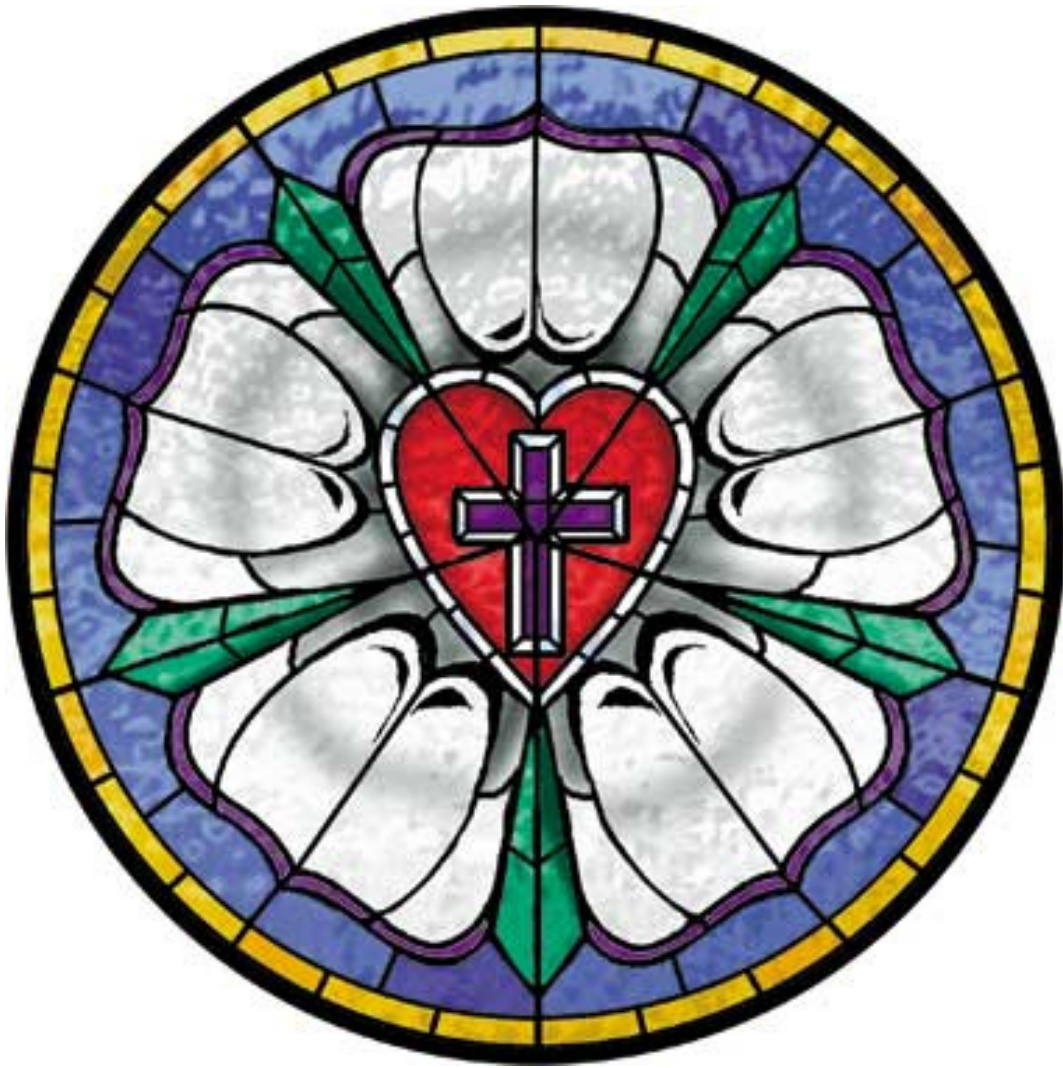


First Sunday of End Time— Reformation Sunday



Martin Luther's Seal

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 30, 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.

