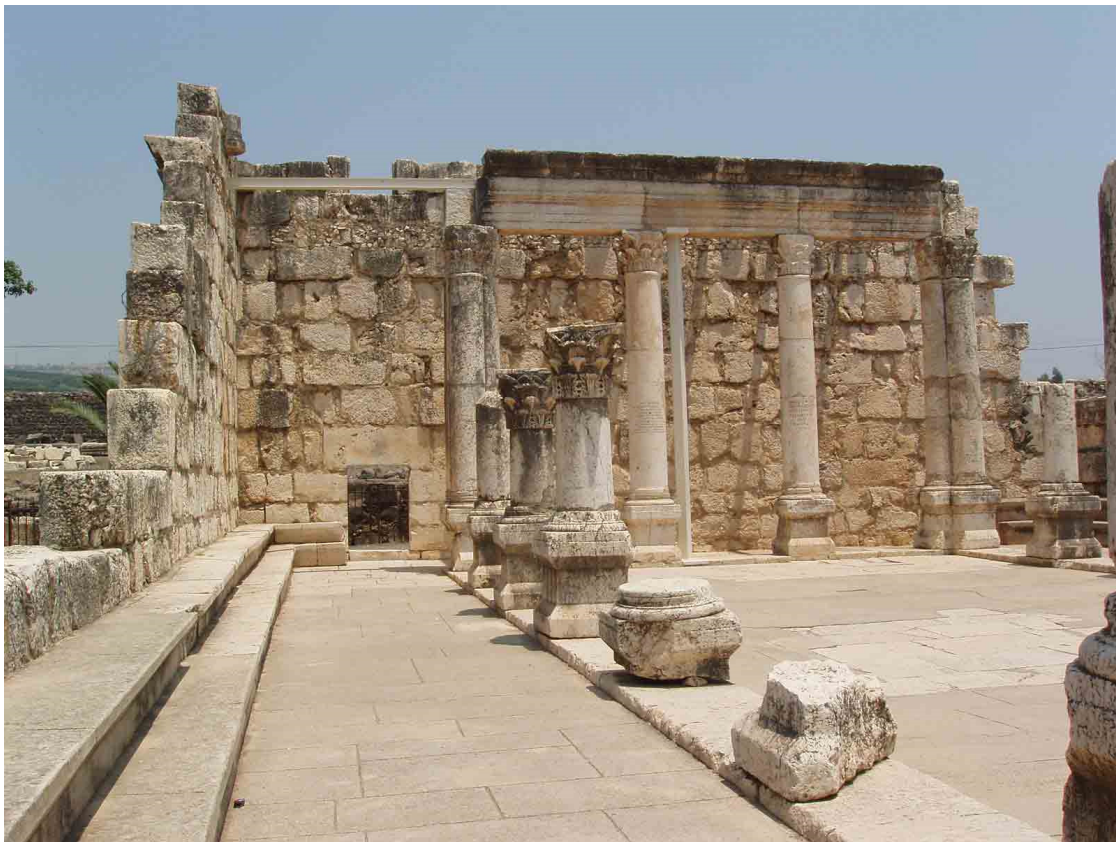


Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany



4th Century A.D. remains of the synagogue in Capernaum which was built on top of the synagogue where Jesus taught.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
January 31, 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.

