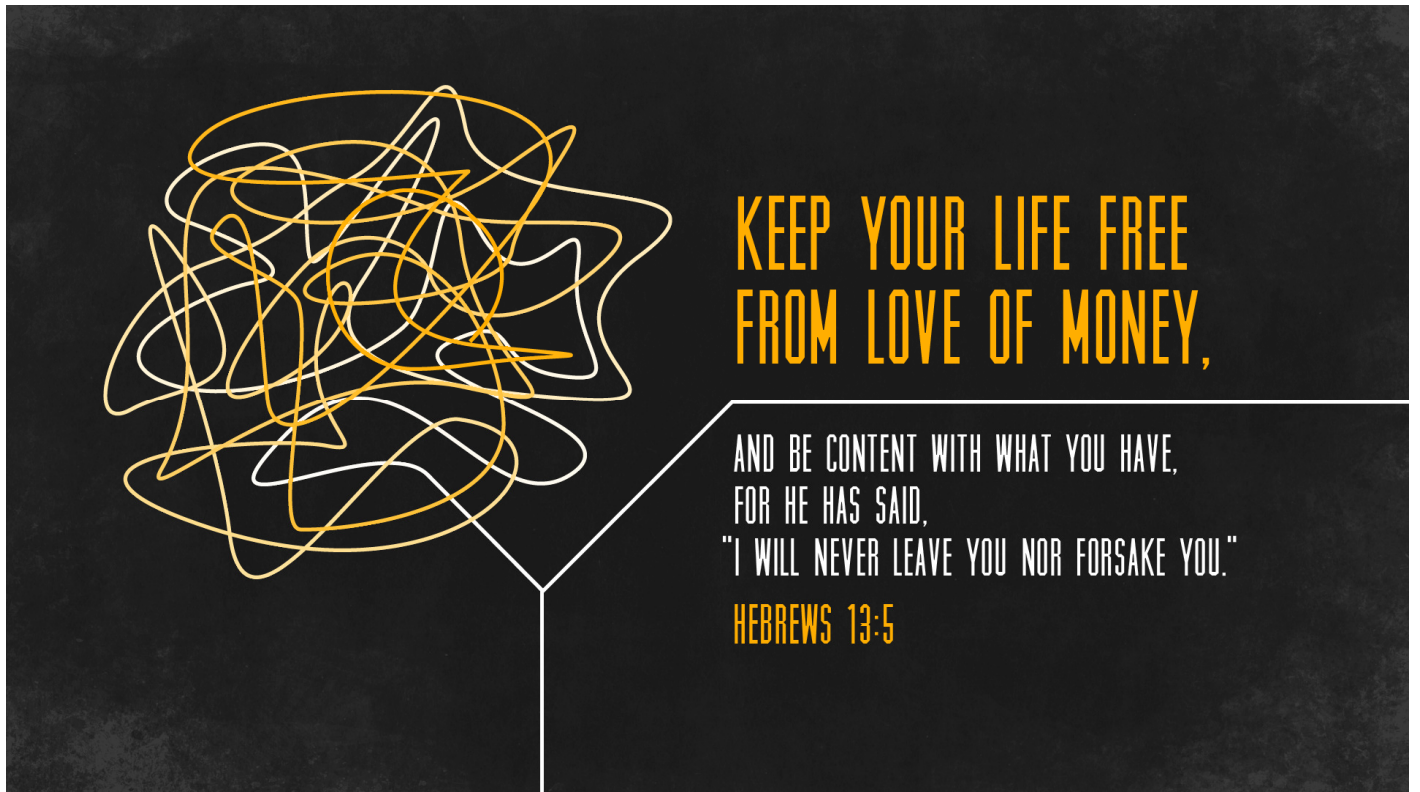


Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 9, 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.