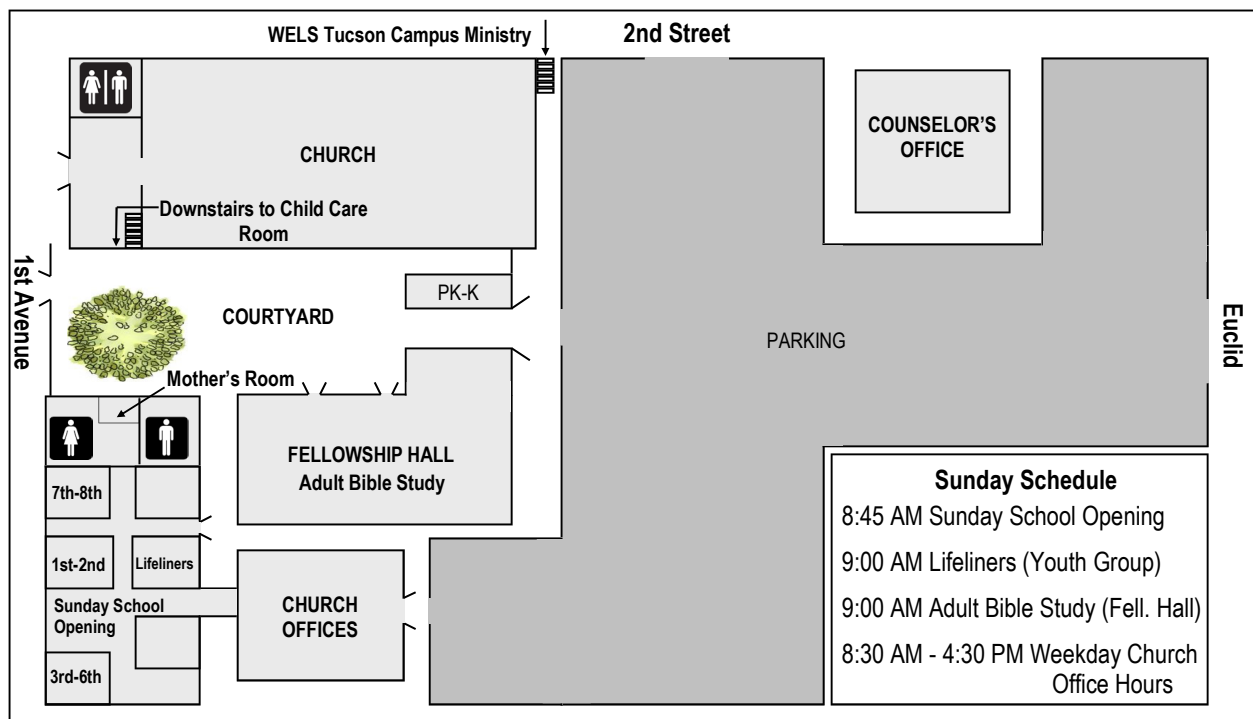
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



Reformation Sunday is the first Sunday in the End Times season of the Church Year. Today we recall Martin Luther's posting of his 95 Theses (statements for debate) to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany on October 31, 1517. This is a day to remember how God used Luther and others to restore the proclamation of the saving gospel to the Church.

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God Christian Worship #201

Please stand

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

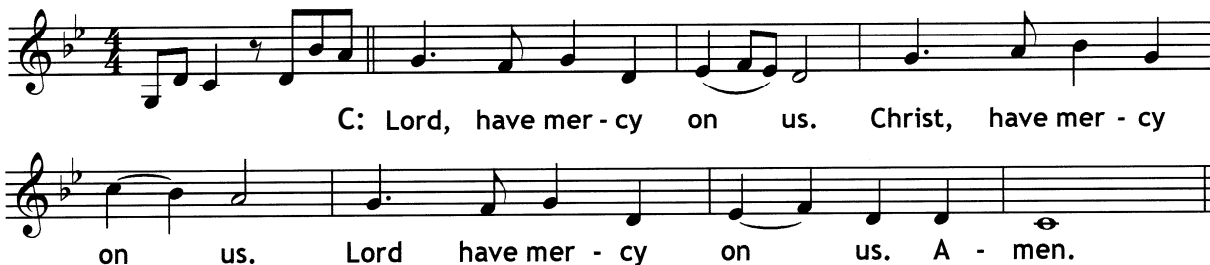
CONFESSION OF SINS

- 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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
How Firm a Foundation
Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—
Variations on A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Arr. by Andrew Clarke & Charles Callahan

The Church's One Foundation
Arr. by James Mansfield

Clarinet Duet:
Hyfrydol
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

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.

GLORY TO GOD—*Gloria in Excelsis*

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction)

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.

Gracious Lord, our refuge and strength, pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son, 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

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and he will rescue us from your hand, O king. But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar was furious with Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and his attitude toward them changed. He ordered the furnace heated seven times hotter than usual and commanded some of the strongest soldiers in his army to tie up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego and throw them into the blazing furnace. So these men, wearing their robes, trousers, turbans and other clothes, were bound and thrown into the blazing furnace. The king’s command was so urgent and the furnace so hot that the flames of the fire killed the soldiers who took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, and these three men, firmly tied, fell into the blazing furnace. Then King

Daniel 3:16-28 (NIV)

Nebuchadnezzar leaped to his feet in amazement and asked his advisers, “Weren’t there three men that we tied up and threw into the fire?” They replied, “Certainly, O king.” He said, “Look! I see four men walking around in the fire, unbound and unharmed, and the fourth looks like a son of the gods.” Nebuchadnezzar then approached the opening of the blazing furnace and shouted, “Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out! Come here!” So Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came out of the fire, and the satraps, prefects, governors and royal advisers crowded around them. They saw that the fire had not harmed their bodies, nor was a hair of their heads singed; their robes were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar said, “Praise be to the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! They trusted in him and defied the king’s command and were willing to give up their lives rather than serve or worship any god except their own God.”

