heart with O Breath  
of Life  
By Frederick C.  
Atkinson and Joel  
Blomquist  
Arr. by Cindy Berry*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

**This Day at Your Creating Word**  
*Christian Worship #229*

*Please stand*

**INVOCATION**

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

**DIALOGUE FOR PENTECOST DAY**

M: In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth  
was formless and empty, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.  
C: **The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.**

*Genesis 1:1-2  
Job 33:4*

M: Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?  
C: **If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you  
are there.**

*Psalms 139:7-8*

M: The Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever."  
C: **O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger or discipline me in your wrath.**

*Genesis 6:3*

M: Be merciful to me, Lord, for I am faint; O Lord, heal me, for my bones are in  
agony.  
C: **Turn, O Lord, and deliver me; save me because of your unfailing love.**

*Psalms 6:1-4*

M: Jesus said to his disciples, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his  
sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."  
C: **No one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the  
Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.**

*John 20:22-23*

*John 3:5-6*

M: The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to  
preach good news to the poor.  
C: **There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because  
through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of  
sin and death.**

*Isaiah 61:1*

*Romans 8:1-2*

M: Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is  
freedom.  
C: **Come, Holy Spirit! Fill the hearts of your faithful people, and kindle in us  
the fire of your love. Alleluia!**

*2 Corinthians 3:17  
From the  
traditional antiphon  
for Pentecost*

*This hymn is a  
paraphrase of the  
Gloria in Excelsis,  
the traditional song  
of praise sung in  
Christian churches  
near the beginning  
of worship.*

## HYMN OF PRAISE

*Gloria in Excelsis*

**All Glory Be to God on High**  
*Christian Worship #263*

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, Who has our  
2 We praise, we wor - ship you, we trust; We give you  
3 O Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son Of God, your  
4 O Ho - ly Spir - it, pre - cious Gift, Our Com - fort -

race be - friend - ed! To us no harm shall  
thanks for - ev - er, O Fa - ther, that your  
heav'n - ly Fa - ther, You did for all our  
er from heav - en, Our wea - ry hearts and

now come nigh; The strife at last is end - ed. The  
rule is just And wise and chang - es nev - er. In  
sins a - tone, And your lost sheep you gath - er. O  
souls up - lift; For this our praise is giv - en. De -

Fa - ther's love, the Sav - ior's birth, Bring peace, good will, to  
bound - less pow'r, with might - y reign, Done is what - ev - er  
Lamb of God, to you on high From depths of woe we  
liv - er us from doubt and fear; When Sa - tan trou - bles

all the earth; Oh, thank him for his good - ness!  
you or - dain; Your rule brings count - less bless - ings!  
sin - ners cry, Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!  
us, be near; We trust your love and pow - er.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray.

Holy Spirit, God and Lord, come to us this joyful day with your sevenfold gift of grace. Rekindle in our hearts the holy fire of your love that in true and living faith we may tell abroad the glory of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)**

**Holy Spirit, Truth Divine**

*Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.  
Word of God and inward Light, wake my spirit, clear my sight.*

*Holy Spirit, Love divine, glow within this heart of mine.  
Kindle ev'ry high desire, perish self in Thy pure fire.*

*Holy Spirit, Pow'r divine, fill and nerve this will of mine.  
Grant that I may strongly live, bravely bear, and nobly strive.  
Holy Spirit, Right divine, King within my conscious reign.*

*Holy Spirit, Truth divine, dawn upon this soul of mine.  
Be my Lord, and I shall be firmly bound, forever free.*

**FIRST LESSON**

**Genesis 11:1-9 (NIV)**

Now the whole world had one language and a common speech. As men moved eastward, they found a plain in Shinar and settled there. They said to each other, "Come, let's make bricks and bake them thoroughly." They used brick instead of stone, and tar for mortar. Then they said, "Come, let us build ourselves a city, with a tower that reaches to the heavens, so that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth." But the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the

men were building. The LORD said, "If as one people speaking the same language they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them. Come, let us go down and confuse their language so they will not understand each other." So the LORD scattered them from there over all the earth, and they stopped building the city. That is why it was called Babel—because there the LORD confused the language of the whole world. From there the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