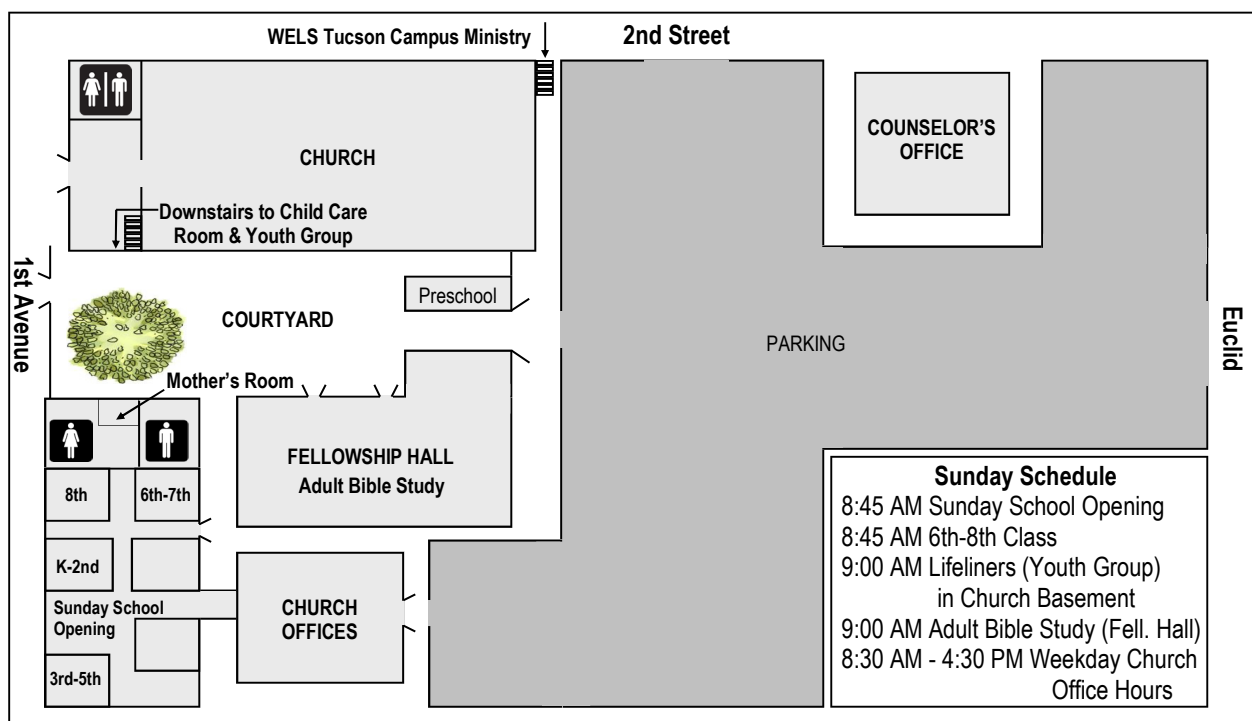
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
Christian Worship #82

Please stand

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.
Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

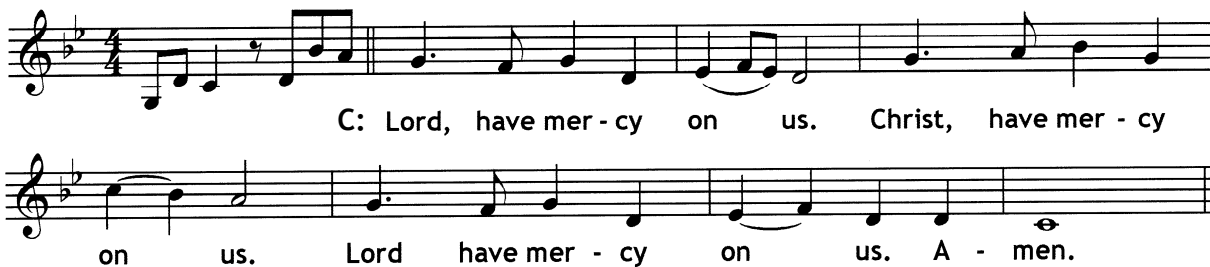
M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie



*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.

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef. It begins in 4/4 time and transitions to 2/4 time at the end of the first system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words underlined for emphasis. The score includes a double bar line with repeat dots at the beginning of the final system. A fermata is placed over the final note of the piece.

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.

M: Lord God, you know that we are surrounded by many dangers and that we often stumble and fall. Strengthen us in body and mind, and bring us safely through all temptations; 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

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own brothers. You must listen to him. For this is what you asked of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said, "Let us not hear the voice of the LORD our God nor see this great fire anymore, or we will die." The LORD said to me: "What they say is good. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their

Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (NIV)

brothers; I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell them everything I command him. If anyone does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks in my name, I myself will call him to account. But a prophet who presumes to speak in my name anything I have not commanded him to say, or a prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, must be put to death."