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.

REFRAIN: God is our refuge, God is our strength so we will not be afraid.

*A mighty fortress is our God! A bulwark never failing.
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe.
His craft and pow'r are great and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal. REFRAIN*

*Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
You ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He!
The Lord of all, His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle. REFRAIN*

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 14:6-7 (NIV)

Then I saw another angel flying in midair, and he had the eternal gospel to proclaim to those who live on the earth—to every nation, tribe, language and people. He said in a loud voice,

“Fear God and give him glory, because the hour of his judgment has come. Worship him who made the heavens, the earth, the sea and the springs of water.”

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 8:31-32 cf. RSV

M: Alleluia. If you continue in my Word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. Alleluia.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Mark 13:5-11 (NIV)

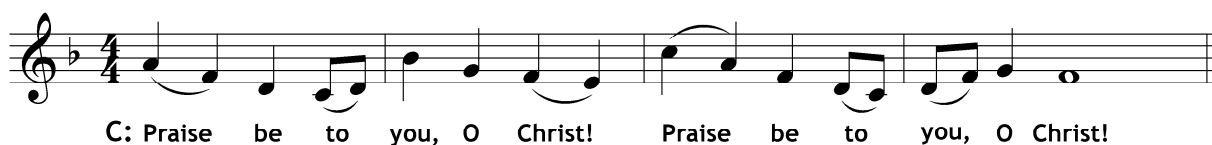
After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Jesus said to them: “Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains. You must be on your

guard. You will be handed over to the local councils and flogged in the synagogues. On account of me you will stand before governors and kings as witnesses to them. And the gospel must first be preached to all nations. Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.”

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

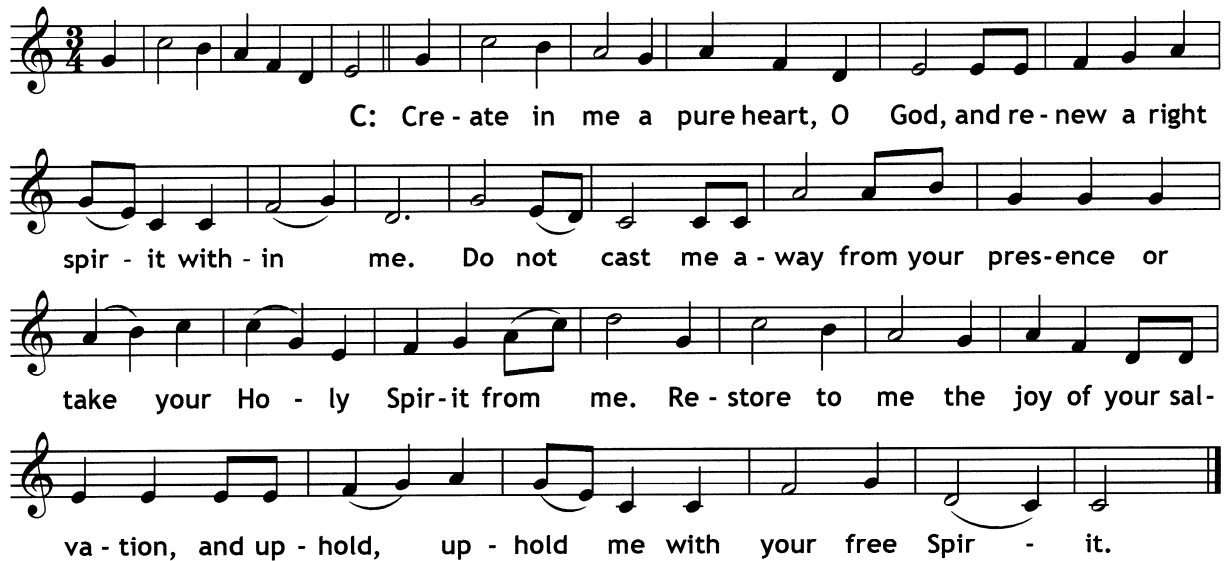
O God, Our Help in Ages Past
Christian Worship #441

SERMON

Mark 13:5-11
Paying the Price for Faith

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
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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Clarinet Duet:
Hyfrydol
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

10:00 AM—
Thy Strong Word
Arr. by Valerie A.
Floeter

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!

