

Summer Worship Series



WEEK 9: THE MOUNT OF TRANSFIGURATION

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
August 21, 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.

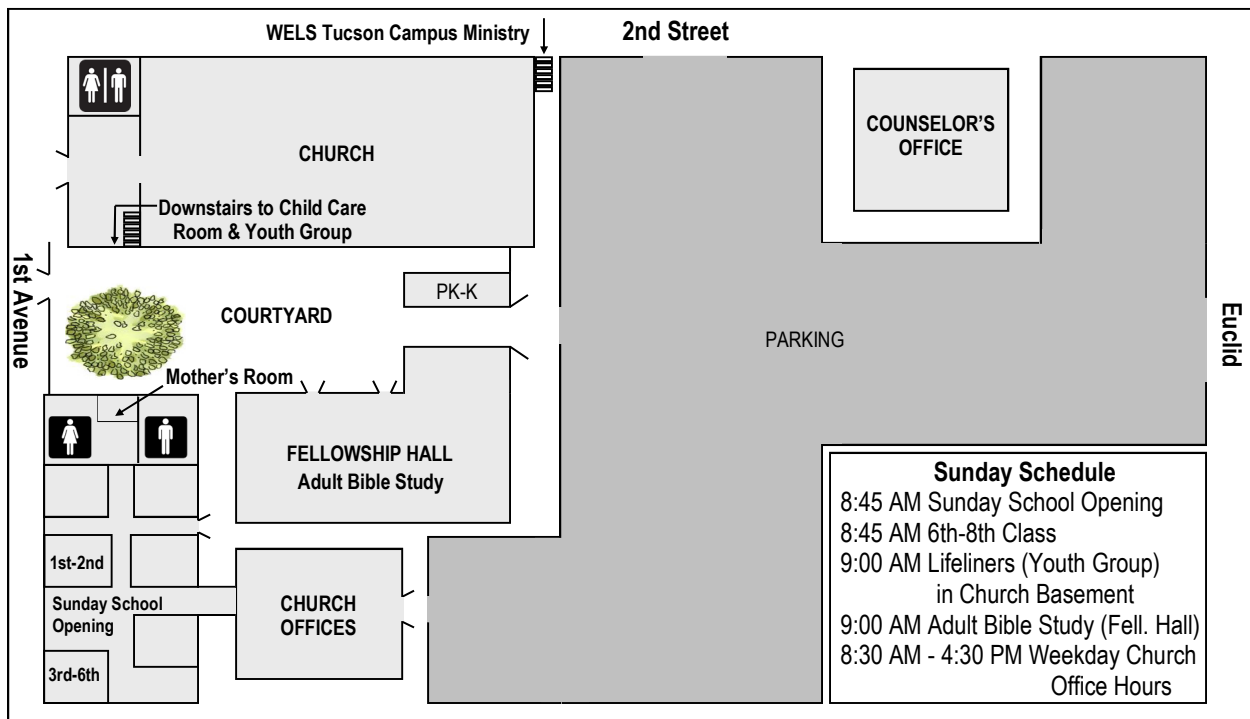
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

O Splendor of God's Glory Bright
Christian Worship #586

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: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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.

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

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

Banner

The banner at the front of church will be displayed throughout our whole summer worship series. It declares David's words of praise to God for delivering him from his enemies and the hands of Saul (2 Samuel 22:47b).

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Arr. by Victor Labenske

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.

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."

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al might y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our lifewith your love.



You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir it; you make us pure and

This vibrant song of praise, composed for the Christian Worship hymnal, leads the congregation to respond to the absolution with thanksgiving and praise. It specifically praises God for all that he has done for us in Christ. The title and refrain echo verses of Psalm 8.

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood.
 You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord God, before the suffering and death of your one and only Son, you revealed his glory on the holy mountain. Grant that we who bear his cross on earth may behold by faith the light of his heavenly glory and so be changed into his likeness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

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.

FIRST LESSON

When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the Testimony in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, his face was radiant, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; so Aaron and all the leaders of the community came back to him, and he spoke to them. Afterward all the Israelites came near him, and he gave them all the

Exodus 34:29-35 (NIV)

commands the LORD had given him on Mount Sinai. When Moses finished speaking to them, he put a veil over his face. But whenever he entered the LORD's presence to speak with him, he removed the veil until he came out. And when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, they saw that his face was radiant. Then Moses would put the veil back over his face until he went in to speak with the LORD.

SECOND LESSON

We did not follow cleverly invented stories when we told you about the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when the voice came to him from the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice that came from heaven when we were with him on the sacred mountain. And we have

2 Peter 1:16-21 (NIV)

the word of the prophets made more certain, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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

C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9 (NIV)

After six days Jesus took Peter, James and John with him and led them up a high mountain, where they were all alone. There he was transfigured before them. His clothes became dazzling white, whiter than anyone in the world could bleach them. And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses

and one for Elijah.” (He did not know what to say, they were so frightened.) Then a cloud appeared and enveloped them, and a voice came from the cloud: “This is my Son, whom I love. Listen to him!” Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus gave them orders not to tell anyone what they had seen until the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Down from the Mount of Glory
Christian Worship #97

SERMON

Mark 9:2-9
The Mount of Transfiguration

Please stand

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Nicene Creed was first developed in 325 at the First Council of Nicea. It was written to reaffirm the Biblical teaching of the divinity of Jesus, God's Son. Like the Apostles' and Athanasian Creeds, the Nicene Creed is a confession of what the Bible teaches.



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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Jesus, Take Us to
the Mountain
CWS #712

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

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—TRANSFIGURATION

M: We praise you, O Father, for the precious gift of your Son and for his glorious transfiguration on the holy mountain. Give us the firm resolve to listen to your Son, the eager readiness to believe his promises, and the joyful willingness to heed his commandments. By the sign of Moses and Elijah, show us that blessed are the dead who die in faith, for they shall know the power of Christ's resurrection.

O God and Father, let your Holy Spirit find a dwelling in our poor bodies and transform our weak, sinful lives into the radiance of goodness, purity, and righteousness. Transform our minds, our understanding, our judgments, yes, our whole persons to reflect the mind of Christ. Take our sickness and pain, our disappointments and despair, our sorrows and mourning, our pride and anger, our selfishness and envy, our hate and fear: take all these, O Father, and transform them by the healing touch of Jesus into noble impulses, pure motives, kind thoughts, constructive deeds, high courage, and true faith.

Special prayers and intercessions may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Look on your Church, O Lord, here and in every place, and grant that we and all who bear the name of Christ may daily offer up to you the acceptable sacrifices of repentance, thanksgiving, and loving obedience. Hear our prayer, and by your mercy grant our petitions for Christ's sake. Amen.

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.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

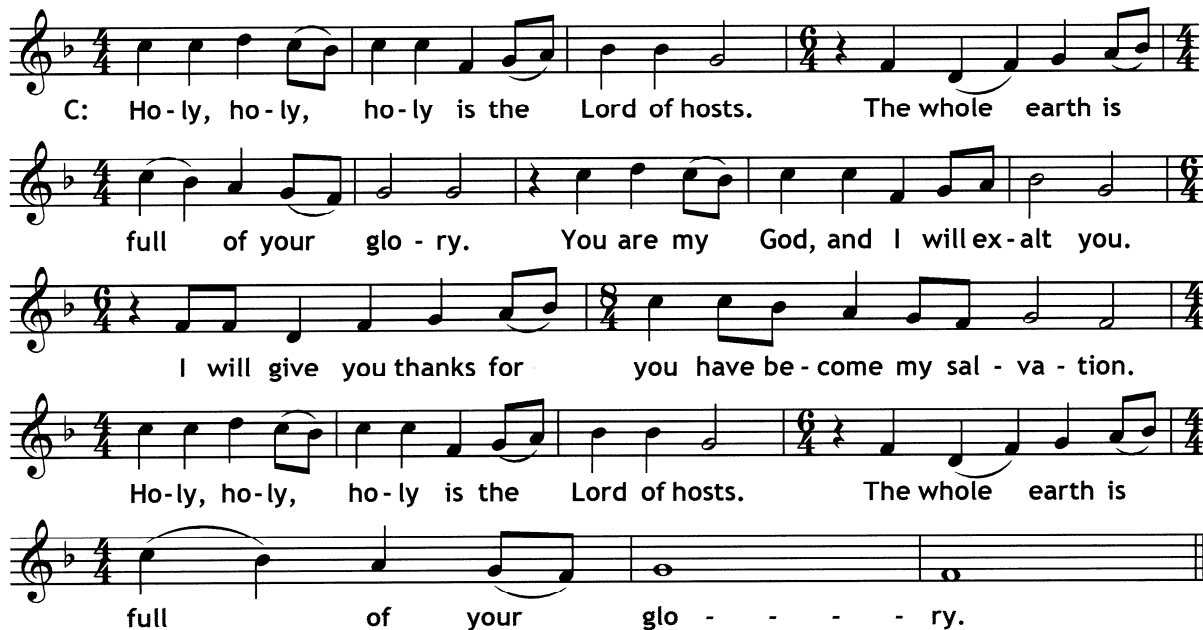


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus



This ancient worship song is based on songs of praise recorded in Isaiah 6 and Psalm 118.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

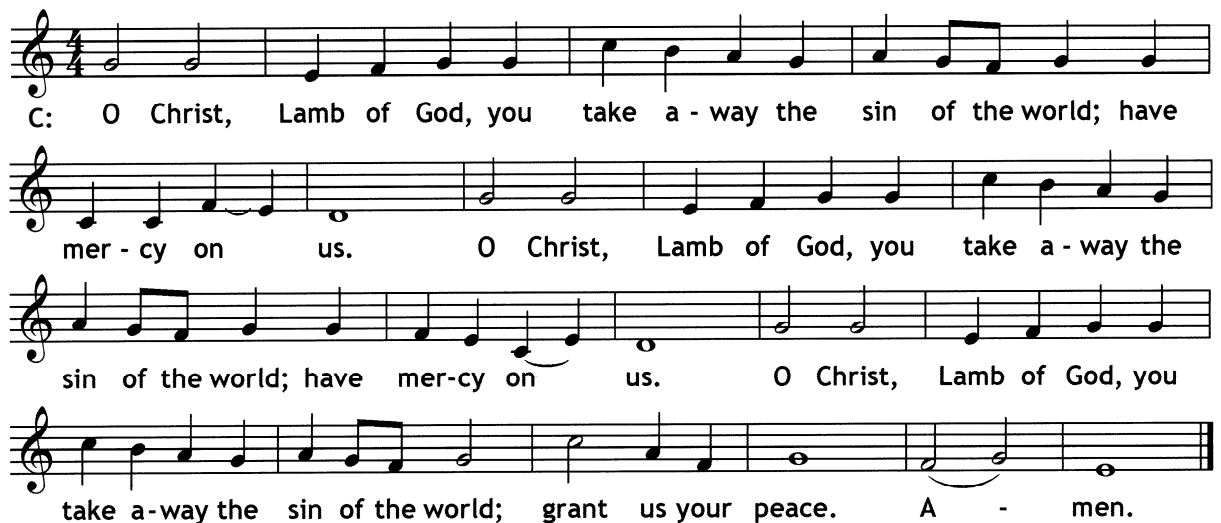
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

*The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.*

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

Please stand

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
Tell ev-'ry one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re -
joice and proud-ly bear his name. He re-news his prom-is-es and
leads his peo-ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia! Allelu-ia!

PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, 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.



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

Please be seated

We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.

Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

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

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—

To God Be the Glory
CW #399

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Worship Leader Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Spiritual Needs Elder Jake Kassulke
Accompanists Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster, Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Danny Koehler, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team..... Cynthia Breitzkreitz, Terry Kosanke, Sally Littau
Banner Committee..... Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

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.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Bob and Nadine Rentschler in memory of Myron Nelson and Ruth Rentschler.

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 the Kassulke family. 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

Isaiah 53:1-11
1 Peter 2:13-25
John 19:16-30

Sermon Text & Theme

John 19:16-30
Mount Calvary

Pastor Heiman Open House

Grace is excited that Pastor Ryan Heiman has accepted the Call to serve as Grace's mission pastor in Sahuarita. We look forward to welcoming him and his wife, Laura, and their three sons—Alexander, Owen and Emmitt.

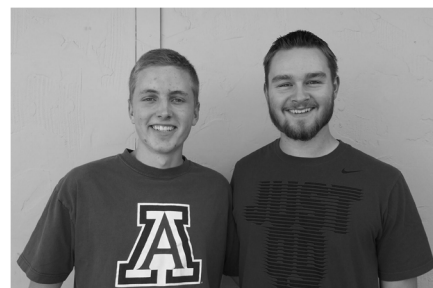
There will be an Open House at Grace-Sahuarita this Saturday, August 27 from 1-3 PM. This will be the first opportunity to greet the family and welcome them to Grace and to Arizona. A special installation service for Pastor Heiman will take place at Grace-Tucson on Sunday, September 4.

Kids Carnival at Grace-Vail

This Saturday, August 27, from 1-4 PM, Grace-Vail will be hosting an Indoor Kid's Carnival at Esmond Station (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747). The carnival will include a bouncy castle, inflatable obstacle course, cotton candy, popcorn, snow-cones, cookie decorating, a cake walk, face-painting, balloon animals, seven carnival games and a free raffle! There is no cost to attend the carnival, but please bring non-perishable food items, which will be collected for the Vail Food Bank. There are flyers available to hand out in the Fellowship Hall.

Welcome, College Students!

We realize that many college students are returning to school at the University of Arizona and Pima Community College, or are arriving to attend for the first time. We are happy to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you better. While school is in session, our WELS Tucson Campus Ministry (TCM) offers weekly Sunday evening Bible studies, which are geared specifically toward college students and college aged non-students. The first meeting of WELS TCM for the upcoming year is our Welcome Back Party this evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. **Due to construction in the Tucson Campus Ministry area, we will meet in the Fellowship Hall for the foreseeable future.** If you would like to know more, please speak to one of the pastors or introduce yourself to one of our Student Assistants, Dylan Guenther and Danny Koehler.



Dylan Guenther & Danny Koehler

A schedule of our activities for this semester is available in either entryway.

Parking Permits

Our WELS Tucson Campus Ministry offers parking permits for the church parking lot to college students who are actively involved in worship and/or Bible study here. Find more information and apply for a parking permit at www.WELSTCM.com. Members of Grace are asked to please let us know in the Church Office if you will be parking in the lot for non-church activities.

Parking permits for non-students are also available to active members through the Church Office. Please drive carefully in the church parking lot, avoid turning your wheels unless the car is moving forward or backwards (turning them in place can damage the asphalt), and park away from the church buildings so that the closer spots and the parking lot entrance are open for church activities.

English as a Second Language Meeting

There will be an ESL meeting Monday, August 29 at 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. The upcoming semester will be discussed and sign-up sheets will be available for those interested in helping. If you have any questions please contact Joyce Long at 405-5133.

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. Next week: "Mount Calvary."





**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 • Aug 21-Aug 28

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School..... 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 Welcome Back Party!..... 6:00p
AZ-CA District Mission Board Mtg (Pastor Koehler
attending Sun-Wed)

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service..... 9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

NO Bible Study

Saturday

Heiman Welcome Open House 1:00p
Kids Carnival at Grace-Vail 1:00p

Sunday

Worship Service..... 9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service..... 7:30a

Saturday

Heiman Welcome Open House at Sahuarita 1:00p
Kids Carnival at Grace-Vail 1:00p

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

Saturday

Heiman Welcome Open House at Sahuarita 1:00p
Kids Carnival at Grace-Vail 1:00p

Sunday

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: *What is Truth?* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Family Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus*..... 9:00a
Worship Service..... 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Saturday

Heiman Welcome Open House at Sahuarita 1:00p
Kids Carnival at Grace-Vail 1:00p

Sunday

Family Bible Study: *Parables of Jesus*..... 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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