

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



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and do not claim a place among great men;
it is better for him to say to you, "Come up here,"
than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 6, 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.

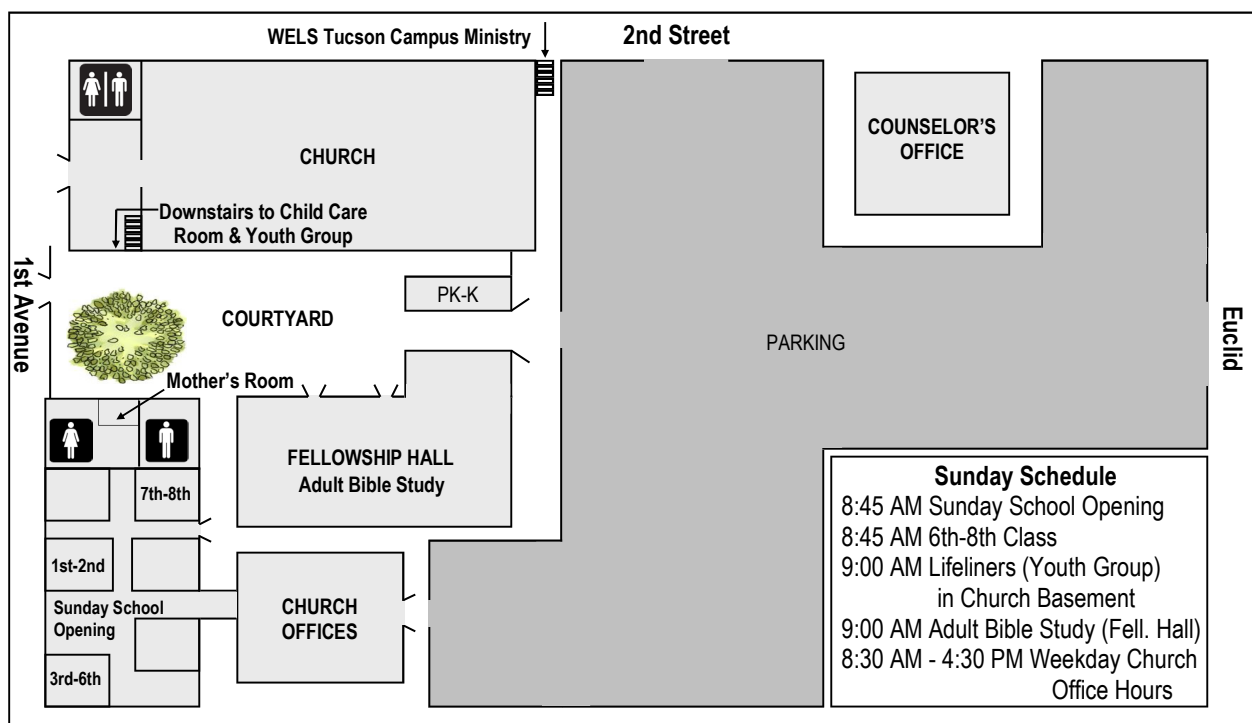
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Father, We Praise You
Christian Worship #581

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

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

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

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

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Be Thou My Vision
Arr. by Victor
Labenske

*"Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty
praise,
Thou mine
Inheritance, now
and always:
Thou and Thou only,
first in my heart,
High King of Heaven,
my Treasure Thou
art."*

10:00 AM—

Faith
By Jim Brickman

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

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

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



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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

O LORD, OUR LORD



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



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



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

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

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your never-failing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

FIRST LESSON

Do not exalt yourself in the king's presence, and do not claim a place among great men; it is better for him

Proverbs 25:6, 7 (NIV)

to say to you, "Come up here," than for him to humiliate you before a nobleman.

SECOND LESSON

My brothers, as believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ, don't show favoritism. Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in shabby clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, "Here's a good seat for you," but say to the poor man, "You stand there" or "Sit on the floor by my feet," have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? But you have insulted the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are

James 2:1-13 (NIV)

they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong? If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, "Love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing right. But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker. Speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the law that gives freedom, because judgment without mercy will be shown to anyone who has not been merciful. Mercy triumphs over judgment!

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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

C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

GOSPEL

One Sabbath, when Jesus went to eat in the house of a prominent Pharisee, he was being carefully watched.

When he noticed how the guests picked the places of honor at the table, he told them this parable: "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take the place of honor, for a person more distinguished than you may have been invited. If so, the host who invited both of you will come and say to you, 'Give this man your seat.' Then, humiliated, you will have to take the least important place. But when you are invited, take the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he will say

Luke 14:1, 7-14 (NIV)

to you, 'Friend, move up to a better place.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all your fellow guests. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." Then Jesus said to his host, "When you give a luncheon or dinner, do not invite your friends, your brothers or relatives, or your rich neighbors; if you do, they may invite you back and so you will be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed. Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God of Mercy, God of Might
Christian Worship #499

SERMON

Luke 14:1, 7-14

The Honor In Humility

1. Humility is learned from the honorable Christ
2. Humility considers others worthy of honor...and shows it

Please stand

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Please be seated



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

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank you!

Please stand

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Make Me a Servant
Arr. by Kelly Willard

10:00 AM—

*Blest Be the Tie
That Binds*
Arr. by Lynn L.
Petersen

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.

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

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

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



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

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry. You are my God, and I will ex-alt you. I will give you thanks for you have be-come my sal-va-tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

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

Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

*The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.*

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

Please stand

THANK THE LORD

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

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

BLESSING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways
Christian Worship #462

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Sam Clemons (7:45 AM)
Communion Assistants.....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
	Spiritual Needs Elder, Jacob Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanists.....	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Vernon Neal (7:45 AM)
	Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Jon Miller, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snively (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team	Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

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Member Information Sheets Needed!

