

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 12, 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.

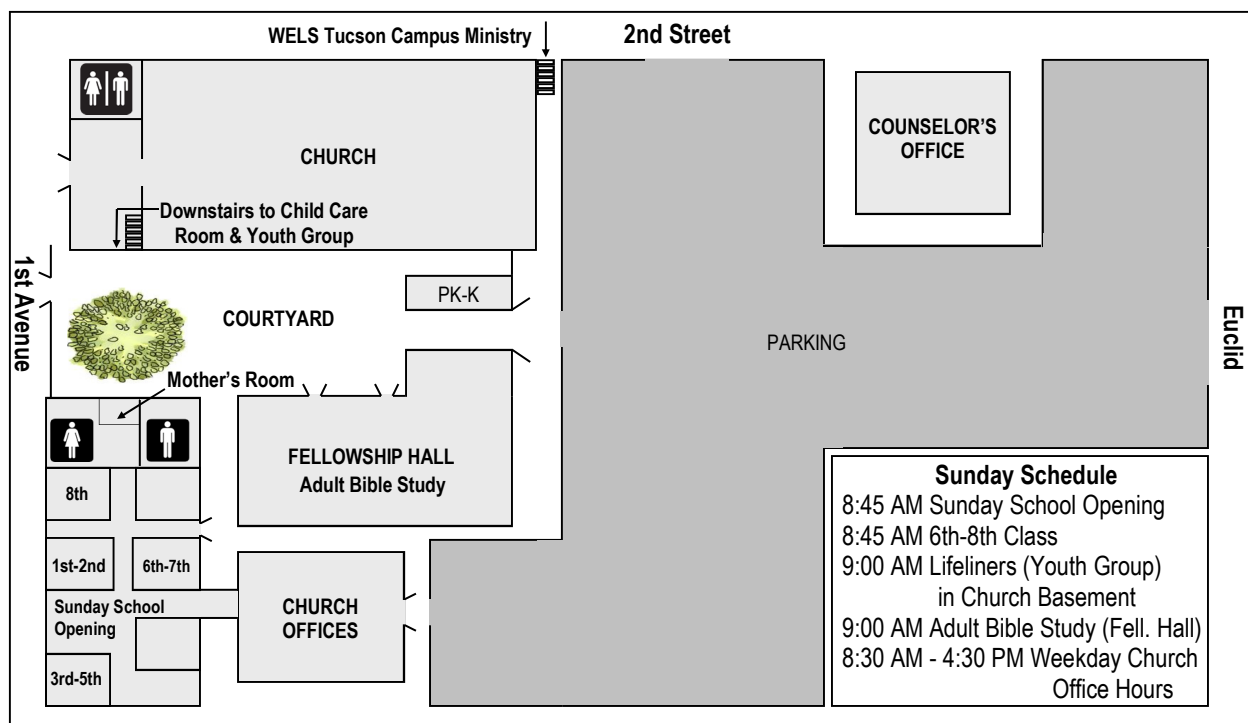
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

VBS CHOIR (10:00 AM)

All Together, Come and Gather

*All together, come and gather in the name of Jesus.
All together, come and gather in the name of the Lord.*

*Jesus, he's our Shepherd King.
Jesus, to him our praise we sing.
Jesus, he's the Living Word.*

WELCOME

HYMN

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty
Christian Worship #255

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
*Forth in Your Name,
O Lord, I Go*
Tune by Barry L. Bobb
Arr. by Rebecca Kramer

Vacation Bible School (VBS) took place here at Grace-Tucson this past week. Thank you to all of the volunteer teachers and helpers who shared God's Word with our students and made it a fun week for everyone! Thank you to all of the students who have joined us today to sing some of the songs that they learned!

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

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.

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.

