Second Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 17, 2016



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.

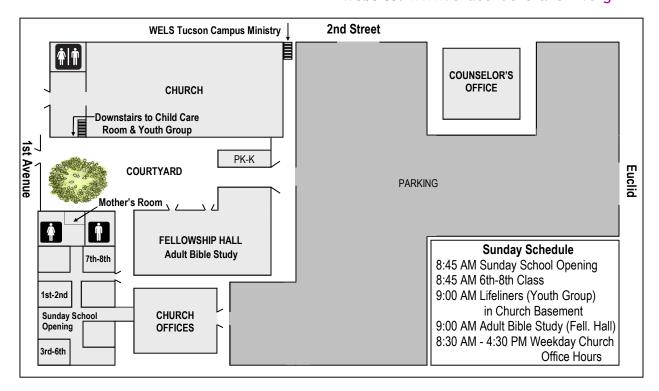
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

HYMN

Hail, O Source of Every Blessing Christian Worship #87

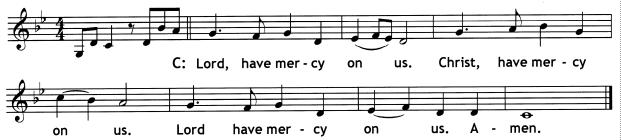
Please stand

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY Kyrie



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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM— God of Grace By Keith Getty & Jonathan Rea Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM— Hail to the Lord's Anointed Now Sing We Now Rejoice Let All Together Praise Our God Settings by Paul Manz

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."

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.



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; 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

The boy Samuel ministered before the LORD under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions. One night Eli, whose eves were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called Samuel. Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lav down. Again the LORD called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." "My 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (NIV)

son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD: The word of the LORD had not vet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel a third time, and Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me." Then Eli realized that the LORD was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. The LORD came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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.

SECOND LESSON

But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers loved by the Lord, because from the beginning God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth. He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers,

2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (NIV)

stand firm and hold to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter. May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and by his grace gave us eternal encouragement and good hope, encourage your hearts and strengthen you in every good deed and word.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 49:3 cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. He said to me, "You are my servant in whom I will display my splendor." Alleluia.

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King. GOSPEL John 1:43-51 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The next day Jesus decided to leave for Galilee. Finding Philip, he said to him, "Follow me." Philip, like Andrew and Peter, was from the town of Bethsaida. Philip found Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses wrote about in the Law, and about whom the prophets also wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." "Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. When Jesus saw Nathanael approaching, he said of him, "Here is a true Israelite, in whom

there is nothing false." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you." Then Nathanael declared, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus said, "You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You shall see greater things than that." He then added, "I tell you the truth, you shall see heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

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.

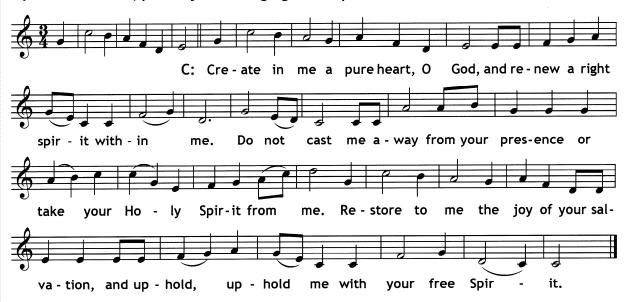


SERMON John 1:43-51

A Lesson in Witnessing

- 1. Thankful People Are Eager To Witness
- 2. Simply Invite Someone To Come And See
- 3. Let God Speak

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



Please be seated



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Thy Word By Michael W. Smith & Amy Grant

10:00 AM— Shout the Glad Tidings By Charles A. Vison

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 — 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.

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

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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 good and right so to do.

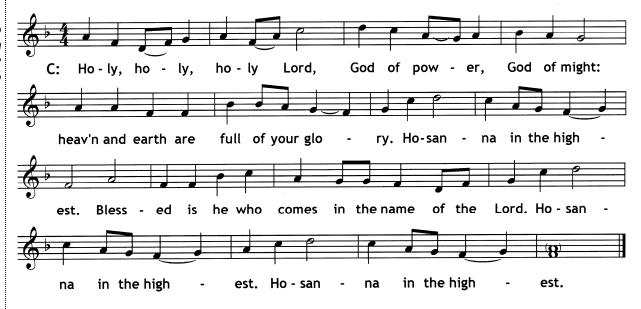
M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, for in the wonder and mystery of his birth you have opened our eyes to the glory of your grace and renewed in our hearts the fervor of your love. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

