

The Epiphany of Our Lord

January 10, 2016



The Epiphany - 13th century Mosaic - Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-Tucson! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

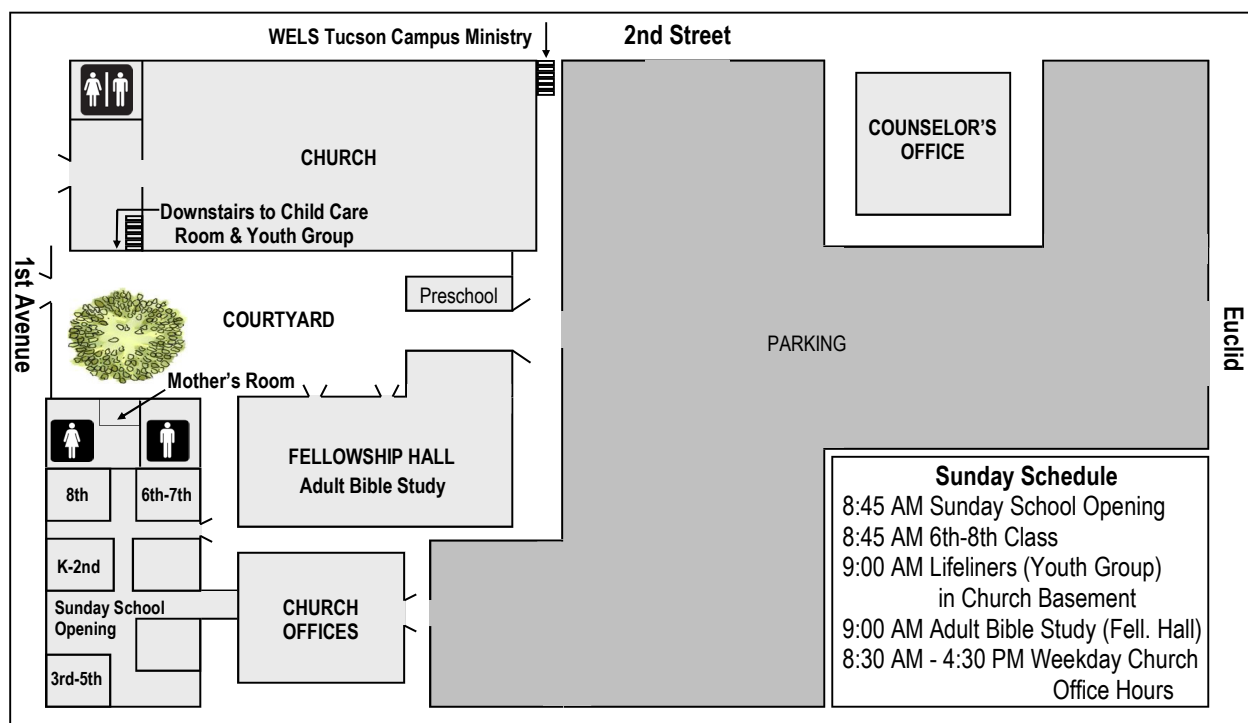
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Wise Men Came from the East

REFRAIN:

Wise men came from the East, following a star to where the Christ Child lay.

*When they came to the house where the Christ Child lay, they gave him gifts so fine:
Gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh, for this Child who was divine. REFRAIN*

May we also give our treasures, Lord, our time and talents too.

Help us give these gifts with a cheerful heart, for they all belong to you. REFRAIN

HYMN

Angels from the Realms of Glory Christian Worship #80

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.

Today we celebrate the Epiphany or “appearing” of Jesus as the Savior of all nations. January 6 was Epiphany, the Twelfth Day of the Christmas season. The Festival of the Epiphany of our Lord (also known as the Gentile Christmas) has been celebrated by the Church since the second century.

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

C: Lord, have mer - cy on us. Christ, have mer - cy
on us. Lord have mer - cy on us. A - men.