*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.*

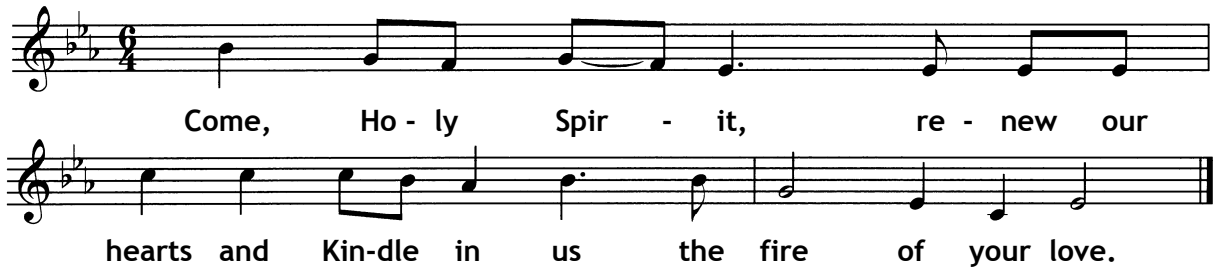
The Psalms were the hymnbook of the Old Testament.

These poems, inspired by God, have been set to music and used in the worship lives of God's people for thousands of years. We give praise to God and encouragement to one another as we incorporate the singing of Psalms or selected verses of Psalms into our worship services.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 51b

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



1. O Lord, open / my lips,\* and my mouth will de- / clare your praise.
2. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would / bring it;\*  
you do not take pleasure in burnt / offerings.
3. The sacrifices of God are a broken / spirit;\*  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will / not despise.

### Refrain

4. Create in me a pure / heart, O God,\*  
and renew a steadfast spirit with- / in me.
5. Do not cast me from your / presence\* or take your Holy Spirit / from me.
6. Restore to me the joy of your sal- / vation,\*  
and grant me a willing spirit, to sus- / tain me.
7. Then I will teach transgressors / your ways,\*  
and sinners will turn / back to you.
8. 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

Acts 2:1-21 (NIV)

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. Now there

were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: "Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of

Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!” Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, “What does this mean?” Some, however, made fun of them and said, “They have had too much wine.” Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only

nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: ‘In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams. Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord. And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

### **VERSE OF THE DAY (10 AM—Sung by the Voices of Grace)**

M: Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

*From the antiphon:  
Come, Holy Spirit*

*Please stand*

### **GOSPEL LESSON**

**John 15:26-27 (NIV)**

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

M: The Gospel according to John chapter fifteen.  
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the

Father, he will testify about me. And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.”

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**O Holy Spirit, Grant Us Grace**  
*Christian Worship #185*

### **SERMON**

**John 15:26-27**  
**The Spirit of Truth**

*Please stand*



## CONFESSION OF FAITH

## Luther's Explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed from the Small Catechism

**C:** I believe that I cannot by my own thinking or choosing believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the gospel, enlightened me with his gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way he calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church he daily and fully forgives all sins to me and all believers. On the Last Day he will raise me and all the dead and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ. This is most certainly true.

*Please be seated*



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

### OFFERTORY:

*Spirit, Spirit of  
Gentleness  
Arr. by David M.  
Cherwien*

*Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence.  
The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing. . . as a sign of the Resurrection."*

## 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 - PENTECOST

**M:** Holy Spirit of God, we worship and glorify you as the Lord and giver of all spiritual life. By our own thinking and choosing, we would still be lost in our sins, wandering in spiritual darkness toward eternal death. Only by your gift of faith do we now confess that Jesus Christ is our Lord; only by your enlightenment do we know the loving heart of our Father in heaven and his promise of eternal life in Christ. With the Father and the Son, you are one God, one Lord.

We thank you for fulfilling the Word you gave by the prophets and the promise spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ. You came down on the Day of Pentecost to guide and comfort the apostles, to lead them into all truth, and to reveal your plan to save us. Extend your Church throughout the world by the words we speak and the messengers we send.

We praise you for calling us by the gospel and making us sons and daughters of God by faith in Christ Jesus. By Baptism you clothed us in his righteousness. You gathered us into his flock, the one holy Christian Church, where we hear the Shepherd's voice proclaiming the forgiveness of all our sins. Live in us, Holy Spirit, and warm our hearts with the fire of your love.

Continue to preserve us in this one true faith by the means you have chosen, our Savior's gospel in Word and Sacraments. Enable us to present ourselves with all our abilities as thank offerings to him who sacrificed himself for us.



*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: Sanctify us in body, mind, and spirit to glorify our Father in heaven and to serve our neighbor here on earth with good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Matthew 6:9-13*

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*

## HYMN

**Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest**  
*Christian Worship #177*

*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.

