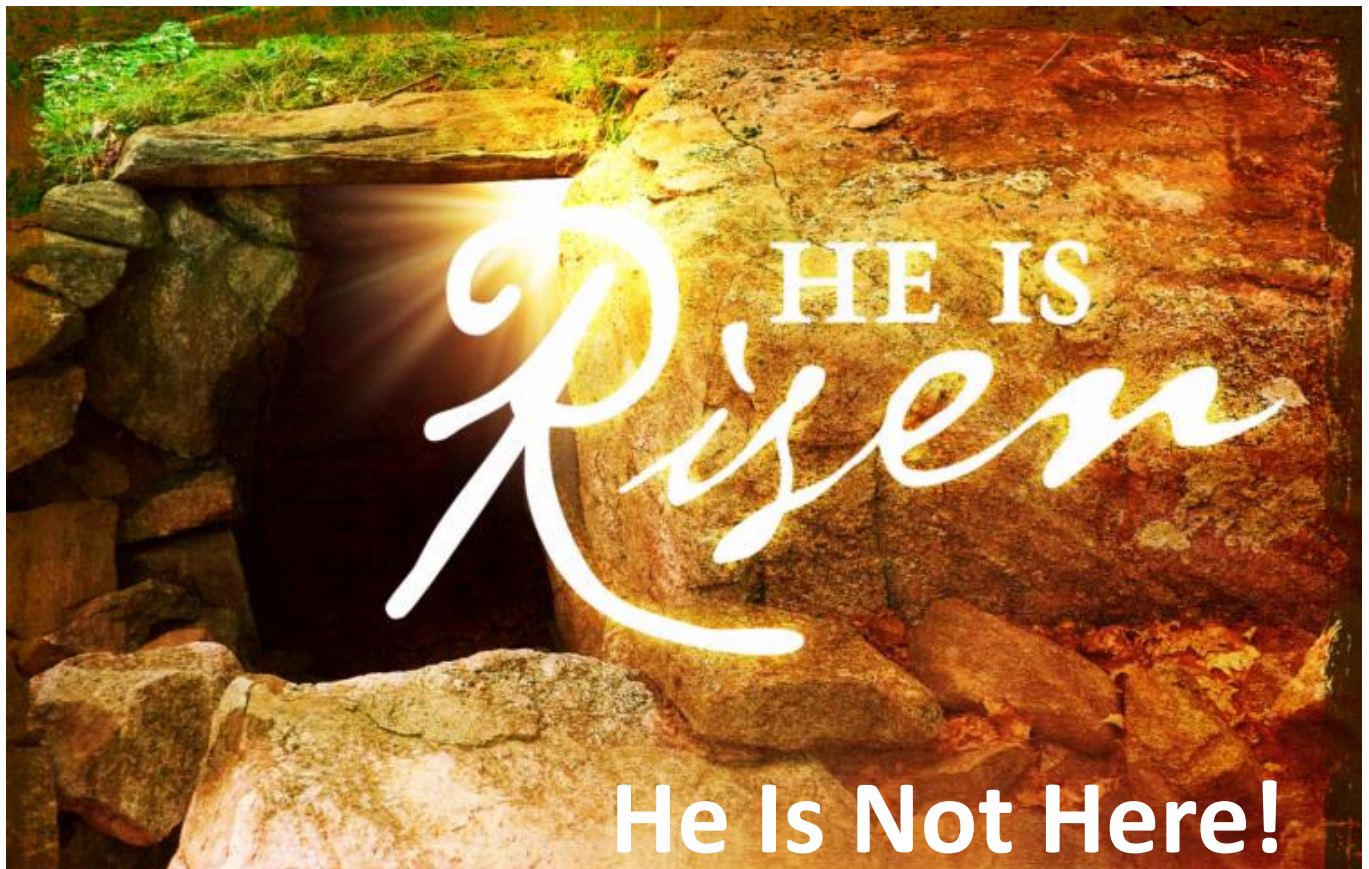


Easter Festival Worship

March 27, 2016



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
830 N. First Avenue, Tucson, AZ



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.