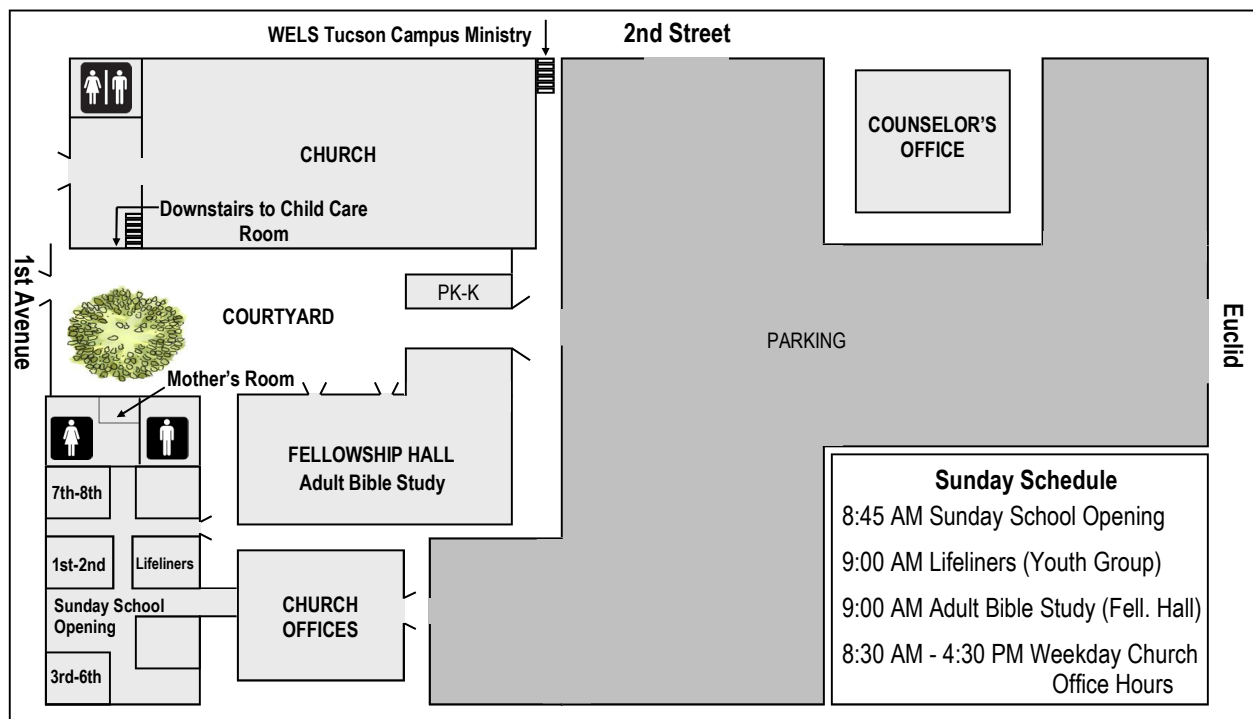
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

My God Will Never Leave Me
Christian Worship #418

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -



tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

*They Word is Dear
to Me*

By John M. Rasley

*Lord I Look to Thee
David Paxton*

*The words of this
song of praise are
based on Psalm 34:8
and Psalm 119:89. It
marks our
thankfulness to
have heard God's
forgiveness of our
sins and anticipates
our listening to
God's Word
throughout our
worship service.*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy. Then Naaman and all his attendants went back to the man of God. He stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the world except in Israel. Please accept now a gift from your servant." The prophet answered, "As surely as the LORD lives, whom I serve, I will not accept a thing." And even though Naaman urged him, he refused. "If you will not," said Naaman, "please let me, your servant, be given as much earth as a pair of mules can carry, for your servant will never again make burnt offerings and sacrifices to any other god but the LORD. But may the LORD forgive your servant for this one thing: When my master enters the temple of Rimmon to bow down and he is leaning on my arm and I bow there also—when I bow down in the temple of Rimmon, may the LORD forgive your servant for this." "Go in peace," Elisha said. After Naaman had traveled some distance, Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said to himself, "My master was too easy on Naaman, this Aramean, by not accepting from him what he brought. As surely as the LORD lives, I will run after him and get something from him." So Gehazi hurried after Naaman.

2 Kings 5:14-27 (NIV)

When Naaman saw him running toward him, he got down from the chariot to meet him. "Is everything all right?" he asked. "Everything is all right," Gehazi answered. "My master sent me to say, 'Two young men from the company of the prophets have just come to me from the hill country of Ephraim. Please give them a talent of silver and two sets of clothing.'" "By all means, take two talents," said Naaman. He urged Gehazi to accept them, and then tied up the two talents of silver in two bags, with two sets of clothing. He gave them to two of his servants, and they carried them ahead of Gehazi. When Gehazi came to the hill, he took the things from the servants and put them away in the house. He sent the men away and they left. Then he went in and stood before his master Elisha. "Where have you been, Gehazi?" Elisha asked. "Your servant didn't go anywhere," Gehazi answered. But Elisha said to him, "Was not my spirit with you when the man got down from his chariot to meet you? Is this the time to take money, or to accept clothes, olive groves, vineyards, flocks, herds, or menservants and maidservants? Naaman's leprosy will cling to you and to your descendants forever." Then Gehazi went from Elisha's presence and he was leprous, as white as snow.

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*Psalm Tone*

1. Lord, you have been our / dwelling place* throughout all gener- / ations.
2. Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth / and the world,*
from everlasting to everlasting / you are God.
3. For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has / just gone by,*
or like a watch / in the night.

Refrain

4. You have set our iniquities be- / fore you,*
our secret sins in the light of your / presence.
5. You turn mortals / back to dust.* You sweep them away in the / sleep of death.
6. The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we / have the strength;*,
yet their span is but trouble and / sorrow.
7. Teach us to number our / days aright,* that we may gain a heart of / wisdom.

Refrain

8. Satisfy us in the morning with your un- / failing love,*
that we may sing for you and be glad / all our days.
9. 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 13:1-6 (NIV)**

Keep on loving each other as brothers. Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing some people have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will

judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." So we say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can man do to me?"