## BLESSING

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*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING HYMN

**Holy Spirit, Light Divine**  
*Christian Worship #183*

*(The Sunday School children will sing stanza 1.)*

*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.*

## POSTLUDE:

*Hail Thee, Festival Day*  
*CW #179*

*Hail thee festival Day! Blest day to be hallowed forever,  
Day when the Holy Ghost shone in the world with his grace.*

*See the communion of saints increase through the gospel of Jesus.  
Praise to the Spirit of life; praise to the Spirit of pow'r!*

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## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher .....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader .....	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanist .....	Teri Guenther
Voices of Grace Director .....	Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Violin .....	Maya Parra (10:00 AM)
Percussion .....	Taylor Parra (10:00 AM)
Ushers .....	Jay Wiechmann, Rick Street, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Ed Ethington, Jacob Kassulke, Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Ferdie Kramm, Taylor Parra, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech .....	Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

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### **Celebrate the Kassulkes!**

Next Sunday, May 31, Pastor Kassulke's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the ministry and as pastor at Grace will be celebrated at a special fellowship served by Bryan and Teri Guenther after the 10 AM worship service at Grace-Tucson. Pastor and Beth, along with their children, have been such a blessing to our church family! While gifts are not asked for, cards are welcome. The Kassulke family, which is spread out across the country, will enjoy a large, family vacation at Disney this summer. If you would like give a gift toward that you may. Questions may be directed to Teri Guenther at 235-1177.

### **Kassulke Declines Divine Call**

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

### **Divine Call Extended**

At Grace's Call Meeting on Saturday, May 9, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Brian Hackmann (pronounced Hock-man). Pastor Hackmann currently serves at Peace Lutheran Church in Eagle River, Alaska. Please keep Pastor Hackmann, his wife Tricia and their 4 children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Eagle River and here at Grace!

### **Vacation Bible School & VBS Picnic!**

Grace's summer Vacation Bible School themed *Making Tracks* will be June 8-12, from 9:00 until 11:30 AM at Grace-Tucson. For more information about VBS or to register, please visit [www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/vbs](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/vbs). VBS registration forms, which can also be used to invite friends, are also available in the Fellowship Hall.

The closing service starts at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 14 at Grace-Tucson with the VBS picnic to follow on site.

We are in need of volunteers to assist with teaching, snacks and general help. If you would like to volunteer, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated and can be given to Cindi or Pastor Kassulke.



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 • May 24-May 31

### 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):  
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* ..... 9:00a

#### Wednesday

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

#### Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus* ..... 9:00a

#### Sunday

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
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  
**Kassulke 10 Year Celebration** ..... 11:00a  
**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 2:00p

### SAHUARITA

#### Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship ..... 9:45a

#### Wednesday

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

#### Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship ..... 9:45a  
**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 2:00p

### VAIL

#### Today

Bible Study: *Joshua* ..... 9:00a  
Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service ..... 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

#### Monday

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

#### Sunday

Bible Study: *Joshua* ..... 9:00a  
Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service ..... 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....  
**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 2:00p

### BENSON

#### Today

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

#### Sunday

Worship Service ..... 7:30a  
**Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 2:00p

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## TODAY

### Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

### 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 Naomi Kassulke and 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 Greg & Karen Grorud to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dorothy & August Lehet.

### NEXT SUNDAY

#### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Numbers 6:22-27  
1 John 5:5-12  
John 16:12-15

### Graduation Open House

You are invited to an open house for Arizona Lutheran Academy graduates Danny Koehler (son of Pastor and Debbie Koehler) and Josiah Weinstein (son of Outreach Elder Jeff and Stephanie Weinstein). It will be held at the Koehler's house at 2664 W. Lazybrook Drive tomorrow, Monday, May 25th from 1 PM to 7 PM. Please come and celebrate with the boys!

### Upcoming Voters' Meeting Next Sunday

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for next Sunday, May 31 at 2:00 PM. The meeting will be in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found in the church entryways and in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

### GAINING GROUND—A Campaign To Benefit Arizona Lutheran Academy

ALA, our Lutheran High School in Phoenix, has been presented with an unbelievably generous offer from a local land developer. Mr. Michael Pollack has offered the adjacent 3.6 acre parcel of land on the southwest corner of 27<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Southern Avenue to ALA for one half of its appraised value. A purchase agreement has been signed and the school has been given until the end of September to raise the funds necessary to purchase the property. We will be informing you of the "Gaining Ground" fund-raising campaign in weeks to come and asking you to prayerfully consider a monetary gift to aid this endeavor.



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

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