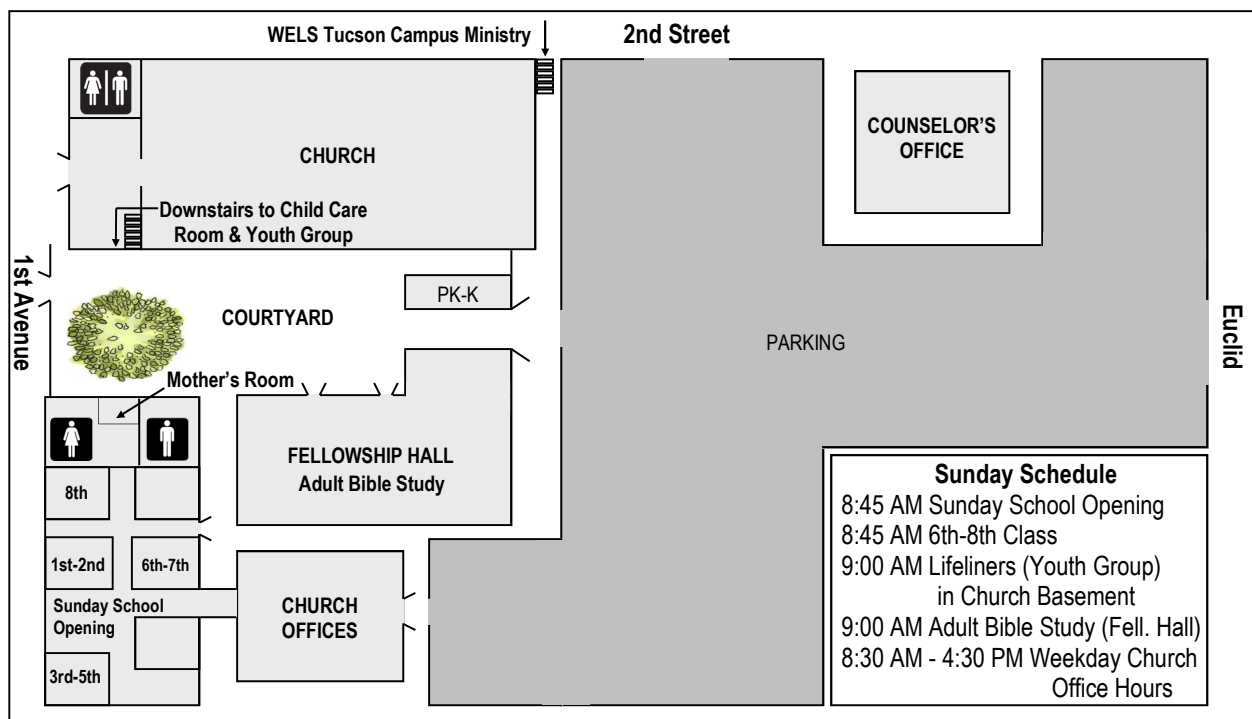
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

HYMN

Jesus Christ Is Risen Today
Christian Worship #157

Please stand for the final stanza of the hymn.

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

M: Jesus Christ is risen!

C: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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.

HYMN

He's Risen, He's Risen
Christian Worship #143 st. 1 & 4

1. He's ris - en, he's ris - en, Christ Je - sus, the Lord;
4. Oh, where is your sting, death? We fear you no more;

He o - pened death's pris - on, the in - car - nate Word.
Christ rose, and now o - pen is fair E - den's door.

Break forth, hosts of heav - en, in ju - bi - lant song
For all our trans - gres - sions his blood does a - tone;

And earth, sea, and moun - tain the prais - es pro - long.
Re - deemed and for - giv - en, we now are his own.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you conquered death and opened the gate to eternal life. Grant that we who have been raised with him through baptism may walk in newness of life and ever rejoice in the hope of sharing his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be dominion and praise now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Then Moses and the Israelites sang this song to the LORD: "I will sing to the LORD, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea. The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. The LORD is a warrior; the LORD is his name. Pharaoh's chariots and his army he has hurled into the sea. The best of Pharaoh's officers are drowned in the Red Sea. The deep waters have covered them; they sank to the depths like a stone. Your right hand, O LORD, was majestic in power. Your right hand, O LORD, shattered the enemy. In the greatness of your majesty you threw down

