# Third Sunday after the Epiphany



"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men."

-Mark 1:17

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church January 24, 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.

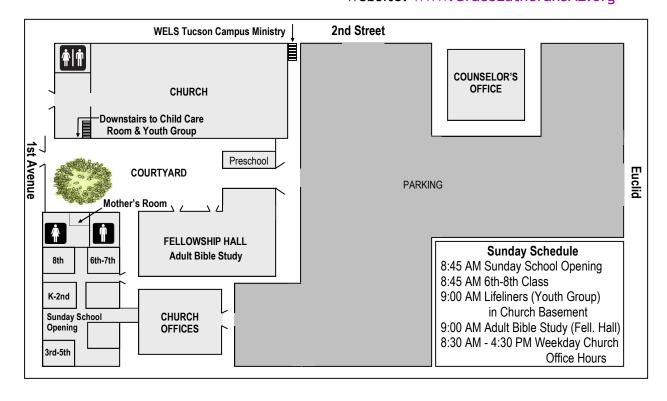
Hymns are found in our hymnal, Christian Worship, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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** 

Speak, O Savior; I Am Listening Christian Worship #283

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.

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

Arr. by Julie A. Lind

Wherever He Leads

By B.B. McKinney

Arr. by Jack W.

I Love to Tell the

7:45 AM-

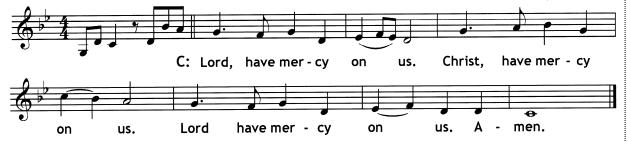
10:00 AM-

Story

I'll Go

Jones

## 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.

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.

M: Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

#### FIRST LESSON

So Elijah went from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat. He was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen, and he himself was driving the twelfth pair. Elijah went up to him and threw his cloak around him. Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother good-by," he said, "and then I will come with you."

1 Kings 19:19-21 (NIV)

"Go back," Elijah replied. "What have I done to you?" So Elisha left him and went back. He took his yoke of oxen and slaughtered them. He burned the plowing equipment to cook the meat and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out to follow Elijah and became his attendant.

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 37

Voices of Grace will sing the verses. The congregation may join in the refrains and verse 6.

#### Refrain



#### Psalm Tone



1. Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

#### Refrain

- 2. Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 3. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

#### Refrain

- 4. I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.
- 5. For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones. The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.
- 6. 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.

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## Refrain

SECOND LESSON Acts 13:1-5 (NIV)

In the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So

after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off. The two of them, sent on their way by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia and sailed from there to Cyprus. When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the Jewish synagogues. John was with them as their helper.

#### **VERSE OF THE DAY** (sung by Voices of Grace)

Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV

Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will

make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed him. When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



#### **VOICES OF GRACE**

O Christ, Who Called the Twelve Christian Worship Supplement #770

O Christ, who called the Twelve to rise and follow you, Forsaking old, familiar ways for ventures bold and new: Grant us to hear your call to risk security And bound in heart and will to you, find perfect liberty.

O Christ, who taught the Twelve the truth for ages sealed, Whose words and works awakened faith, the ways of God revealed: Instruct us now, we pray, by your empow'ring Word. True teacher, be for all who seek their light, their life, their Lord.

O Christ, who sent the Twelve on roads they'd never trod To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim the nearer reign of God: Send us on ways where faith transcends timidity, Where love informs and hope sustains both life and ministry.

#### **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.

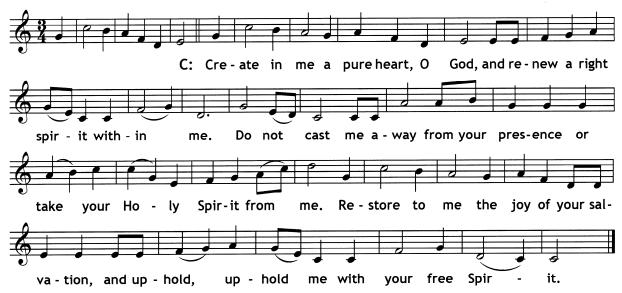
The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

**HYMN OF THE DAY** 

I Hear the Savior Calling Christian Worship #560

**SERMON** 

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

Good News of God Above (CW 568) with Spread, Oh, Spread the Mighty Word (CW 576)

#### 10:00 AM-

Come, Follow Me By Samuel McBurney Arr. by Paul Cardall

#### **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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult Christian Worship #463

Please stand

- M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- 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.

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

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.

Please be seated

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CLOSING HYMN**

Dear Lord, to Your True Servants Give Christian Worship #542

#### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE: 7:45 AM— Fishers of Men by Harry D. Clarke	Preacher
10:00 AM— Want to Walk as a Child of the Light CWS 771  want to walk as a child of the light; I want to follow Jesus. od set the stars to give light to the world; The star of my life is Jesus.	Vocalists

I Go In him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

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#### **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 next Sunday, January 31 at 2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita.

