Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Sawai Chinnawong, acrylic on canvas, 2004

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church June 28, 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.

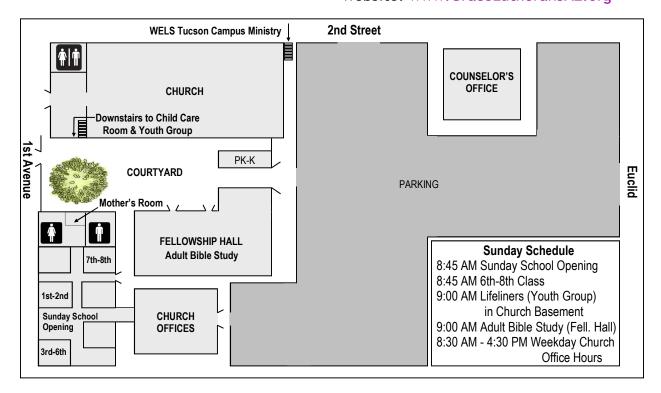
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs Christian Worship #227

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

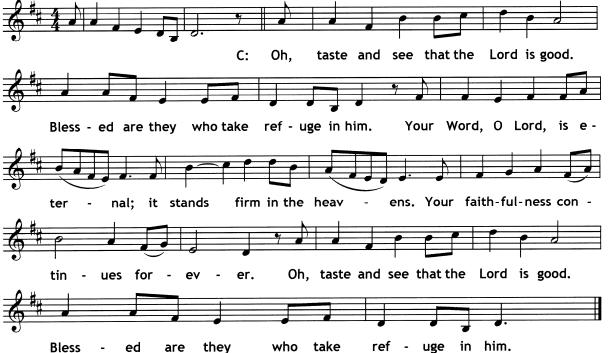
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus with In Christ Alone Arranged by Carol Tornquist

and

Still, My Soul, Be Still (with Be Still, My Soul) Arranged by James Koerts

Lyrics:
"Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain, Leave to thy God to order and provide."

The words of this song of praise are based on Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89. It marks our thankfulness to have heard God's forgiveness of our sins and anticipates our listening to God's Word throughout our worship service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, our God, govern the nations on earth and direct the affairs of this world so that your Church may worship you in peace and joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice of Joseph and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he refused. "With me in charge," he told her, "my master does not concern himself with anything in the house; everything he owns he has entrusted to my care. No one is greater in this house than I am. My master has withheld nothing from me except you, because you are his wife. How then could I do such a wicked thing and sin against God?" And though she spoke to Joseph day after day, he refused to go to bed with her or even be with her. One day he went into the house to attend to his duties, and none of the household servants was inside. She caught him by his cloak and said, "Come to bed with me!" But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.

Genesis 39:6b-12, 16-23 (NIV)

She kept his cloak beside her until his master came home. Then she told him this story: "That Hebrew slave you brought us came to me to make sport of me. But as soon as I screamed for help, he left his cloak beside me and ran out of the house." When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, "This is how your slave treated me," he burned with anger. Joseph's master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined. But while Joseph was there in the prison, the LORD was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden. So the warden put Joseph in charge of all those held in the prison, and he was made responsible for all that was done there. The warden paid no attention to anything under Joseph's care, because the LORD was with Joseph and gave him success in whatever he did.

PSALM OF THE DAY PSALM 22

Refrain



Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us.

Psalm Tone



1. My God, my God, why have you for- / saken me?*
Why are you so far from / saving me?

- 2. I am a worm and / not a man,* scorned by men and despised by the / people.
- 3. All who see me / mock me;* they hurl insults, shaking / their heads:
- 4. "He trusts in the LORD; let the LORD / rescue him.*

 Let him deliver him, since he de- / lights in him."