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

Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Daniel T. Schmidt has announced his decision to decline the Call extended to him to serve as Grace's Mission Pastor to Sahuarita. We wish him God's blessings as he continues his service in Oconomowoc, WI. We also trust that God will continue to bless our congregation as we continue the calling process and await the man the Lord of the Church has in mind to serve us. **The next Call Meeting will be next Sunday, September 13 at 3:00 PM at Grace-Tucson.**

Thursday Women's Bible Study: *Jude*

Join Pastor Koehler this Thursday, September 10 in the Grace-Tucson fellowship hall for a look at the book of Jude. This letter is one of the least known books of the New Testament. No lessons from Jude are even included in the normal Sunday readings for worship. Come find out more about this intense little letter and how it will help you to fight to hang on to your faith in these last times!

HANDBELL CHOIR Beginning Soon!

Handbell Choir will begin rehearsing on September 14. Practices are held on Mondays at 4:30 in the church basement. Anyone interesting in giving bells a try is invited to come! If you have questions or would like more information, please contact director Melissa Newbrey (702-469-0993) or music coordinator Beth Kassulke (520-260-3649).

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
Something For Thee
 Arr. by Janet Rand

"Give me a faithful heart—Likeness to Thee, That each departing day Henceforth may see Some work of love begun, Some deed of kindness done, Some wand'rer sought and won, Something for Thee."

10:00 AM—
The Gift of Love
Arr. by The O'Neill
Brothers

Though I may speak
with bravest fire,
And have the gift to
all inspire,
And have not love,
my words are vain,
As sounding brass,
and hopeless gain.

Though I may give
all I possess,
And striving so my
love profess,
But not be given by
love within,
The profit soon
turns strangely thin.

*Come, Spirit, come,
our hearts control,
Our spirits long to
be made whole.
Let inward love
guide every deed;
By this we worship,
and are freed.*

Men's Fellowship

A monthly men's fellowship group is beginning with a kick-off brunch at the Good Egg on River & Oracle this Saturday, September 12 at 9:45 AM. There will be a short devotion and discussion on what events the group would like to do this year. Please **RSVP by this Wednesday, September 9** to Cora in the church office (623-6633) if you plan on attending. For any other questions regarding the men's group please call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704.

Women of Grace Brunch Meeting

There will be a Women of Grace brunch meeting on Saturday, September 19 at 10 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Please bring "brunch" food to pass (cold cuts, salads, finger sandwiches, egg dishes, relish trays, bars & cookies, etc.)

Join us for food, fellowship and "future." It's time once again to move forward to a blessed new season at Grace! Questions? Call or text Diane Kramm at 440-8564.

Fiesta Sahuarita

Grace is participating in this year's Fiesta Sahuarita, an annual event just down the road from Grace-Sahuarita at Anamax Park. This is a great opportunity for us to greet the community and introduce them to our church! The Fiesta is Saturday, September 26, noon until 9 PM. The event includes live music, food trucks, games, arts and crafts, and a waterslide. Grace will have a booth at the festival and will be looking for **volunteers from all the Grace locations to help staff the booth for an hour or two at a time**. Boz Lomasney will be at the booth most of the day, so the volunteers are additional help. There will be lots to see and do at the Fiesta, so anyone wanting to come staff the booth for a bit can then enjoy the rest of the activities as well! If you'd like to help please contact Diane Kramm at pdkramm@earthlink.com or call/text her at 440-8564.

Interactive Faith Bible Studies

Starting this Wednesday, September 9 at 6:00 PM, there will be three Bible study opportunities to take advantage of in Tucson, Vail and Saint David (see locations below). We will be using the WELS Interactive Faith Bible Study on the life of Elisha, led by Professor Keith Wessel. This will be a five week class which will be streamed live starting at 6 PM. This class gives us an opportunity to study God's Word in a comfortable small-group environment. If you are unable to make it to a class, log in with other Christians at: <http://www.wels.net/interactivefaith>. Thank you to the three hosts willing to open up their home for this class.

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Mike & Frances Lindquist
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**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 • Sept 6-Sept 13

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School.....8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)9:00a
• *Hard Sayings of Jesus*.....9:00a
NO WELS TCM: Labor Day Weekend.....

Monday LABOR DAY

Church Office Closed

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Communion9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

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

Saturday

Men's Fellowship at the Good Egg (River/Oracle).....9:45a

Sunday

Worship Service9:45a
Sahuarita Church Picnic following worship.....
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson3:00p

BENSON

Today

Worship Service7:30a

Wednesday

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

Saturday

Men's Fellowship at the Good Egg (River/Oracle).....9:45a

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion7:30a
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson3:00p

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Hard Sayings of Jesus*..... 9:00a
International Friends at Grace-Tucson3:00
Call Meeting 3:00p
TCM: *What Does God Say About Gambling?*..... 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry*9:00a
Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Youth Confirmation9:00a
Worship Service..... 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

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Welcome Grace Guests!

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

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Nadine Rentschler & Amy Rudd. 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 Bob & Nadine Rentschler in memory of their parents.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Genesis 12:1-8
Philippians 3:4b-11
Luke 14:25-33

Sermon Text & Theme

Genesis 12:1-8
*Father Abraham,
Our Model of Faith*

Communion Register Sign-In

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

English as a Second Language

The 15th year of our English as a Second Language program begins Monday, September 14 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating please let them know! *ESL runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM September through May.*



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