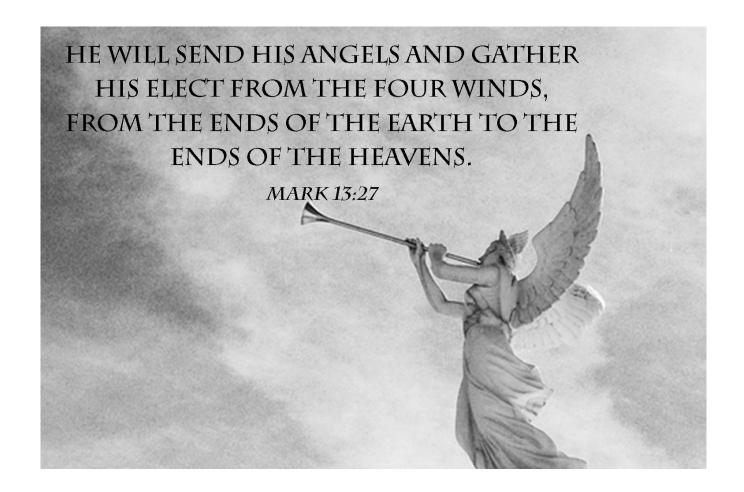
Third Sunday of End Time— Saints Triumphant



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church November 13, 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.

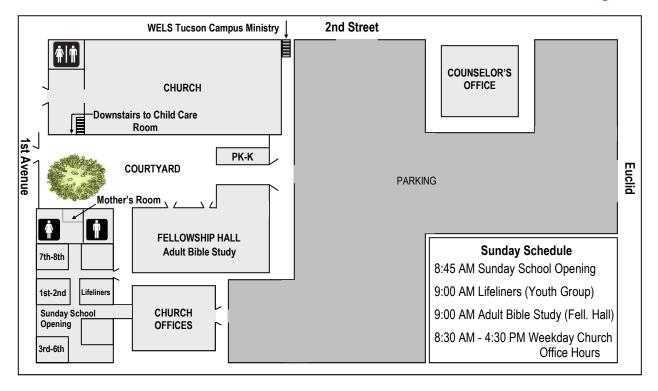
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



After journeying through the Sundays after Pentecost examining our life of faith, the season of End Time marks the end of the Christian Church Year. The third Sunday of End Time is Saints Triumphant Sunday. On this day our focus is on heaven and the gift of eternal life given to those who trust in Christ. We remember those who have gone before us and are around the throne of God and we look forward to our victory as well. The color for this Sunday is white, signifying the holiness of God, heaven and the saints.

DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Blessed Are the Saints of God Christian Worship #394

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:

There is a Higher

By Keith & Kristyn

Arr. by Lloyd Larson

St. George's Windsor

By George J. Elvey

10:00 AM-

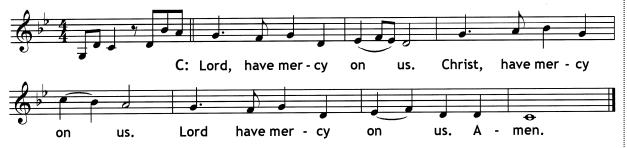
Give Thanks Played by the Handbell Choir

7:45 AM-

Throne

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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 and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; 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

FIRST LESSON

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the

dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many

to righteousness, like the stars for

Daniel 12:1-3 (NIV)

PSALM 118

ever and ever.

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

The vocalist(s) will sing the verses. The congregation may join in the refrains.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



- 1. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.
- 2. The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!
- 3. I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

- 4. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.
- 5. The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
- 6. This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- 7. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

10:00 AM-

The Handbell Choir will accompany the Psalm.

SECOND LESSON

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 (NIV)

himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Revelation 7:15a

M: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. Alleluia.

Please stand

The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King. GOSPEL Mark 13:24-27 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



"But in those days, following that distress, 'the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from the sky, and the heavenly bodies will be shaken.' At that time men will see the

Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And he will send his angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of the heavens."

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

The Day Full of Grace Christian Worship #254

SERMON

Mark 13:24-27 Look! His Angels Gather His Elect

Please stand

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





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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM-

Mississippi (Sing with All the Saints in Glory) By William B. Roberts Setting by Rebecca R. Kramer

10:00 AM-

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow Setting by Benjamin M. Culli

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: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.
- C: We too join them to praise your majesty.
- M: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!
- C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.
- M: Encourage us by your gracious promises. Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.
- C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.
- M: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.
- C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.
- C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 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.

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

HYMN

Lord, When Your Glory I Shall See Christian Worship #219

Please stand

PRAYER

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.