10:00 AM—Please continue on page 8 with the Prayer of the Church.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS BY TRANSFER (7:45 AM)

Tim & Angie Schubkegel

M: Dear members of Grace, Tim and Angie Schubkegel have recently transferred their membership from Holy Cross Lutheran Church (ELS) in Madison, WI.

Tim and Angie, so that the believers here might receive you in Christian love and so that you might have the opportunity to express your desire to join the church family here at Grace, I, in the name of this congregation, ask you to lift up your heart and joyfully answer these questions:

M: Do you desire to be a member here at Grace?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to grow in grace, strengthening your Christian faith through regular worship, reception of the sacrament and study of God's Word?

NM: I do.

M: Will you support with your prayers, time, talents and offerings the work our Lord has given to this congregation? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

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

The pastor addresses the congregation:

M: Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

Hearing these confessions of faith and these promises, are you willing to receive Tim and Angie Schubkegel with Christian love into the family of believers here at Grace? Are you willing to befriend, encourage, support and pray for them as Christ commands?

Congregation: Yes, as God gives me strength.

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, author and perfecter of our faith, in mercy you joined Tim and Angie to your Church when they were born again of water and the Spirit. In mercy you taught them your saving truth. Grant that they may continue to offer themselves as living sacrifices to you as their spiritual act of worship. Help us live in love and harmony with one another and work together in serving you. Keep us united in your Spirit, and bring us at last to your eternal kingdom, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

M: Go in peace.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.

C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of Salvation into all the world.

C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.

- M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.
- C: **God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.**
- M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.
- C: **Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.**
- M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.
- C: **May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.**
- M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.
- C: **Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.**
- M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.
- C: **May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. 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.

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

Be Still, My Soul
Christian Worship #415

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

CLOSING HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head
Christian Worship #536

7:45 AM—
*Have Faith In God, My
Heart with O, For A
Faith That Will Not
Shrink*
Arr. by Melody Bober

10:00 AM—
*Lord Keep Us
Steadfast in Your
Word*
Arr. by Wayne L.
Wold
Setting by G. Winston
Cassler

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke
Piano Accompanist	Kathy Parra
Clarinets	Beth Kassulke, Missy Wiechmann
Trumpet	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
	Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Danny Koehler, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)

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Sanctuary Audio-Visual System

We are very thankful to be making use of the new sanctuary audio-visual system in our worship services today. Unfortunately, the system has not been fully completed. There is still some fine tuning that needs to be done to give us the high quality sound of which it is capable. We also anticipate a bit of a learning curve for our volunteer sound and video technicians with the new system. Thank you for your patience in this regard!

Multi-Site Conference—Opportunities to Serve!

Grace will be hosting the first WELS Multi-Site Conference on November 14-16, 2016 at Grace-Tucson. More than 120 WELS members, leaders, staff ministers and pastors will attend to learn more about the kind of ministry our congregation has undertaken for over five years and which other WELS churches are carrying out in their own ways. Ours is a congregation with the gift of hospitality—you have demonstrated that in many ways and often! We are thankful for the opportunity to serve others as they visit us. We are in need of volunteers to set up tables and chairs, serving food and cleaning up afterward. We need a number of “hosts” to give direction to our guests (location of workshops, rest rooms, church office, etc.). There are a few other ways to serve as well. You may make yourself available for an hour or two or for the entire conference. We do need to know that we have everything covered, so please contact Pastor Koehler if you would like to serve or have questions (RevRGK3@GraceLutheranSAZ.org, 623-6633). You may also see him in the courtyard this morning.

Roast Beef Dinner

Come, bring a friend, and enjoy good food and fellowship this Friday, November 4 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds from the dinner, after covering costs, will go toward East Fork Lutheran School's tuition assistance. Less than half of the students get paid tuition, but there are still many out there who would like to attend East Fork but can't afford to. If you'd like to give a private donation, it may be sent to East Fork Lutheran School, P.O. Box 489, Whiteriver, AZ 85941.



The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Pies, Coffee, Tea, & Milk.
Members are asked to bring a pie for dessert.

We definitely will need help with cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help.

SPECIAL ONE-TIME BIBLE STUDY—God and the Government

During the Sunday morning Bible Class on November 6, Pastor Koehler will lead a study of *God and the Government* as we prepare for Election Day and a change of leadership in the United States.

