

Second Sunday after Pentecost



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he took it away, nailing it to the cross.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 29, 2016



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-Tucson! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

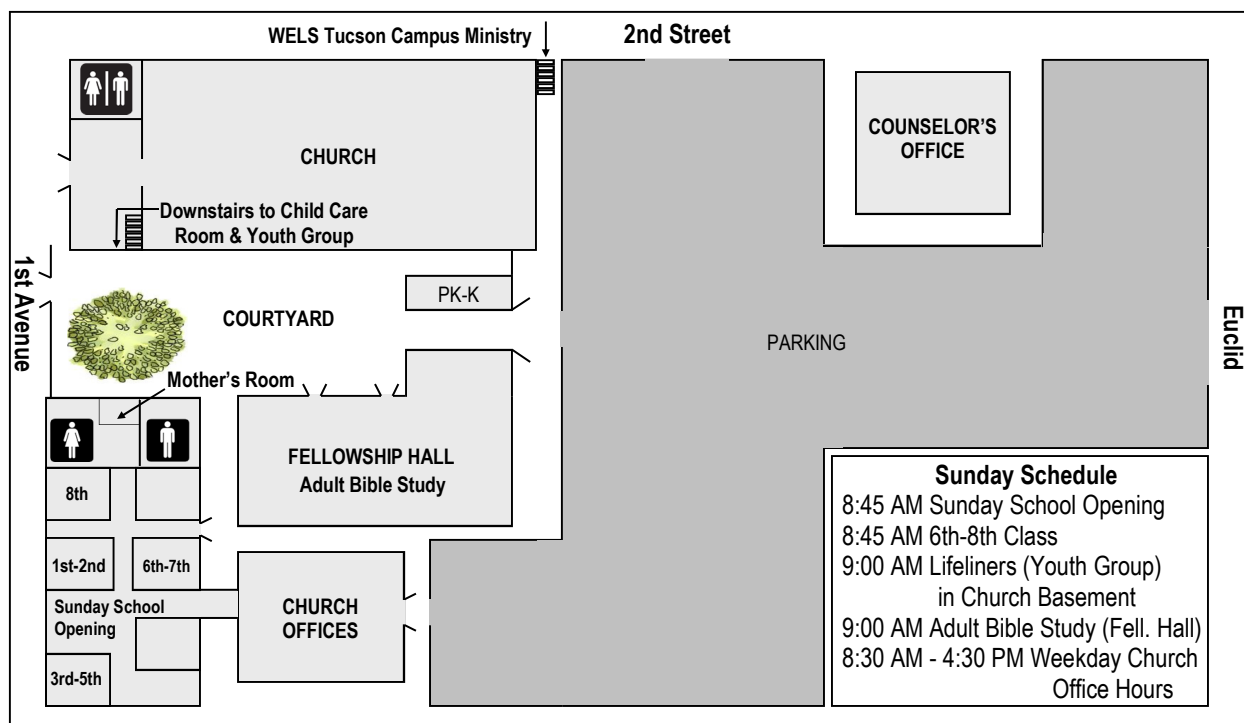
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed;
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service;
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also.

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



DIVINE SERVICE II

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices
Christian Worship #242

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.
C: **Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.**