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.

Lord God, by the leading of a star you once made known to the nations your one and only Son. Guide us, also, who know him now by faith, to come at last to the perfect joy of your heavenly glory; through Jesus Christ 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

Ruth 4:13-17 (NIV)

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. Then he went to her, and the LORD enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son. The women said to Naomi: "Praise be to the LORD, who this day has not left you without a kinsman-redeemer. May he become famous throughout Israel! He will renew your life and sustain you in your

old age. For your daughter-in-law, who loves you and who is better to you than seven sons, has given him birth." Then Naomi took the child, laid him in her lap and cared for him. The women living there said, "Naomi has a son." And they named him Obed. He was the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 72

The vocalist will sing the verses. The congregation may join in the refrains and verse 5.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Endow the King with your justice O God, the royal Son with your righteousness. He will defend the afflicted among the people and save the children of the needy.
2. He will endure as long as the sun, as long as the moon, through all generations. He will be like rain falling on a mown field, like showers watering the earth.

Refrain

3. All kings will bow down to him, and all nations will serve him. All nations will be blessed through him, and they will call him blessed.
4. May his name endure forever; may it continue as long as the sun. Praise be to the LORD God, who alone does marvelous deeds. May the whole earth be filled with his glory.
5. 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

Surely you have heard about the administration of God's grace that was given to me for you, that is, the mystery made known to me by revelation, as I have already written briefly. In reading this, then, you will be able to understand my insight into the mystery of Christ, which was not made known to men in other generations as it has now been revealed by the Spirit to God's holy apostles and prophets. This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus. I became a servant of this gospel by the gift of God's grace

given me through the working of his power. Although I am less than the least of all God's people, this grace was given me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to make plain to everyone the administration of this mystery, which for ages past was kept hidden in God, who created all things. His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him and through faith in him we may approach God with freedom and confidence.

Matthew 2:2b (NIV)

M: Alleluia. We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him. Alleluia.

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

Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



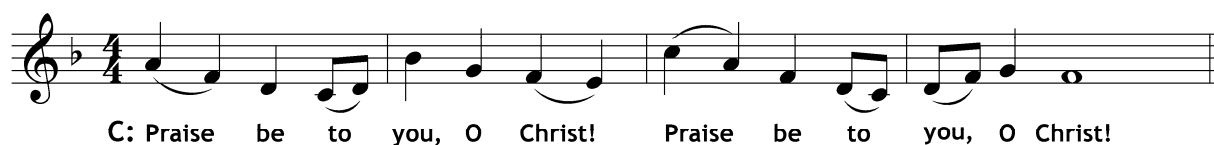
After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him.” When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him. When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Christ was to be born. “In Bethlehem in Judea,” they

replied, “for this is what the prophet has written: ‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for out of you will come a ruler who will be the shepherd of my people Israel.’” Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and make a careful search for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.”

After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they

bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

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 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