Grace-Sahuarita Grand Opening

Grace-Sahuarita is introducing itself, its new pastor, and still relatively new name to the communities of Sahuarita and Green Valley with a special Grand Opening celebration next Sunday, November 6. The worship service that morning will be at the new regular time of 10:00 AM and will be followed by a picnic lunch and fun activities, including a bean bag toss tournament and a solar viewing. While we would love to have all members of Grace celebrate, seating is limited for the worship service. There is plenty of room for those who would like to come after the service for fun and fellowship. Please keep this Grand Opening in your prayers as we invite the people of our community to join us!

There is also a workday scheduled to do some general cleanup and to prepare the Sahuarita site for the Grand Opening activities. The workday begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday, November 5, and all are invited to pitch in!

Special Voters' Meeting November 10

The Grace Church Council has scheduled a Special Voters' Meeting for Thursday evening, November 10, at 6:00 PM. The meeting will take place in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Voters are being asked to consider how to best handle the expenses incurred as a result of flooding and sewage backup in the WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Student Center this past summer. Please watch for more information, including the full Church Council recommendation prior to the special meeting. Please also save the date for our Regular Voters' Meeting for December: Sunday, December 18 at 2:00 PM.

Calendars and Coupon Cards Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are conducting their annual sale of 2017 Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 each or 2 for \$15) and Coupon Cards (\$20). The Coupon Cards are new this year. They are being sold instead of Entertainment Books. The Coupon Cards have deals for a variety of restaurants and businesses. The card is good for continuous use until October 15, 2017. See Pastor Patoka or Jake Kassulke if you'd like to make a purchase. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities.

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 Mark & Tina Christianson in thanks to God for 39 years of marriage.

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 Nancy Miles. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

New Members

In 7:45 AM worship this morning, we welcome Tim & Angie Schubkegel who transferred in from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Madison, WI. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

Tucson Area Reformation Service This Afternoon

Please join us for a special Reformation Service for the Tucson area this afternoon at 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson. The Liturgist will be Pastor Matt Langebartels from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tucson, and Pastor Wayne Mueller will be the guest preacher. A dessert fellowship will be provided following worship.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Malachi 4:1-3
Hebrews 9:24-28
John 5:19-30

Sermon Text & Theme

Malachi 4:1-3
The Day Is Coming

Christmas Trees

The Women of Grace previously approved purchasing two new Christmas trees for Grace-Tucson. A fund has been set up. If you would like to donate towards this, please see Gisela Kittel or Diane Kramm. Shopping for the trees is underway and purchase decisions forthcoming. Special thanks to all those who are making this improvement possible.



**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 • Oct 30-Nov 6

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
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
Area Reformation Service 4:00p
NO TCM Bible Study

SAHUARITA

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Digging into the Book of James* 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Area Reformation Service at Grace-Tucson 4:00p

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Why All the Different Churches?* 10:00a
Women of Grace-Sahuarita Meeting 11:30a
Bible Study: *What Happens Next?* 7:00p

Friday

Roast Beef Dinner at Grace-Tucson 4:30-6:30p

Saturday

Grace-Sahuarita Work/Clean-Up Day 8:00a

Sunday GRAND OPENING!

Worship Service 10:00a
Grand Opening Festivities following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a
Area Reformation Service at Grace-Tucson 4:00p

Friday

Roast Beef Dinner at Grace-Tucson 4:30-6:30p

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a
Financial Peace University 6:00p

Monday

NO Handbell Practice or English as a Second Language Classes....

Tuesday

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

Friday

Roast Beef Dinner 4:30-6:30p

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
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Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
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Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *God and the Government* 9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: "A Simple Way to Pray" 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets* 9:15a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Area Reformation Service at Grace-Tucson 4:00p

Monday

Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Sermon Review* 9:00a

Wednesday

Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Revelation* 7:00p

Friday

Roast Beef Dinner at Grace-Tucson 4:30-6:30p

Sunday

Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets* 9:15a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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"Grace and peace from the Lord. As you desire to know whether my painted seal, which you sent to me, has hit the mark, I shall answer most amiably and tell you my original thoughts and reason about why my seal is a symbol of my theology. The first should be a black cross in a heart, which retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. 'For one who believes from the heart will be justified' (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that

is, it does not kill but keeps alive. 'The just shall live by faith' (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified. Such a heart should stand in the middle of a white rose, to show that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (cf. Matthew 28:3; John 20:12). Such a rose should stand in a sky-blue field, symbolizing that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed. And around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology]. I have wanted to show it to you in good friendship, hoping for your appreciation. May Christ, our beloved Lord, be with your spirit until the life hereafter. Amen."

Martin Luther, Letter to Lazarus Spengler, July 8, 1530



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