BLESSING

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

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN (see page 10)

Jerusalem the Golden Christian Worship Supplement #728

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POST LUDE:
7:45 AM-
God Be with You till
We Meet Again
Tune by William G.
Tomer

10:00 AM— For All the Saints Setting by Benjamin M. Culli

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Preacher	Pastor Tim Patoka	
Worship Leader	Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)	
Accompanists	Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)	
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)	
Trombone	John Rayman (7:45 AM)	
Baritone	Eileen Rayman (7:45 AM)	
Vocalists	Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)	
	Dylan Guenther & Jay Wiechmann (10:00 AM)	
Preservice Music & Handbell Choir Director Melissa Newbrey (10:00 AM)		
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)	
Jon Don	goske, Jonathan Ganster, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)	
	Danny Koehler, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)	
Sound & Recording Tech		
Greeters	Ed & Judy Ethington (10:00 AM)	

Multi-Site Conference Starts Tomorrow!

Grace will be hosting the first WELS Multi-Site Conference beginning tomorrow and going through Wednesday here at Grace-Tucson. About 150 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.



for WELS Churches

Thank you to those who will be helping at the conference. Pastor Koehler is available this morning in the courtyard if you have questions about the conference.

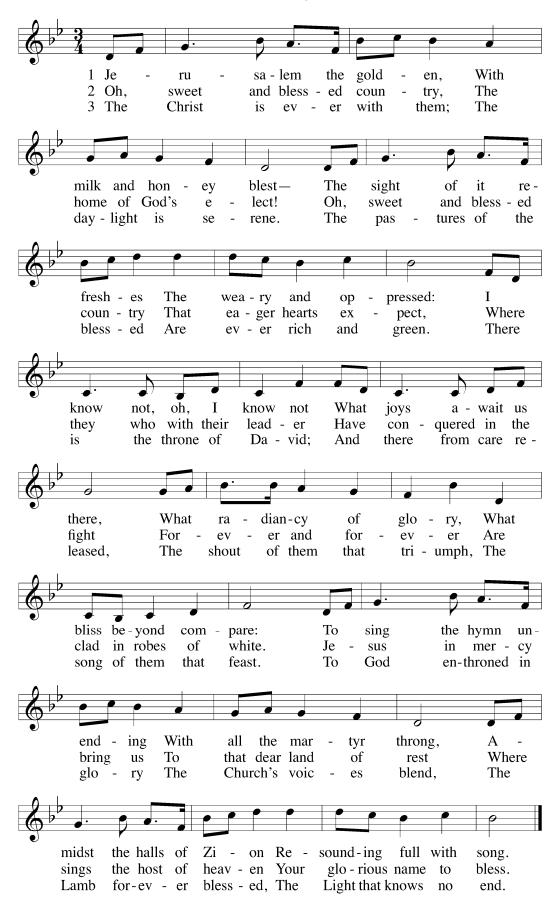
Grace-Tucson Audio-Visual System

We are very thankful to be using our new Audio-Visual system in the Sanctuary today. The installation was completed this past week with all of the final touches. Our volunteers have been working hard to learn the best ways of using this new system. This project was approved by the voters in our regular Voters' Meeting in September. You will hopefully notice today that the new system not only corrects many of the issues that we had been experiencing in worship, but also improves the sound quality here. The quality of our online video has also increased dramatically. That video is useful for both prospects and our members who are not able to join us in person.

Thank you to many who have already made special contributions to this project. These gifts have already reached nearly \$20,000. If you have noticed the improvement and benefited from the change, please consider making a special offering in support of this upgrade! You may do so through your offering envelopes or online to the Audio/Visual Fund.

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Jerusalem the Golden



This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Cluny, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene.

Special Voters' Meeting

Thank you to all who joined us for the Special Voters' Meeting on Thursday, November 10. There the Voters considered how best to handle the expenses that have been incurred in repairing the WELS Tucson Campus Ministry Student Center following the flooding of this past summer.

The Church Council had recommended using some money that was originally borrowed to install the new Audio-Visual system in the Grace-Tucson sanctuary. While this would increase the debt load to some extent, it would also preserve an emergency fund for future needs.

After discussing several other possible avenues, the voters approved the motion to use these borrowed funds and also to give an opportunity to the members of Grace to support this project with special offerings. Please watch for more information soon about how you might contribute if you are interested in doing so.

Redeemer's Great Exchange This Week

The fall Great Exchange at Redeemer Lutheran Church and School (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, Tucson) is this Monday through Wednesday! This much-anticipated event, held in Redeemer's Ministry Center, is an opportunity for fun, food and fellowship. Let us stress that a person does NOT need to bring any items to participate. This is a free event and participants can take as many items as they wish. The idea (for those of you who are new to this activity) is to clean out your closets and garages and bring any items you no longer want or need. Everything will be put on display on tables. What might you expect to find? Household appliances; small furniture; handbags/caps/jewelry; decorative items of any kind including pictures, collectibles, and figurines; linens and bedding and rugs; toys; books, videos; office supplies; cards and stationery; pet cages and needs; seasonal items like costumes and outdoor decorations and Christmas villages and artificial trees; clothing for every age group, especially infants and children. If you have a large or awkward item, bring a picture if you can and advertise it on a sheet of paper with our name and how to reach you.