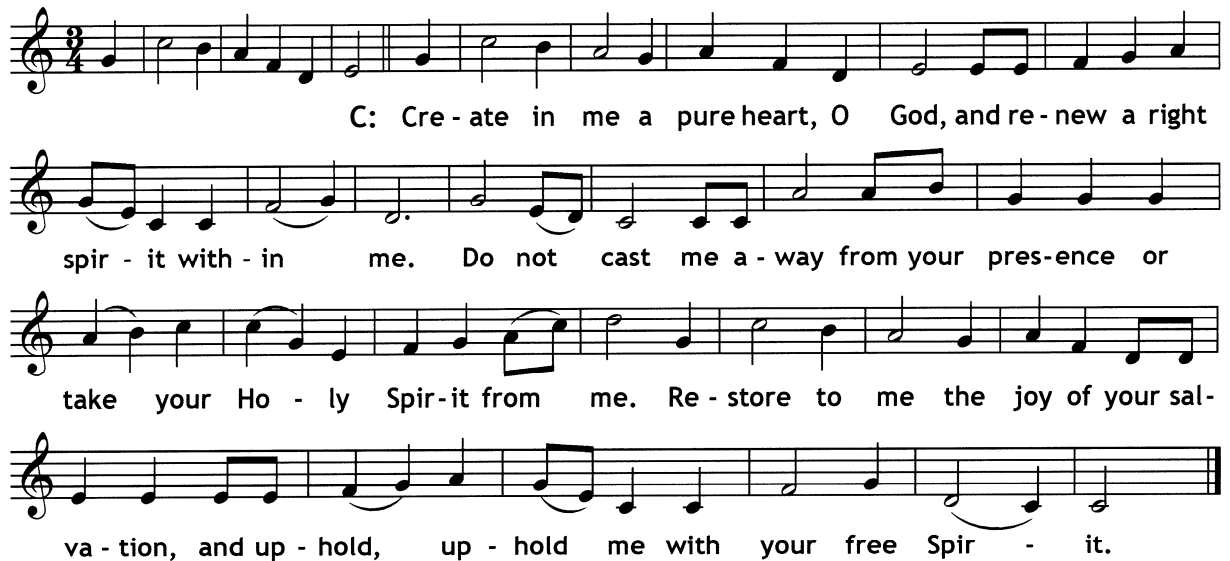
As with Gladness Men of Old
Christian Worship #83

SERMON

Matthew 2:1-12
Epiphany - A Revelation of God's Grace

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



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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!

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Those being installed stand before the altar.

M: Dear friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Body, the Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. You have now been selected for positions of service to our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you with an office which you are to carry out as his servants and according to his Word. St. Paul writes concerning service in the Church: *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*

M: The Lord seeks faithfulness from all who serve, as Scripture says, *"It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."* The Lord does not seek from us what he has not given to us. But when he does give a gift, his will is that we use it faithfully to his glory and for the benefit of his people.

M: You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, to set for your own families and the whole Church the example of a Christian life. Make the Word of God your foundation and guide. Search it daily for comfort and instruction.

PROMISE

M: So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you, in the presence of God and this congregation:
Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the office entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as Church Council members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

The ministers shake the hand of those installed, addressing each by name.

M: May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties, to his glory and for the good of his people.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Members of Grace, I urge you to regard these fellow believers as servants of Jesus Christ and God's gifts to his Church. Pray for them, support them in their service, and help them so that through the gospel ministry of this congregation more people will be reached for Christ and his Kingdom.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Merciful and gracious God, our lives are open before you, and you hear our promises. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your servants, that they may carry out their duties with diligence, boldness, and wisdom.

Give them a spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may present their requests to you. Help them be examples of what is good, that by their lives they may build up your congregation and give the enemies of the Church no cause for complaint. Make them a blessing to your believers; help them to work with their pastors and with one another; and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation may be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom enlarged, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister thanks those leaving office with these words:

M: In the name of the congregation we sincerely thank *Dallas Johnson* who over the past 12 years has served the Lord and his Church in a position of leadership on the Church Council. May the Lord, our God, graciously reward him for all he has done to his glory and for the benefit of his Church.

BLESSING

M: Go, then, and give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you. Go in peace.

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.

God's blessings to our newly installed church council!

2016 CHURCH COUNCIL

President	Bryan Guenther
Vice President	Craig Lipke
Recording Secretary	Jeremy Snavelly
Financial Secretary	Doug Lemke
Treasurer	*Chris Stuhr
Trustee	Dave Breitzkreitz
Elder of Education	* Jason Watson
Elder of Member Ministry	Boz Lomasney
Elder of Outreach	Jeff Weinstein
Elder of Spiritual Needs	Jacob Kassulke
Grace-Sahuarita Representative	*David Farley

*Installed at Grace-Vail this morning.