Refrain

- 5. My strength is dried up, and my tongue sticks to the roof / of my mouth;* you lay me in the / dust of death.
- 6. A band of evil men has en- / circled me,* they have pierced my hands / and my feet.
- 7. They divide my garments a- / mong them* and cast lots for my / clothing.
- 8. But you, O LORD, be not / far off;*
 O my Strength, come quickly to / help me.
- 9. 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

By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter. He chose to be mistreated along with the people of God rather than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a short time. He regarded disgrace for the sake of Christ as of

Hebrews 11:24-26 (NIV)

greater value than the treasures of Egypt, because he was looking ahead to his reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the king's anger; he persevered because he saw him who is invisible.

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.

M: Alleluia. Because we are his children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" Alleluia.

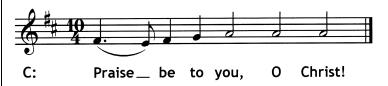
Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King. GOSPEL Luke 9:18-24 (NIV)

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life." "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God." Jesus strictly warned them not to tell this to anyone. And he said, "The Son of Man

must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life." Then he said to them all: "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke Christian Worship #453

SERMON

Genesis 39:6b-12, 16-23 Is Faithfulness to God Worth the Trouble it Brings?

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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!

ADULT CONFIRMATION with BAPTISM (10:00 AM)

Britney Lee Hall

Minister: Britney, do you this day in the presence of God and this Christian congregation confirm your faith in the Triune God?

New Member: I do.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit?

NM: Yes, I believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it? If so, then answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live? If so, then answer: I do, and I ask God to help me.

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Britney, by the power of the Word, the Holy Spirit has led you to believe that new life in Christ is yours. Now in Holy Baptism the Lord Jesus assures you of your salvation. That you may give public testimony of your faith and your desire for baptism, I ask you:

Do you believe that you were born in sin and therefore eternally lost?

NM: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you believe that God grants you the forgiveness of sins in Holy Baptism?

NM: Yes, I believe.

M: Do you desire to be baptized?

NM: Yes, I do.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Day By Day Arrangements by Tom Fettke & Melody Bober

Lyrics:

"Day by day, and with each passing moment, Strength I find to meet my trials here; Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment, I've no cause for worry or for fear. He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure, Gives unto each day what He deems best..."

Grace offers a series of classes for adults called Grow in Grace classes. In these classes the pastors cover the basic teachings of Holy Scripture, the Christian faith, and explain the doctrines and practices of our Lutheran church. Those who have a possible interest in becoming members at Grace are encouraged to speak with one of the pastors about these classes.

M: Britney Lee Hall, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

The almighty God- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit- has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

M: Give now your hand at the Lord's altar as a pledge of your promise and receive his blessing.

Britney, may God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, give you his Holy Spirit, the Spirit of wisdom and knowledge, of grace and prayer, of power and strength, of sanctification and the fear of God.

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

We pray: Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for your great goodness in bringing Britney to faith in your Son Jesus Christ, enabling her with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His name. We ask you to strengthen her by your Holy Spirit through Word and sacrament. Grant her to continue steadfast in faith until the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.
- C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.
- M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.
- C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.
- M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.
- C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.
- M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.
- C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

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."

- M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.
- C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.
- M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.
- C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Though Thoughtless Thousands Choose Christian Worship #466

Please stand

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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 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."

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE:

O, For A Faith That Will Not Shrink Arranged by Melody Bober

Lyrics:
"A faith that shines
more bright and
clear When
tempests rage
without; That when
in danger knows no
fear, In darkness
feels no doubt."