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

LORD, HAVE MERCY—Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

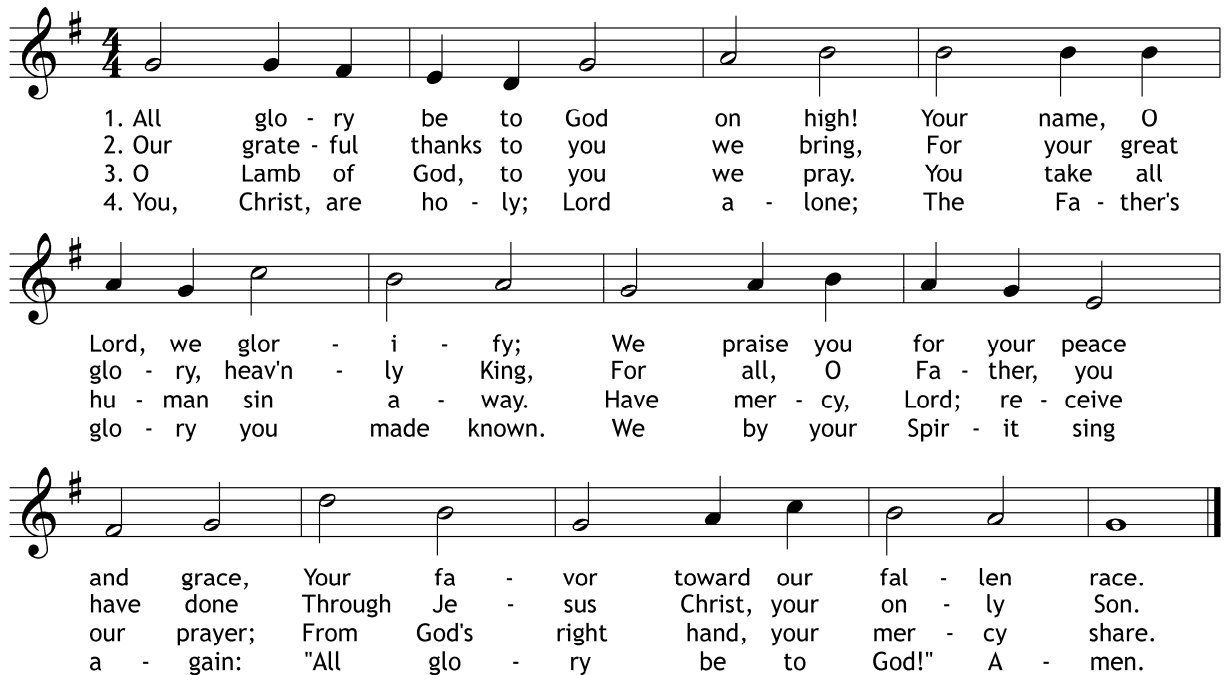
Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.

(Sung to the tune of "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow," Christian Worship #334)



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O
2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all
4. You, Christ, are ho - ly; Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's

Lord, we glor - i - fy; We praise you for your peace
glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you
hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; re - ceive
glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing

and grace, Your fa - vor toward our fal - len race.
have done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
our prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
a - gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, you rule over all things in wisdom and kindness. Take away everything that may be harmful and give us whatever is good; 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

1 Samuel 21:1-6 (NIV)

David went to Nob, to Ahimelech the priest. Ahimelech trembled when he met him, and asked, “Why are you alone? Why is no one with you?” David answered Ahimelech the priest, “The king charged me with a certain matter and said to me, ‘No one is to know anything about your mission and your instructions.’ As for my men, I have told them to meet me at a certain place. Now then, what do you have on hand? Give me five loaves of bread, or whatever you can find.” But the priest answered David, “I don’t have any

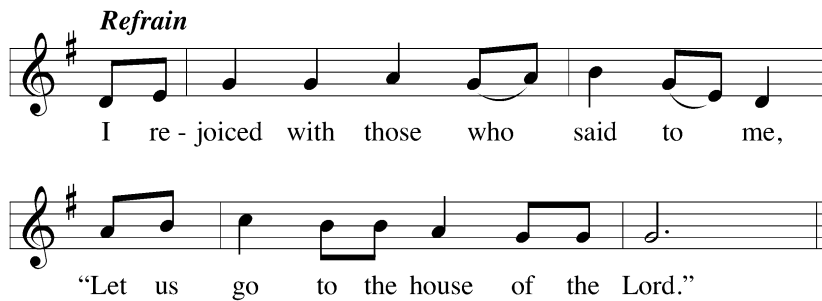
ordinary bread on hand; however, there is some consecrated bread here—provided the men have kept themselves from women.” David replied, “Indeed women have been kept from us, as usual whenever I set out. The men’s things are holy even on missions that are not holy. How much more so today!” So the priest gave him the consecrated bread, since there was no bread there except the bread of the Presence that had been removed from before the LORD and replaced by hot bread on the day it was taken away.

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 122

The vocalist will sing the verses. The congregation may join in the refrains and verse 4.



Refrain

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
“May those who love you be secure.
May there be peace within your walls
and security within your citadels.”

Refrain

For the sake of my brothers and friends,
I will say, “Peace be within you.”
For the sake of the house of the LORD our God,
I will seek your prosperity.