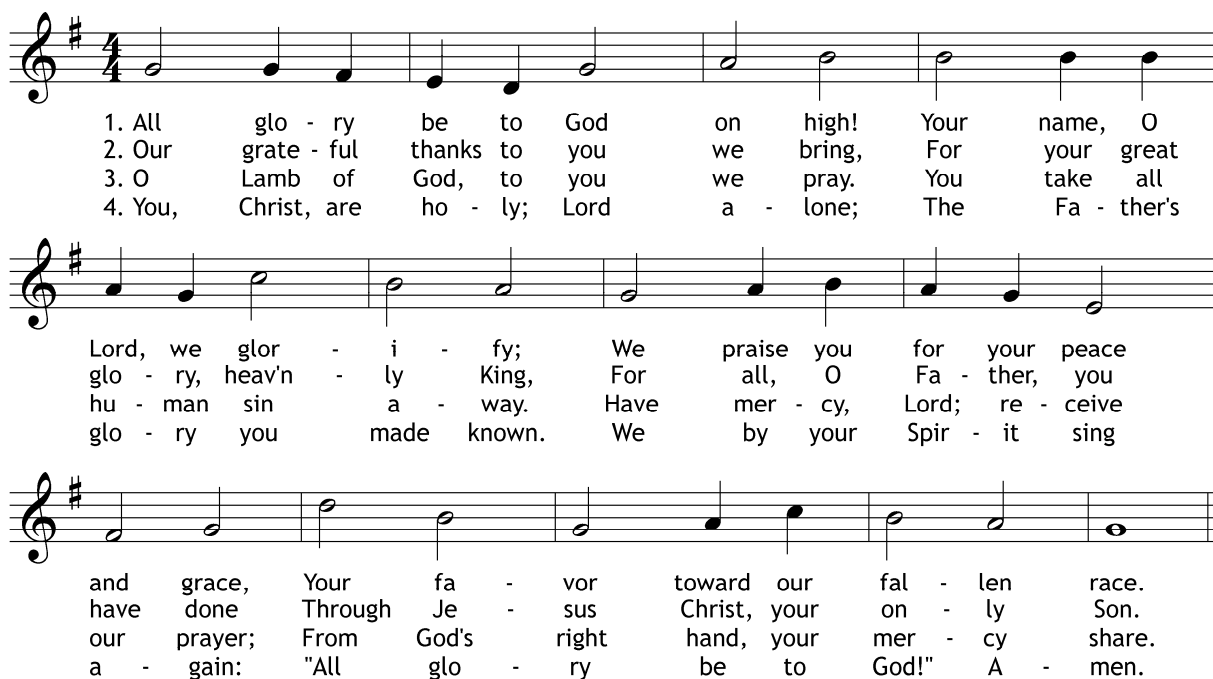
Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

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, protector of all the faithful, you alone make strong; you alone make holy. Show us your mercy and forgive our sins day by day. Guide us through our earthly lives that we do not lose the things you have prepared for us in heaven; through 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

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city—a visit required three days. On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." The Ninevites believed God. They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, took off his royal robes, covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the

Jonah 3:1-10 (NIV)

dust. Then he issued a proclamation in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast, herd or flock, taste anything; do not let them eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

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.

VBS CHOIR (10:00 AM)

I Shall Dwell in the House of the Lord Forever

Psalm 23

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures.

He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul.

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. REFRAIN

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I will fear no evil. For you are with me.

Your rod and your staff they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. REFRAIN

You anoint my head with oil. My cup overflows.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. REFRAIN

SECOND LESSON

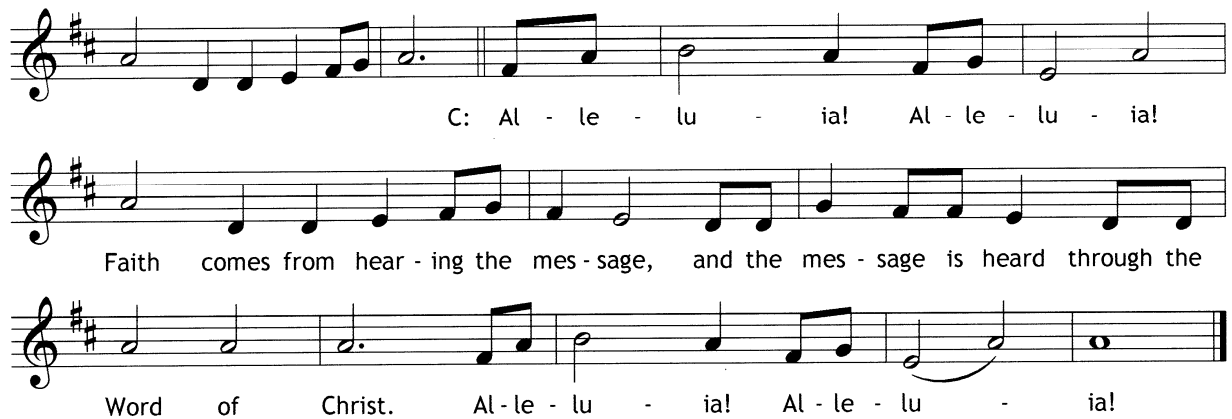
Colossians 1:3-8 (NIV)

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, when we pray for you, because we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love you have for all the saints—the faith and love that spring from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you. All over

the world this gospel is bearing fruit and growing, just as it has been doing among you since the day you heard it and understood God's grace in all its truth. You learned it from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on our behalf, and who also told us of your love in the Spirit.