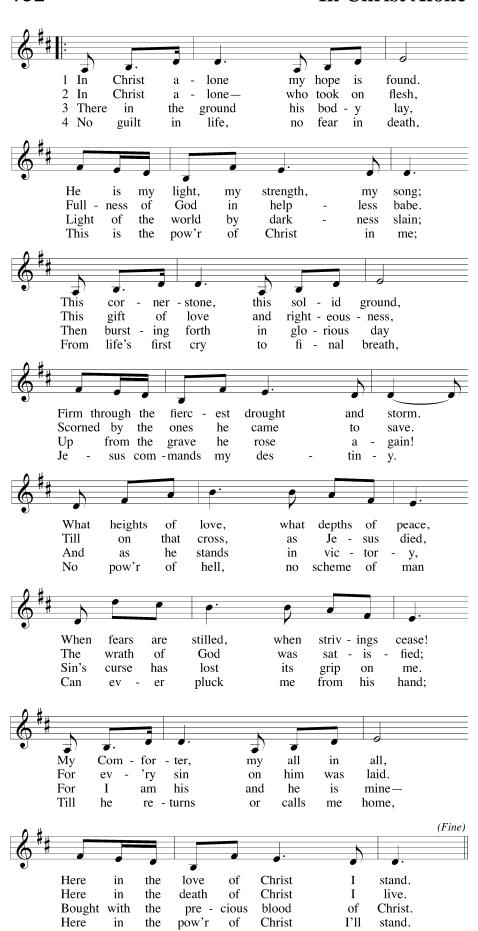
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In Christ Alone Christian Worship Supplement #752

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Confirming Pastor	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanist	Stephanie Kania
Ushers	Rick Street, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
Ma	ark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster (10:00 AM)
	Danny Koehler, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording T	ech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)

In Christ Alone



New Multi-Site Congregation in Arizona!

Although Grace is the only 4-site congregation in the WELS, more of our congregations are realizing the benefits of becoming a multi-site church. Merging two existing congregations to preserve and strengthen church locations and establishing new mission sites are two common reasons to do this. Pastors around the country are contacting us to hear how we have done it and how we are doing. While we don't have all the answers and we're still working on many things, the Lord is certainly blessing us and it is a blessing to be able to help our brothers and sisters in Christ as they embark on a similar journey! Below is an excerpt from the most recent WELS *Together* publication, sharing the exciting news for another Arizona congregation and one we've had the privilege of sharing with as they worked toward this day!

Earlier this month the Board for Home Missions (BHM) authorized funding for a new mission as well as for enhancing a self-supporting ministry. The new mission is a multi-site effort of Cross of Glory, Peoria, Arizona. Cross of Glory, a congregation of 269 members in the greater Phoenix area, is planning to establish a second site in nearby Vistancia, a growing community eight miles west of the congregation. The community's current population is 16,000, but it is projected to grow to more than 70,000 people; currently only one Protestant church is in the area. Cross of Glory already has been canvassing in that community. Funding will allow the congregation to provide the necessary facilities in Vistancia and to call a second pastor to lead outreach efforts, do prospect follow-up, and eventually begin Bible study and worship services at the new site.

We rejoice with Cross of Glory and pray for gospel efforts! You can sign up for a free email subscription to *Together* and other WELS publications by using this link: http://www.wels.net/wels-subscriptions

Grace-Sahuarita Summer Bible Study on the Parables of Jesus

This Wednesday, July 1, a new Bible Study series will begin at Grace-Sahuarita. Join Pastor Koehler for this revealing study of the stories Jesus told. You are encouraged to invite an unchurched friend or family member to come along with you. We will meet on Wednesdays at 10 AM in the fellowship and Bible study room.

Church Library

Did you know that we have a church library? It is located in the west side of the Fellowship Hall. There is a growing collection of excellent Christian books that you may borrow throughout the year.

When you do borrow books please be sure to return them to the library once you're finished so others may enjoy them as well.

2015 WELS Convention Preview

On Saturday, June 6, the pastors, male teachers, and lay representatives from many congregations within our Saguaro Circuit (Tucson and southeastern Arizona) met to prepare for the Synod Convention, which takes place July 27-30 in Saginaw, Michigan. Grace was represented by three laymen who each worship regularly at a different site. We were unable to find a representative from Benson whose schedule could include the meeting. Grace asked these representatives to each write a summary of the experience to share with their respective site. Below is Dennis Miller's description.