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

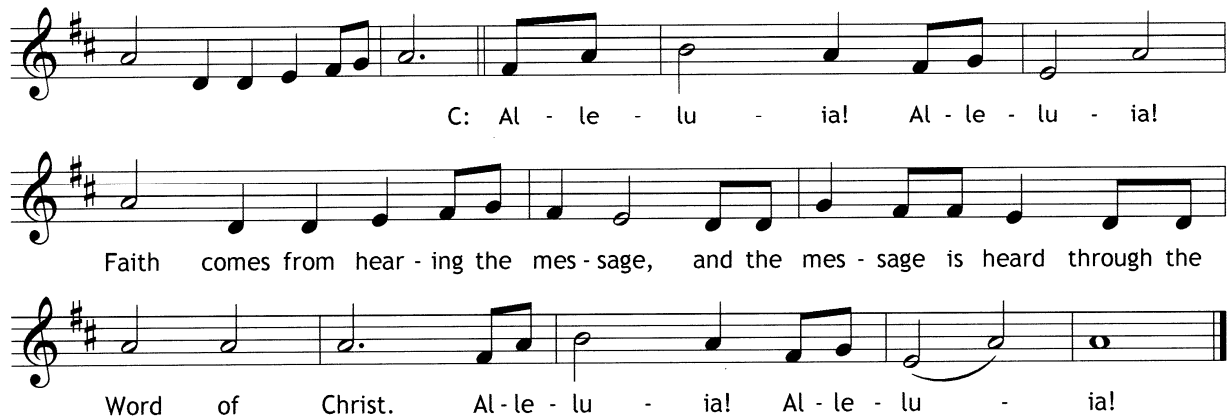
Colossians 2:13-17 (NIV)

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and

authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 10:17



C: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear - ing the mes - sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:23-28 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter two.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? In the days

of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

The congregation stands and speaks words of acclamation out of respect for the words of Christ, our King.

HYMN OF THE DAY

If Your Beloved Son, O God
Christian Worship #393

SERMON

Colossians 2:13-17
We Are Alive and Set Free!

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: Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for reconciling us to yourself through the sufferings and death of your dear Son. Through him we have confidence to enter into your presence and to bring you our prayers and petitions.

Out of the infinite bounty of your goodness, grant us a rich measure of your Spirit. Let the love of Christ fill your Church, so that it may flourish in all good works. Help us show love and compassion for all who are in need. Bestow on the nations of the earth the knowledge of your mercy, that they may turn to you, the only God, and find salvation in you.



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your smart phone to
give online by
scanning this QR
code.*

M: Strengthen our faith so that we unfailingly come to you in prayer for all our bodily needs. Give a special measure of your power to those who are sorrowful or mourning, to those who are in pain or sickness, to those who may be in temptation or peril, that they may receive your blessed aid. And help us patiently endure any chastening and afflictions you permit to come into our lives, knowing that you are using them in love to prepare us for that joyful communion with you, which is ours for all eternity.

Accept our prayers and intercessions, and provide for all our needs not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus our Savior. 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

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Lord, We Confess Our Numerous Faults
Christian Worship #398

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.

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

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 (see page 8)

In Christ Alone
Christian Worship Supplement #752

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
Accompanist..... Stephanie Kania
Vocalists..... Jay Wiechmann (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Jonathan Miller, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)

Donations for the Lutheran Military Support Group (LMSG)

The LMSG is a new support group in our Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. **TODAY** there will be a special Memorial Day donation taken to support this group. You will find an AMMO can near both entrances of church where you can put your donations. Checks should be made out to LMSG. More information about this fundraiser can be found next to the AMMO can as well as in the courtyard display case. Please email Reagan Lane, our congregational liaison, at azreagan@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

Call Meeting

Our next meeting to extend a Divine Call for a pastor to serve in Sahuarita will be this Tuesday, May 31 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will take place in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Previous announcements about this meeting indicated that a motion regarding upgrading Grace-Tucson's Audio/Visual system would be considered. At this time it does not appear that motion will be finalized in time for the meeting.

Confirmation Sunday

Grace-Vail's Youth Confirmation will be next Sunday, June 5. Colton Watson and Spencer Hildreth will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM service that day. All are invited to attend and congratulate the confirmands.