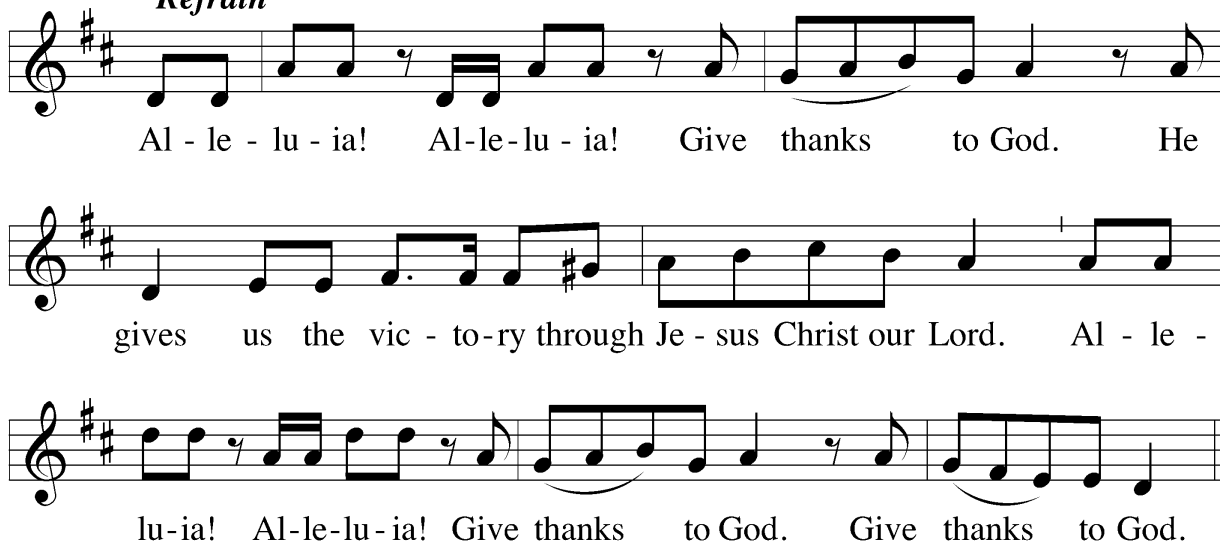
Exodus 15:1-11 (NIV)

those who opposed you. You unleashed your burning anger; it consumed them like stubble. By the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up. The surging waters stood firm like a wall; the deep waters congealed in the heart of the sea. The enemy boasted, 'I will pursue, I will overtake them. I will divide the spoils; I will gorge myself on them. I will draw my sword and my hand will destroy them.' But you blew with your breath, and the sea covered them. They sank like lead in the mighty waters. Who among the gods is like you, O LORD? Who is like you—majestic in holiness, awesome in glory, working wonders?"



PSALM 118

Refrain



Al - le - lu - ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. He
gives us the vic - to-ry through Je - sus Christ our Lord. Al - le -
lu-ia! Al-le-lu - ia! Give thanks to God. Give thanks to God.

Psalm Tone



The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.

“The LORD’S right hand is lifted high;
the LORD’S right hand has done mighty things!”

I will not die but live,
and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

Refrain

I will give you thanks, for you answered me;
you have become my salvation.

The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;
the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**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.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (NIV)

Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the

same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. For I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them—yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me. Whether, then, it was I or they, this is what we preach, and this is what you believed.

VOICES OF GRACE

Christ Is Risen, Christ Is Risen

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen, tell it with a joyful voice;
Christ has burst his three days' prison: let the whole wide earth rejoice!
Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory!*

*Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, with glad smile and radiant brow;
Lent's long shadows have departed, all his woes are over now,
And the Passion that he bore; sin and pain can vex no more.*

*Christ is risen, Christ is risen; he has opened heaven's gate:
We are free from death's dark prison, risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream.
Christ is risen! Christ has won the victory!*

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:1-12 (NIV)

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered

into the hands of sinful men, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.'" Then they remembered his words. When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.



Choir 1 Christ has a - ris - en, al - le - lu - ia.
 Choir 2 For three long days the grave did its worst
 Women 3 The an - gel said to them, "Do not fear.
 Men 4 "Go spread the news: he's not in the grave.
 All 5 Christ has a - ris - en; he sets us free.



Re - joice and praise him, al - le - lu - ia.
 Un - til its strength by God was dis - persed.
 You look for Je - sus who is not here.
 He has a - ris - en this world to save.
 Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.



For our Re - deem - er burst from the tomb,
 He who gives life did death un - der - go.
 See for your - selves the tomb is all bare.
 Je - sus' re - deem - ing la - bors are done.
 Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;



E - ven from death, dis - pel - ling its gloom.
 And in its con - quest his might did show.
 On - ly the grave cloths are ly - ing there."
 E - ven the bat - tle with sin is won."
 He reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Refrain: All

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy.



Death's fear - ful sting he has come to de - stroy.



Our sin for - giv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!



Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

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!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC

Come Let Us Sing
By David Paxton

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOR EASTER

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for believers, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory:

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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

Alleluia! Jesus Lives
Christian Worship #153

Please stand

PRAYER

M: Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above.
Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's
holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we
live, through Jesus Christ, our risen 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.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

I Know that My Redeemer Lives
Christian Worship #152

<i>Stanza 1: All</i>	<i>Stanza 5: Solo</i>
<i>Stanza 2: All</i>	<i>Stanza 6: All</i>
<i>Stanza 3: Women</i>	<i>Stanza 7: Solo</i>
<i>Stanza 4: Men</i>	<i>Stanza 8: All</i>

POSTLUDE

Sing The Glad Song
By Franklin Ritter

Those Assisting in Easter Worship

Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler
Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Accompanist.....	Teri Guenther
Handbell Director	Melissa Newbrey
Voices of Grace Director	Beth Kassulke
Vocalists.....	Dylan Guenther & Beth Kassulke
Trumpet.....	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Ushers	Dave Breitreitz, Ed Ethington, Dylan Guenther Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein
Sound and Recording Tech	Chris Stuhr
Greeters.....	Jean & Ron Husemann

*We wish you a blessed Easter Day! If you do not currently have a church home,
we invite you to join us for worship each week throughout the year. We are happy to answer any
questions you may have about our church and invite you to speak with the pastor
if you have an interest in becoming a member of Grace.*

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.

You're invited to worship with us at any of our four sites:

Grace-Tucson

830 N. 1st Ave in Tucson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Tucson is:

7:45 AM Worship Service
8:45 AM Children's Sunday School
9:00 AM Teen and Adult Bible Studies
10:00 AM Worship Service.

Grace-Benson

451 W. Duane St. in Benson.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Benson is: 7:30 AM Worship Service.

Grace-Sahuarita

17675 S. La Cañada Dr. in Sahuarita.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Sahuarita is: 9:45 AM Worship Service.

Grace-Vail

We worship in Esmond Station School at
9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way in Rita Ranch.

The regular Sunday morning schedule at Grace-Vail is:

9:00 AM Children's Sunday School
9:00 AM Adult Bible Study
10:00 AM Worship Service.

Easter Lilies

Thank you to those who have beautified our Easter worship by providing lilies:

Jeanette O'Donald—In memory of parents, Esther & Myron Nelson.
Bob & Nadine Rentschler—In thanksgiving for our Christian family and friends.
Pat Dent—In loving memory of Terry Dent.
Lois & Vic Thornton
Cora & Chris Stuhr—In memory of loved ones.
Pete & Terry Kosanke—In memory of loved ones.
Bob & Audrey Nessinger—In memory of Linda Nessinger and Dick Street.
Elizabeth Kaney—In memory of Larry Kaney
Sally Littau—In thanksgiving to God for my wonderful family.
Greg & Karen Grorud—In memory of August & Dorothy Lehet and Al, Joan and Allan Grorud.
Dottie Kaiser—In loving memory of her parents and loved ones.
Nani & Jeffrey Witter—In memory of John and Joel Witter.
Jean & Ron Husemann—In thank to God for his many blessings!



For those of you who purchased lilies, please remember to take them home after the 10:00 AM service today. Thank you!

Bible Studies

Wednesday Bible studies will not meet March 30. Classes on *Church History* will resume April 6 at 10:00 & 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall with Pastor Clemons.

Pastor Koehler's Thursday morning Women's Bible Study on *Digging for Insights* will resume again on April 7 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Grace's Old-Fashioned Church Picnic

It's time, once again, for Grace's old-fashioned church picnic on Saturday, April 9, from 12:00-4:00. This year, our picnic will be held at Grace-Vail (Esmond Station K-8, 9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, Tucson, 85747). Great food, great fellowship, and activities for both kids and adults! It's a wonderful opportunity to see one of our other sites and meet your fellow members. Members are asked to bring a side dish. The main dish will be provided. There will be a dessert contest and prizes this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you are interested in bringing a dessert for the contest, please contact Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704.

Women's Fellowship Group: Afternoon of Games

Saturday, April 16 from 1:00-4:00 PM, the Women's Fellowship Group will get together for an afternoon of games. Snacks and drinks will be provided, but bring your favorite game! The location is being finalized and will be posted in next week's worship folder. If you have any questions call Cora Stuhr in the church office at 623-6633.

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Tuesday, March 15, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Caleb Schoeneck to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Schoeneck currently serves at Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church in College Station, TX. Please keep Pastor Schoeneck, his wife Mary and their three daughters in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in College Station and here at Grace!

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Spring Rally

The LWMS (Lutheran Women's Missionary Society) 2016 Spring Rally is Saturday, April 23. The rally will be at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Lakeside, AZ (4839 Vallery Lane, Lakeside, AZ 85929)! What a great opportunity to learn more about how WELS Women can support mission work, hear some inspiring speakers and spend the day with your sisters-in-Christ. Registration is \$10. You will find the registration forms in the Fellowship Hall and at the other Grace sites. You may also download them at www.grandcanyonlwms.org. Registration goes through April 9, as does the Mission Money collection for the A.C.T.S. program. Please contact Diane Kramm if you have questions at 440-8564.



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (church body), 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.

For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net