I enjoyed being involved as a layperson representative for the BORAM (Book of Reports and Memorials) meeting. I know the synod is very busy around the world, but this close up look gave me a very good glimpse of exactly how much they are doing. The outlook for the goals of the synod are ambitious, and they rely on congregations contributing on CMO (Congregational Mission Offerings). It is amazing how much support our congregations give the synod through their offerings! As presented in the BORAM, the goals the synod is trying to achieve all have the people ready to work toward achieving them. The reports are very thorough as to what they wish to do. What is not presented is a plan for how they intend to fund the programs outside of CMO. It is clear by their reports they do not expect to meet the financial needs needed to accomplish all their goals. Some choices will have to be made as to what projects can be completed now, which will have to wait, and which will be cut. I do not envy the choices leaders in these areas will have to make, as all of their goals would be a blessing to our synod, our colleges, and those who would hear the gospel if the programs were to be funded. They should/need to look for other funding options to meet their goals outside the CMO in order to meet their ambitious goals. As for the CMO, only we as a congregation can increase our CMO. We can either come up with our own fundraising plans for the CMO or increase giving toward the CMO while still balancing our ambitious goals as a congregation.

Dennis Miller

ALA Gaining Ground Support

Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA), our area Lutheran High School in Phoenix, has been offered an opportunity to purchase land adjacent to its current property. This land is a highly desirable corner lot which would provide excellent visibility for the school and offers many options for its immediate and long-term use. And the land is being offered to ALA for approximately half of its market value. ALA's Board of Directors has decided to go forward with an aggressive campaign to be able to complete the purchase and to fund a number of other vital needs. The goal is to raise one million dollars by the end of September of this year, the deadline for making the final payment on the property.

At their meeting in May, Grace's voters approved a plan for Grace to support this campaign and to encourage interested members to do the same. They approved an expenditure of up to \$10,000 from the General Bequest Fund to be used to match the first \$10,000 that Grace members contribute to this effort. You can support this effort with special gifts to the "ALA Land Fund" that has been established at Grace. The first \$10,000 in donations received to this fund will be matched and sent to ALA for their "Gaining Ground" campaign. Learn more about the this campaign at ALA's website, www.alacoyotes.org.

Voters' Meeting Update

In addition to the support for ALA's Gaining Ground Campaign, the voters approved several changes to Grace's bylaws, including one to grant voting rights on the Church Council to the representatives from Grace-Benson and Grace-Sahuarita. They adjusted the 2015 Ministry Spending Plan (MSP) to reflect our current situation and the fact that a pastor has not yet accepted our Call to serve in Sahuarita. Grace's voters also approved a plan to provide an annual scholarship to Grace members who are students at Wisconsin Lutheran College (WELS) and Bethany Lutheran College (ELS).

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Ted and Donna Malchow in memory of loved ones.

Baptism & Confirmation

Britney Hall will be baptized and confirmed during 10:00 AM worship this morning. We welcome her to Grace and ask God's blessings on her!

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Jonah 3:3-4:4 2 Corinthians 11:21b-30 Luke 9:51-62

Sermon Text & Theme

Jonah 3:3-4:4
What Kind of God Do You Want?

Call Meeting Today

The next Call Meeting is this afternoon at 2:00 PM at Grace-Tucson. We will be extending a Divine Call for a Pastor to serve at Grace-Sahuarita. All members are welcome to join us for this meeting and to offer appropriate input to the voters.

Member Information Update

A letter was sent out with two information sheets for members and friends of Grace to fill out and return. 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 complete these forms and return them to Grace by the end of July. You can drop them off in the gray box (in the Courtyard) this morning or in the future. You can also fill out an online version of the forms at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/profile. Thank you for your help!

Grace-Tucson Service Live-Streamed

If you are traveling this summer you can tune in to Grace's live-streamed 10 AM service each Sunday at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/ServiceVideo or view it later in the archives.



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 • June 28-July 5

TUCSON Today Worship Services	Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: Church History
SAHUARITA Today Worship Service	Youth Confirmation Class
Wednesday Bible Study: Parables of Jesus	VAIL Today Bible Study: Joshua
BENSON Today Worship Service/Communion	Monday NO Bible Study

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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net