Bible Studies Resume

The Grace-Tucson Wednesday morning and Wednesday evening Church History Bible Study will resume this week. **Please note that the evening class will now meet at 7:00 PM.**

The Wednesday Grace-Sahuarita Bible Study will begin again this Wednesday at 10:00 AM.

WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Kickoff Party!

The WELS TCM Semester Kickoff Party is **this Tuesday, January 12** beginning at 6:00 PM. All college students or anyone of approximately college age is encouraged to attend. Information will be available regarding our semester schedule for Bible studies and activities, as well as food and fun, and an opportunity to sign up for parking permits for the semester. See Pastor Kassulke if you have any questions.

Called Home To Heaven

LaVerne Hawkins was called home to heaven Wednesday, January 6. There will be a Memorial Service for her here at Grace-Tucson on Saturday, January 16 at 11:00 AM with a luncheon to follow. If the Grace parking lot becomes full, you may park along 1st Avenue and 2nd Street since restrictions have been removed for the service.

Member Feedback Meeting

The pastors and Church Council members are seeking feedback concerning staffing for ministry at Grace. A Member Feedback Meeting has been scheduled for next Sunday, January 17 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will take place at Grace-Tucson, and the Lifeliners will be serving their Chupala Lunch that day. Page 30 of the packet of reports from December's Voters' Meeting listed some of the options that have been identified that could be under consideration. If you can't make the meeting on January 17, please share your thoughts with one of the pastors or Church Council members.

NEW Women's Bible Study Opportunity!

Women of all ages are invited to join Pastor Koehler for a new study on the role of archaeology in studying the Bible. We'll be using "Digging for Insights," a book written by Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary professor, Dr. John Brug. What kinds of things do they find on a "dig" that are useful for understanding the Bible? What major discoveries have been made? What has not been found? Find out about the importance of pottery, coins, grain and more. Professor Brug even has a chapter on "Bad Archaeology" that can help us evaluate things we read about in the news. For those who are curious, no one is asked to read out loud if they don't care to. You can simply enjoy following along and participating in the discussion as you like. This series begins on Thursday, January 21 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

NEW Women's Fellowship Group

Saturday, January 23 at 9:00 AM, the Women's Fellowship Group will go on a moderate hike near Sombrero Peak. The trailhead is just past Sanctuary Cove and the Stardance Event Center at the end of Scenic Drive. Since the parking lot is small, the group will meet at the Safeway on Silverbell/Twin Peaks Rd (9100 N. Silverbell Rd) at 9:00 AM and carpool over. Please call Missy Wiechmann if you have any questions at 403-1177.

Benson Chili Potluck

Grace-Benson will hold a Chili Potluck on Saturday, January 23 at 12:00 PM. All Grace members are welcome to attend. No official judging will take place, but the most popular chili will have bragging rights. Please bring chili, corn bread, a side salad, or dessert. Drinks will be provided. Please call Sue Ann Arnold at 520-221-3209 or email her at cpasaa@aol.com if you have any questions.

Thank You

The family of Bill Rauh would like to thank everyone for their cards, prayers and well-wishes as Bill's health declined and the Lord called him home.

Parents' Retreat in Mesa, AZ

The Kingdom Workers' Regional Mission Team will hold their annual Spiritual Renewal Event from 8:00 AM until lunch on January 30, 2016, at Pilgrim Lutheran Church in Mesa, AZ (3257 E University Dr, Mesa, AZ 85213).

The featured speaker is Pastor Tony Schultz from Watertown, WI. He's a husband, dad, pastor, and has become famous in our WELS schools with his upbeat devotions on *The Kids Connection*. Known for his humor and wit, you'll hear stories, laugh at his antics, realize that you're not messing things up *that* badly, and go home with solid parenting advice based on God's unchanging word. Children are included. Pastor Schultz will present a short children's message and then childcare will be provided. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall and at all Grace locations. **Deadline to register is January 20, 2016.**

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.