We serve food throughout so you can shop and eat or sit at a table and enjoy the company of fellow Christians. The hours are Monday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM; Tuesday from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM and Wednesday from 7 AM to 1 PM. Left-over items are donated to a local charity.

You can come as many times as you wish because new items come in daily and you never know what treasure you will find! This is one event which happens twice a year in which everyone leaves HAPPY! This is not a fund-raiser; everything is FREE. This is a social event and option for those who might be in need. It is a bonanza for people who love to go to yard sales!

Please join us! For questions call Ruth Schaller at 572-6686.

Men's Fellowship Group Bible Study

This Saturday, November 19, at 9:00 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall, the Men's Fellowship Group will meet for a Bible Study on the book of 1 John, led by Pastor Kassulke. Coffee will be provided.

Thank You

Karen Manning would like to thank everyone who made or donated hats and scarves for children on the Reservation and in Mexico. The goal was 300 and she received over 500! Half went to the Reservation and the other half was taken by Mission to the Children to the kids in Mexico.

Thanksgiving Dinner Next Sunday at Grace-Sahuarita

Anyone 55 and older is invited to join us for a Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace-Sahuarita at noon next Sunday. The Thanksgiving meal will be served by Tucson Campus Ministry students and Grace Lifeliners. Please get your tickets in the Fellowship Hall. If you'd like to invite a friend or neighbor, please get a ticket for them too. Everyone needs a ticket that wants to attend so that we have enough food prepared. If you realize you are unable to attend after grabbing a ticket, please be sure to get it back to the church office or give it to one of the pastors. This will allow for someone else to use the ticket. Please join us for this great opportunity for an intergeneration meal and fellowship.

NO WELS TCM Bible Study Next Sunday

Tucson Campus Ministry will not meet next Sunday, November 20 due to a scheduled volunteer event (see announcement above). Bible Study will resume again on Sunday, December 4 at 7:00 PM. Please talk to Pastor Patoka if you have any questions at (540) 623-1149.

Birthday Invitation

The congregation is invited to a birthday celebration for Pat Messer on Saturday, December 3 from 12:30-2:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. It will be catered, so please RSVP to Tom Bossert at 360-6900 by November 28 if you plan to attend.

Advent By Candlelight at Holy Cross

The women of Holy Cross Lutheran Church invite their fellow sisters in Christ to join them in preparing their hearts for Christmas on Saturday, December 3 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Education Building at Holy Cross (241 N. Harrison Road, Tucson). There is no cost. Treats and beverages will be provided. Please register online at www.holycrosstucson.org/advent-by-candlelight/. If you have any questions or would like more information, please call 296-5129.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship Services

You are invited to a special Thanksgiving Eve worship service on Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM here at Grace-Tucson. There will be a dessert fellowship following the service in the Fellowship Hall and courtyard. **Members are asked to bring a pie or other dessert.** This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends!

Grace-Sahuarita will also be holding a Thanksgiving Eve worship service on **Wednesday, November 23 at 7:00 PM**. If you haven't been out to our Sahuarita site, this might be the perfect opportunity to try it out and invite your friends and family members. There will be a pie social following the service.

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 Bob & Nadine Rentschler in loving memory of John Rentschler and Esther Nelson.

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 Bill & Lisa Toben. 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

> Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:4b-8 John 18:33-37

Sermon Text & Theme

Daniel 7:13-14 Always, Only, One True King

Christmas Tree Thank You

Grace-Tucson

(830 N. 1st Avenue)

The Women of Grace would like to thank the donors who helped buy our church Christmas trees (donors known and anonymous)! They will be on full display at the front of church November 27 and for the Advent and Christmas seasons.

Midweek Advent Services

Midweek Advent Services begin Wednesday, November 30 at 3 of our 4 sites. See the schedule below.

Grace-Benson

(451 W. Duane Street, Benson) 7:00 PM Worship Service Supper at 6:00 PM

Grace-Sahuarita

(17675 S. La Cañada Drive) 7:00 PM Worship Service Supper at 6:00 PM

10:00 AM & 7:00 PM Worship Services Supper at 6:00 PM

Please see the sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to volunteer to host one of the Advent suppers here at Grace-Tucson.



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 • Nov 13-Nov 20

TUCSON Today Worship Services	Tuesday NO English as a Second Language Classes Wednesday NO Midweek Bible Study: Church History 10:00a Thursday Women's Bible Study: Digging for Insights 9:00a Saturday Men's Fellowship Bible Study 9:00a 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
SAHUARITA Today Children's Sunday School	Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall): • The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days
Worship Service	VAIL Today
Wednesday NO Bible Study Bible Study: What Happens Next?	Children's Sunday School
Saturday Men's Fellowship Bible Study at Grace-Tucson	Worship Service/Communion
Sunday Children's Sunday School	NO Bible Study Wednesday
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a Thanksgiving Dinner at Grace-Sahuarita 12:00p	Bible Study at the Ministry Center: Revelation
BENSON Today Worship Service/Communion	Sunday Children's Sunday School
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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net