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 4:26-34 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Mark chapter four.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

He also said, "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man scatters seed on the ground. Night and day, whether he sleeps or gets up, the seed sprouts and grows, though he does not know how. All by itself the soil produces grain—first the stalk, then the head, then the full kernel in the head. As soon as the grain is ripe, he puts the sickle to it, because the harvest has come." Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a

mustard seed, which is the smallest seed you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds of the air can perch in its shade." With many similar parables Jesus spoke the word to them, as much as they could understand. He did not say anything to them without using a parable. But when he was alone with his own disciples, he explained everything.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

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

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Good News of God Above
Christian Worship #568

SERMON

Mark 4:26-34
God's Kingdom Grows

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.

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

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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
The Lord's My Shepherd
Tune by J.L.
Macbeth Bain
Arr. by

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.

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.

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

Preach You the Word
Christian Worship #544

Please stand

C: Amen.

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

You Are Invited!

The Women's Fellowship Group is going to the Gaslight Theater Sunday, June 26 at 6:00 PM. The show is *The Freedom League: A Comic Adventure!* **Tickets are \$16 and there are only 2 left! If you'd like one of the remaining tickets please call Cora at 403-7596 TODAY!**

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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Russ & Sandy Weir thanking God for 50 years of blessings and also from Linda Morris in celebration of Ruth Hoefer's 94th birthday!

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Jonah 4:1-11
Acts 11:1-18
Matthew 9:35-38

Sermon Text
Jonah 4:1-11
*The Thing That Matters
Most to the Lord*

Volunteers for Kids Carnival at Vail

On Saturday, August 27, Grace-Vail will be hosting an indoor Kids Carnival at Esmond Station. Activities will include carnival games, bounce house, face-painting and more. **If you are interested in volunteering for this event in the planning, execution and/or follow up stages, please contact Pastor Rieke (E-mail: RevCMR@GraceLutheranSAZ.org, 520-343-9881) by TODAY!**

Pastor Mark Rieke

Pastor Mark Rieke, the father of Grace's Pastor Colin Rieke, currently serves our synod as a friendly counselor to India. This means that he works closely with the ongoing mission work in that country. Pastor Rieke's position keeps him in India throughout much of the year, but he also makes regular visits to the United States.

Pastor Mark Rieke will be in the Tucson area and has agreed to serve as a guest preacher at Grace-Tucson next Sunday, June 19. This service will have a special mission emphasis. In the Bible Study time (9:00-9:45), Pastor Rieke will share information about our WELS mission work.

Special Voters' Meeting

A Special Voters' Meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday evening, June 21 at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Voters will be asked to approve the lease of a "Executive Suite" in the Civano Plaza for use as our Grace-Vail Ministry Center. The search for a suitable location has been ongoing for some time, and the leaders at Vail and on the Church Council believe that this location will serve us well. In addition, this suite is available at a significantly lower cost than previous estimates for the Ministry Center. The Perpetual Memorial Fund Committee has also proposed an expenditure from that fund in support of St. Marcus Lutheran School, whose seventh grade students recently visited Grace on their Discover America trip. There may be other motions brought forward by the Church Council at this meeting as well.



**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 • June 12-19

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
VBS Carnival Following 10 AM Worship

Tuesday

Pastors at AZ/CA District Convention in Scottsdale (Monday-Wednesday)

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies

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 Mark Rieke: WELS Mission Work in India* 9:00a

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service 9:45a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

NO Bible Study

Sunday

Worship Service 9:45a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship
 Bible Study: *Samson* 11:00a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

VAIL

Today

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

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 Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
 Worship Service 10:00a

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Men's Fellowship Group

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

Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on Tuesday, May 31, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Ryan Heiman to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Sahuarita. Pastor Heiman currently serves at Divinity Lutheran Church in St. Paul, MN. Please keep Pastor Heiman, his wife Laura and their three children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in St. Paul and here at Grace!

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!



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. Pastor Jonathan Bergemann from Trinity Lutheran Church in Woodbridge, Virginia will be the preacher for that service. Pastor Bergemann has been Pastor Patoka's pastor for 13 years. Dinner will follow the service.



In addition, you are invited to give a gift to the new pastor and his wife. In particular, cards, gift cards, and cash will be collected and presented to them. These may be brought or sent to the Church Office, or they may be given to the designated contact at each site: Pastor Rieke at Benson, Bob Breiler at Sahuarita, Debbie Koehler at Tucson, or Barb Kiepke at Vail.

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.**

Farewell Service For Pastor Clemons

Sunday, July 31 at 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson, there will be a special worship service for Pastor Clemons who will be retiring this July. Dinner will follow the service. Watch for more details in worship folders and next month's newsletter.