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.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY-Sanctus

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

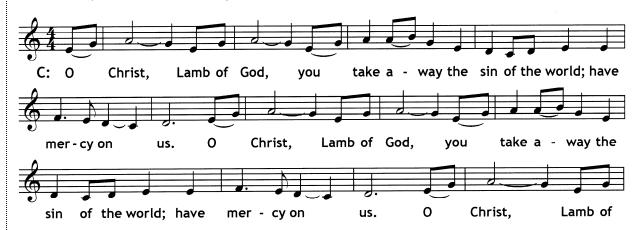
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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: Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD-Agnus Dei





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.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM) Here, O My Lord, I See You Face to Face Christian Worship #315

Please stand

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



We provide glutenfree 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.

- M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
- C: And his mercy endures forever.
- M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

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." 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

Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak
Christian Worship #561

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants	Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
	Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
Dave B	reitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Lucas Gı	uenther, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
	Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
	Gisela Kittel & Linda Morris
Altar Prep Team	Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Timothy Bourman 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 Woodside, NY. 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 Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita.

POSTLUDE: 7:45 AM— Sing to God

Sing to God By George F. Handel Arr. by Jan Sanborn

> **10:00 AM**— Speak, O Lord CW #735

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Chupala Lunch Today

Grace's high school youth group, the Lifeliners, invite you to join them following the 10:00 worship service today for their annual Chupala Lunch. Chupala is a delicious chicken and bean dish with southwestern spices that is served with tortillas or corn chips and toppings (lettuce, tomatoes, olives, cheese, etc.). The lunch after church is a great time to enjoy some fellowship.

The Chupala Lunch is also one of the ways that the Lifeliners raise funds for their activities. Donations are appreciated (checks may be made out to Grace), but you are welcome even if you are unable to contribute.

Member Feedback Meeting Today

The pastors and Church Council members are seeking feedback concerning staffing for ministry at Grace. A Member Feedback Meeting has been scheduled for this afternoon at 1:00 PM. The meeting will take place at Grace-Tucson following the Chupala Lunch. 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 today, 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 this Thursday, January 21 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

New! Women's Fellowship Group

This 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 this 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.

Upcoming Lenten Services

The season of Lent is fast approaching! Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 10. The theme for our services will be "Ironies of the Passion."



Grace-Benson 6 PM Soup Supper Grace-Sahuarita 10 AM Lenten Worship

7 PM Lenten Worship

Grace-Tucson 10 AM & 7 PM Lenten Worship

6 PM Soup Supper

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.

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by the Hawkins family in memory of LaVerne Hawkins who passed away January 6.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> 1 Kings 19:19-21 Acts 13:1-5 Mark 1:14-20

Sermon Text & Theme

Mark 1:14-20 Jesus Makes Us Fishers of People

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.

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.**

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 this Wednesday, January 20.**



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 17-Jan 24		
TUCSON Today Worship Services/Communion	Tuesday English as a Second Language Classes	
• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days	Saturday Women's Fellowship Hike (All Sites Welcome)9:00a Sunday	
NO WELS TCM	Worship Services	
SAHUARITA Today	The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days	
Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship	VAIL Today Adult Bible Study: Church-Mission-Ministry	
Sunday Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship9:45a Choir Practice following worship10:45-11:15a	Coffee Fellowship following worship	
BENSON	Wednesday Bible Study at the Guthries: Book of Esther7:00p	
Worship Service	Sunday Adult Bible Study: Church-Mission-Ministry 9:00a Children's Sunday School	

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Member Feedback Meeting at Grace-Tucson 1:00p

Chili Potluck (All Sites Welcome)12:00p

Worship Service/Communion7:30a

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At Grace-Sahuarita

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Youth Confirmation Class...... 9:00a

Coffee Fellowship following worship

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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!" Ellen is a joy-filled child of God who embraces M.O.H.O (ministry of helping others) through bible study and prayer. As a business-owner, wife, mother, grandmother and care-giver, she strives to apply scriptural principals without sacrificing sanity or sleep!. By grace, Ellen has survived trials and temptations and is eager to share heavenly wisdom on the joy of living by firmly grasping God's hand every day. She and her husband are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Menomonee Falls Wisconsin. They've been blessed with 3 adult children and one granddaughter.

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.

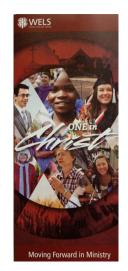
An invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson. It should be a lot of fun so please invite your girlfriends. Questions? Text/call Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or send her an email, pdkramm@earthlink.net.

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.

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