Ordering Altar Flowers

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

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 Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler and Sandy Weir. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Baptism

Roman Mark Rieke, son of Colin and Kristin Rieke, born on December 27, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in worship at Grace-Vail this morning.

Installation of Pastor David Parsons

Pastor David Parsons will be installed at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (241 N. Harrison Rd, Tucson) this afternoon at 4:00 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

1 Samuel 3:1-10
2 Thessalonians 2:13-17
John 1:43-51

Sermon Text & Theme

John 1:43-51
A Lesson in Witnessing

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Sunday, December 6, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Timothy Bourman to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Bourman currently serves at Sure Foundation Lutheran Church in Woodside, NY. Please keep Pastor Bourman, his wife Amanda and their 2 children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Woodside and here at Grace!

Tuition Tax Credit

Even in the New Year, it is not too late to make a donation to the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) which may also be claimed as a tax credit on your 2015 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2015 tax year. You can help support Lutheran education and receive a credit on your Arizona state income taxes (up to \$1067 per person and \$2134 per married couple filing jointly). Donations may be made online at www.acsto.org or by using the form in the ACSTO brochure. Please make use of this program if you are able to do so. If you have any questions, please speak to Jeff Weinstein (909-7649) or one of the pastors. **Pick up a flyer and a donation form brochure at any of the Grace locations.**



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 • Jan 10-Jan 17

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School8:45a
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
Church Council Installation.....7:45 & 10:00a
Pastor Parsons Installation at Holy Cross4:00p

Monday

English a Second Language Classes Begin6:30p

Tuesday

Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Redeemer1:00p
WELS TCM Semester Kick-Off Party!6:00p
English as a Second Language Classes6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*7:00p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study

Saturday

LaVerne Hawkins Memorial Service11:00a

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a
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Member Feedback Meeting.....1:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

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

Wednesday

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

Sunday

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Lifeline Chupala Lunch at Grace-Tucson11:00a
Member Feedback Meeting at Grace-Tucson1:00p

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry*.....9:00a
Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class9:00a
Worship Service/Communion10:00a
Church Council Installation10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

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School of Outreach

On October 3, 2015, eleven members of Grace (from all four sites) attended the WELS School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Tucson. That one Saturday gave them the chance to discuss and learn from experienced pastors about organizing for outreach and planning follow-up. A second session of the School of Outreach is coming up on Saturday, February 6. The session will be from approximately 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. We'll discuss sharing our faith personally, our identity as a congregation, and making worship welcoming to both members and guests. Even if you didn't join us for session 1, please consider attending this session of the School of Outreach.

Upcoming Lenten Services & Meals

The season of Lent is fast approaching! There will be Wednesday midweek services and meals at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10. Watch your worship folders over the next few weeks for more details.

February Valentine's Tea!

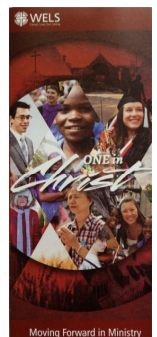
The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 13 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Vera-Ellen Cook will lead a presentation entitled "*Joy in Jesus!*" Sign-up sheets for hosting a table, bringing food to share, AND ATTENDING are posted in the Fellowship Hall. **It is IMPORTANT to RSVP for attending** to make sure there is plenty of table seating and food.



An invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson. It should be a lot of fun so please invite your girlfriends. Questions? Text/call Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or send her an email, pdkramm@earthlink.net.

WELS "One in Christ" Offering

At our synod convention last summer, a synod-wide special offering was launched to eliminate the remainder of our church body's debt. The debt that once stood at \$22.4 million has been paid down to about \$4 million. Our goal is that we join to eliminate that debt by June 30, 2016. Doing so will put our synod in a better financial position to continue our Christ-given mission of training and sending men and women to share the gospel in the United States and around the world. Grace members are encouraged to support this effort by using the One in Christ brochure/envelopes available at the exits and in the Fellowship Hall.



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