## **NEW Women's Bible Study Opportunity!**

It's not too late to join Pastor Koehler's Thursday morning Bible Study on the role of archaeology in studying the Bible. We are 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. The series continues this Thursday, January 28 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

## Men's Fellowship This Friday!

The next men's fellowship outing will take place this Friday, January 29 at 6:00 PM at Clicks Billiards (3325 N. 1st Ave, 85719). All men 18 and older are invited to attend and play some pool! Questions? Contact Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704.

## Redeemer Countdown to Kindergarten

Redeemer Lutheran School in Marana (8845 North Silverbell Rd) is hosting an informational "Countdown to Kindergarten" event for families that may be interested in enrolling their students in Kindergarten. This event is held at Redeemer on Monday, February 1, beginning with a pizza dinner at 5:00 PM. The preschool and Kindergarten students will perform at 5:30 PM followed by activities for the kids, while parents get valuable information on Kindergarten, First Grade, curriculum, tuition assistance, tax credits and registration. We encourage any interested families to attend. Please RSVP by January 28 to Hannah Stahl at <a href="mailto:hannah.stahl@redeemertucson.com">hannah.stahl@redeemertucson.com</a> or call the Redeemer Church Office at 572-8136.

Redeemer Lutheran School is operated by our sister church. 11 members of Grace are attending in grades K – 8. Grace currently offers a \$1000 per year scholarship to our active members attending Redeemer.

## **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

We need volunteers to host the meals at Grace-Tucson, February 10, February 17, February 24, March 2, March 9 and 16 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals. You may also contact the church office if you're interested in helping.

## 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, <a href="mailto:pdkramm@earthlink.net">pdkramm@earthlink.net</a>.

## **Caps and Scarves Needed**

Holy Cross member Karen Manning is looking for persons who are interested in knitting or crocheting caps and/or scarves for children on the Reservation and in Mexico. Half of the caps and scarves collected will be sent to the Apache children (via Karen Manning) and the other half will be sent to the Mexico children (via Mission to the Children). This is an on-going project. The goal is anywhere between 300 to 500 caps and scarfs by October, 2016.

Karen is also looking for donated baby quilts, receiving blankets, burping cloths, and baby clothes to help make layettes for mothers with newborns. This is also an on-going project. Please contact Karen Manning at <a href="mailto:karensjourney1865@gmail.com">karensjourney1865@gmail.com</a> if you have any questions about either project. **Donations for both projects may be brought to the Grace-Tucson church office.** 

#### **Tuition Tax Credit**

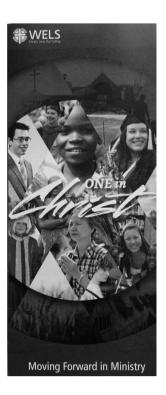
Even in the New Year, it is not too late to make a donation to the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) which may also be claimed as a tax credit on your 2015 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2015 tax year. You can help 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 <a href="https://www.acsto.org">www.acsto.org</a> 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.** 

## School of Outreach—February 6

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.



## **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 Jenn & Emma Miller. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

#### **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Hebrews 3:1-6 Mark 1:21-28

Sermon Text & Theme

Mark 1:21-28
The Amazing Ministry of Jesus

## **2015 Offering Statements Available**

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a year-end offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior. This statement may be useful if you choose to itemize tax deductions. Offerings to Grace are charitable donations.

#### **Handbell Choir**

The Grace Handbell Choir is starting back tomorrow, January 25 at 4:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson basement. If you are even a little bit curious about handbells come to the first practice and check it out (you are not required to join if you show up)! If you are interested in playing, please contact Melissa Newbrey at (702) 469-0993.





## 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 24-Jan 31

TUCSON Today  Worship Services	WednesdayMidweek Bible Study: Church History10:00aMidweek Bible Study: Church History7:00pThursdayWomen's Bible Study: Digging for Insights9:00aSaturdayParents' Retreat in Phoenix, AZ8:00aSundayWorship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00aCoffee Fellowship following early serviceChildren's Sunday School8:45aYouth Confirmation Class8:45aLifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study9:00aAdult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):• The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days9:00aCall Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita2:00pWELS TCM Bible Study: Mormonism7:00p
SAHUARITA Today Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship	VAIL Today Adult Bible Study: Church-Mission-Ministry

BENSON Today	
Sunday Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship Call Meeting	
Wednesday NO Bible Study	
Choir Practice following worship	U:45-11:15a

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship  Call Meeting	
BENSON Today Worship Service/Communion	7:30a
Sunday Worship Service Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita	7:30a

VAIL	
Today	
Adult Bible Study: Church-Mission-Ministry	9:00a
Children's Sunday School	9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class	9:00a
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Children's Sunday School	9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class	
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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net