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 1

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the / wicked*
or stand in the way of / sinners.
2. But his delight is in the law / of the LORD,* and on his law he meditates / day and night.
3. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in / season*
and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does / prospers.

Refrain

4. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,*
nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous.
5. For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,*
but the way of the wicked will / perish.
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.

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 3:1-6 (NIV)

Therefore, holy brothers, who share in the heavenly calling, fix your thoughts on Jesus, the apostle and high priest whom we confess. He was faithful to the one who appointed him, just as Moses was faithful in all God's house. Jesus has been found worthy of greater honor than Moses, just as the builder of a house has greater honor

than the house itself. For every house is built by someone, but God is the builder of everything. Moses was faithful as a servant in all God's house, testifying to what would be said in the future. But Christ is faithful as a son over God's house. And we are his house, if we hold on to our courage and the hope of which we boast.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 4:18a cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is on me; he has anointed me to preach good news. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

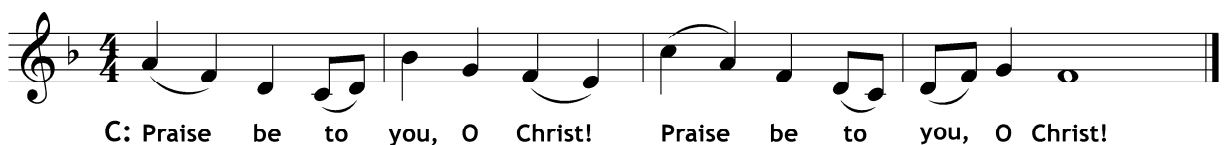
The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.



They went to Capernaum, and when the Sabbath came, Jesus went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, because he taught them as one who had authority, not as the teachers of the law. Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who

you are—the Holy One of God!" "Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him." News about him spread quickly over the whole region of Galilee.

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

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness
Christian Worship #353

SERMON

Mark 1:21-28

The Amazing Ministry of Jesus

1. An Authoritative Teacher
2. The All-Powerful God

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



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

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.

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.

HYMN

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.

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.

CLOSING HYMN

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus
Christian Worship #355

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Accompanist..... Elaine Goldie
Ushers Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
 Dave Breitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
 Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
Greeters..... Ed & Judy Ethington (10:00 AM)

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

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TODAY

Welcome Grace Guests!

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Ron & Norma Stevens in memory of their fathers, George Stevens, Jr. and Gilbert Huber.

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 Dorothy Rauh, Caryn Heller and Cheryl Wild. 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

2 Kings 2:1-12a
2 Corinthians 4:3-6
Mark 9:2-9

Sermon Text & Theme

Mark 9:2-9
The Ultimate Epiphany

Call Meeting Today

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 this afternoon at 2:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita.**

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.

School of Outreach this Saturday!

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 this 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.



**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 31-Feb 7

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following early service
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
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
Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 2:00p
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Mormonism* 7:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice 4:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Holy Cross 1:00p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Digging for Insights* 9:00a

Saturday

School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills 8:30a

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following early service
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Pastor Kassulke* 9:00a
WELS TCM Super Bowl Party 4:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service / Coffee Fellowship / Choir Practice 9:45a
Call Meeting 2:00p

Wednesday

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

Saturday

School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills 8:30a

Sunday

Worship Service/ Communion / Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 2:00p

Wednesday

Bible Study at the Guthries: *Book of Esther* 7:00p

Saturday

School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills 8:30a

Sunday

Adult Bible Study: *Book of Judges* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a
Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita 2:00p

Saturday

School of Outreach at Shepherd of the Hills 8:30a

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

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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!*" She and her husband are members of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, in Menomonee Falls Wisconsin.

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. Questions? Text/call Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or send her an email, pdkramm@earthlink.net.

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. The series continues this Thursday, February 4 at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

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.**



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