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

Isaiah 25:9b cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-27 (NIV)

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not give false testimony, do not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow

me." At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

What Is the World to
Christian Worship #477

SERMON

Hebrews 13:1-6
Content to Serve

Please stand

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.

Please be seated

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

M: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.

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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

*The Church's One Foundation
By Samuel S. Wesley
Arr. by Cindy Berry*

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

M: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with faith that you will respond for our welfare.

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

All Depends on Our Possessing
Christian Worship #421

Please stand

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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.

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.

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



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

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

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanist Katie Patoka
Ushers..... Rusty King, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
 Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)
 Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
Greeters Ed & Judy Ethington (10:00 AM)

POSTLUDE:

Thanks Be Unto God
By Howard H.
Wetherill

Grace Polo Shirts & T-Shirts

We are excited to announce that polo shirts and t-shirts with the Grace logo will be offered for sale at all four Grace locations on **today & next Sunday**. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes are available. Photos of the shirt styles and colors will be available to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton polo Youth-\$15.50, Ladies & Mens-\$18.00; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo Ladies & Mens only-\$25.50; T-shirts Youth-\$11.00, Ladies & Mens--\$11.00. Polo & Wicking price adjustments: XXL-add \$1.00, XXXL-add \$2.00. Lois Thornton and Joyce Long will be helping take orders and payment should be made at that time.

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Baby Shower for Rosie Geselbracht

There will be a baby shower for Rosie (Thornton) Geselbracht in the Grace-Tucson fellowship hall on Saturday, October 22 at 12:00 PM. Lunch will be provided. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Rosie is registered at Buy Buy Baby and Target. She is having a girl. Gift cards are also appreciated since she's traveling from Denver. **Please RSVP to Lois Thornton at 323-8772 by October 17 if you plan to attend.**

Multi-Site Conference

Grace will be hosting the first WELS Multi-Site Conference November 14-16, 2016 at Grace-Tucson. Spacing is limited, so register soon! See the flyer in the fellowship hall for more information.

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 Merlin & Pat Nielsen in thanks to God for 56 years of marriage and in memory of past family members.

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 Jonathan and Lakeisha Ganster. 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 Chronicles 26:16-23
1 Corinthians 9:7-12, 19-23
Mark 10:35-45

Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly 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.

Softball Invite

There will be 50 innings of softball to be played for men, women and children this Saturday, October 15, from 8:00 AM-4:00 PM at Meadowbrook Park (2635 W. Sandbrook Lane, 85741). You can play one inning or all 50! You also can just come out to watch. There will be innings just for the kids as well. The park also has a playground and a basketball court. There will be a break for lunch at 12:00 PM. Grace will provide the main meal, water and lemonade, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you plan to participate, we ask that you bring one can of food that will be donated to the local food bank. This is a great fellowship event that we hope you can make, open to all WELS churches in Tucson!



Choir at Grace-Tucson

Our music coordinator has been working with our pastors and music leaders to assess how viable an adult choir at Grace-Tucson might be this year. She would appreciate feedback from any members interested in participating in such a choir. Please go to the link below to fill out a brief online survey regarding choir or speak directly with Beth Kassulke.

<http://bit.ly/2dJe7ZX>



**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 9-Oct 16

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
TCM Bible Study—*How Should a Christian Vote?* 7:00p

Monday

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

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

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

Wednesday

NO Bible Studies

Saturday

Area WELS Softball Day at Meadowbrook Park 8:00a-4:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Jude* 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Saturday

Area WELS Softball Day at Meadowbrook Park 8:00a-4:00p

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

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

Area WELS Softball Day at Meadowbrook Park 8:00a-4:00p
LWMS Fall Retreat in Heber, AZ (Friday-Sunday)

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 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
TCM Bible Study—*Millennialism* 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/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Monday

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

Wednesday

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

Saturday

Area WELS Softball Day at Meadowbrook Park 8:00a-4:00p

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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Women's Fellowship Group

The Women's Fellowship Group is going to see *The Spirit of Christmas* dance and musical performance on Saturday, December 17 at 4:00 PM (venue is near Saddlebrooke). While this event is a few months away, we need to reserve tickets early in order to get great seats. The tickets are \$30. **If you'd like to come, please RSVP to Cora in the church office (623-6633) by Friday, October 21.** More details can be found at dvpac.net/performances/upcoming/the-spirit-of-Christmas-2016/49.

Tucson Area Reformation Service

The Reformation Service for the Tucson area will be Sunday, October 30 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.



Roast Beef Dinner—November 4

Come, bring a friend, and enjoy good food and fellowship on 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. East Fork is in need of Bibles and hymnals, along with many other supplies for their expanding school. 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 will be available next week in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help.

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.

Calendars and Coupon Cards Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are conducting their annual sale of 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. The Lifeliners will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities.



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.