Redeemer Farewell for Megan Watson

Members of Grace and Shepherd of the Hills are invited to Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, 85743) next Sunday June 5 at noon in the Ministry Center to help give a warm sendoff to teacher, Megan Watson, and to help her celebrate her upcoming marriage to Pastor Jacob Haag (Redeemer, Ann Arbor, MI). Lunch will be provided. If you wish to give her a gift, please use cash or gift cards since she has no room in her packed car to carry gifts! We hope you can make it and wish her God's blessings!

Witnesses for Christ Workshop

How often have you wanted to share your Christian faith in a simple way to a neighbor, co-worker, or relative, but wondered where to start? For a number of Christians, it isn't that they don't want to share their faith, but they may not know how. If you are interested in learning one way to share your faith and be a witness for Christ, this workshop is for you. On Saturday, June 11, from 9-10 AM, you will learn "God's Great Exchange," and then have an opportunity to practice it as well. This will give you one way to start a conversation about your faith. The class will be held at Grace-Tucson in the Fellowship Hall.

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1 In Christ a-lone my hope is found.
 2 In Christ a-lone—who took on flesh,
 3 There in the ground his bod-y lay,
 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,

He is my light, my strength, my song;
 Full-ness of God in help-less babe.
 Light of the world by dark-ness slain;
 This is the pow'r of Christ in me;

This cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground,
 This gift of love and right-eous-ness,
 Then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day
 From life's first cry to fi-nal breath,

Firm through the fierc-est drought and storm.
 Scorned by the ones he came to save.
 Up from the grave he rose a-gain!
 Je-sus com-mands my des-tin-y.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 Till on that cross, as Je-sus died,
 And as he stands in vic-tor-y,
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man

When fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!
 The wrath of God was sat-is-fied;
 Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
 Can ev-er pluck me from his hand;

My Com-for-ter, my all in all,
 For ev-'ry sin on him was laid.
 For I am his and he is mine—
 Till he re-turns or calls me home,

(Fine)

Here in the love of Christ I stand.
 Here in the death of Christ I live.
 Bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
 Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.



**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 • May 29-June 5

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

Tuesday

Call Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 7:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service 9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Bible Study: *A Matter of Interpretation?* 11:00a

Tuesday

Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ... 7:00p

Wednesday

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

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Bible Study 11:00a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Tuesday

Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ... 7:00p

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 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

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):
• *Pastor Kassulke* 9:00a

VAIL

Today

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

Tuesday

Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ... 7:00p

Sunday YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Adult Bible Study: *Core Christianity* 9:00a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Cake Reception following 10 AM Worship

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TODAY

Welcome Grace Guests!

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

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. 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

Genesis 3:8-15
Revelation 20:1-6
Mark 3:20-35

Sermon Text

Mark 3:20-35
A Divided House Cannot Stand

Mountaintop Experiences

The Bible tells us about numerous events that took place on or near mountains. Many of these events changed God's people and the course of their history. Still today these lessons teach us about God and our relationship to him. This summer's extended Worship Series at all of Grace's sites invites us to contemplate several of these Mountaintop Experiences. Join us starting Sunday, June 26!

Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Fellowship Group will go bowling Saturday, June 25. Details on location and time will be available soon.

Women's Fellowship Group: *Gaslight Theater*

The Women's Fellowship Group is going to the Gaslight Theater on Sunday, June 26 at 6:00 PM. The show is *The Freedom League: A Comic Adventure!* Tickets are \$16. **Please RSVP to Cora in the church office (623-6633) by Tuesday, June 21 if you plan to attend.**

WELS Day at Chase Field

Join WELS members and friends from all over Arizona as the D-backs take on the Toronto Blue Jays on Wednesday, July 20 at Chase Field. The game starts at 12:40 PM, and there will be a free tailgate lunch at Arizona Lutheran Academy (6036 S. 27th Ave, 85041) prior to the game at 11:00 AM. You will also be bused to the game for free if you park at ALA. **To reserve tickets (\$15 each), please contact Pastor Aaron Mueller at (520) 820-6487 by July 1.**

New Pastor Assigned to Grace

In a special Call Day Service at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary on Thursday, May 19, Pastor Timothy Patoka was assigned to serve at Grace-Tucson as Youth and Family Pastor with responsibilities for Campus Ministry. Pastor Patoka married his wife, Katie, in 2014. We look forward to welcoming them to Tucson. Pastor Patoka's service of ordination and installation is planned for Sunday, July 10 at 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson.