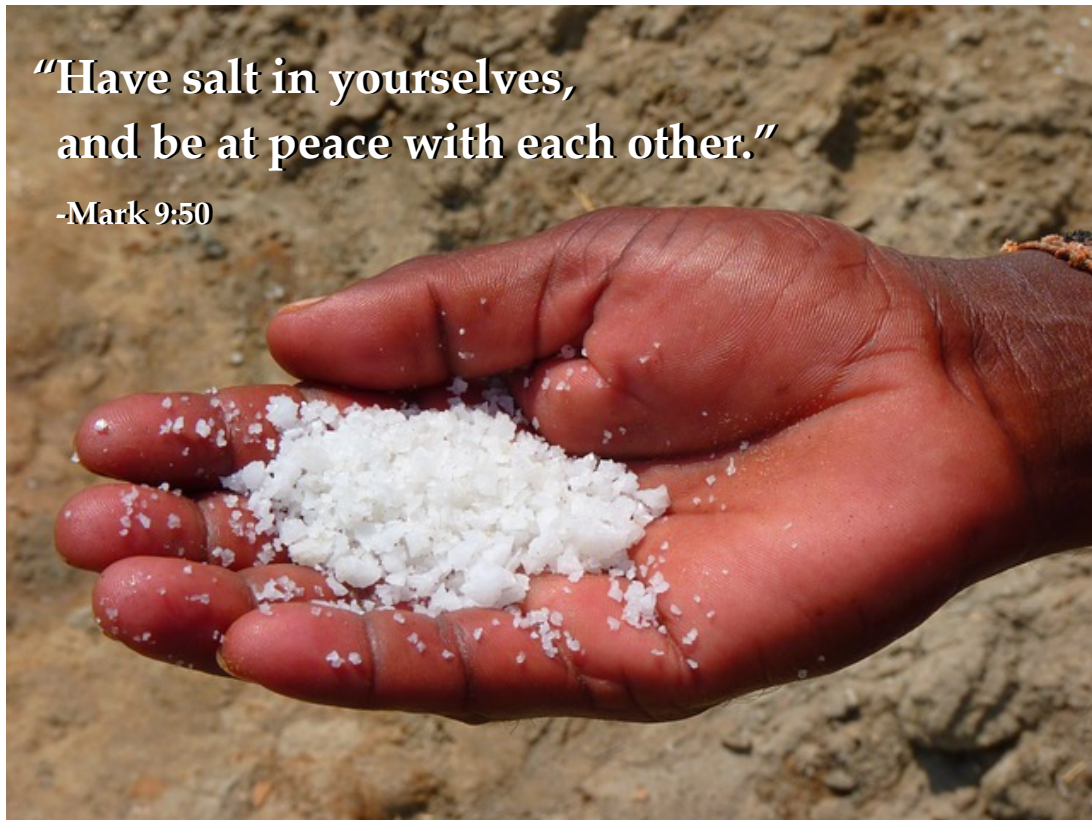


Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
September 25, 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.

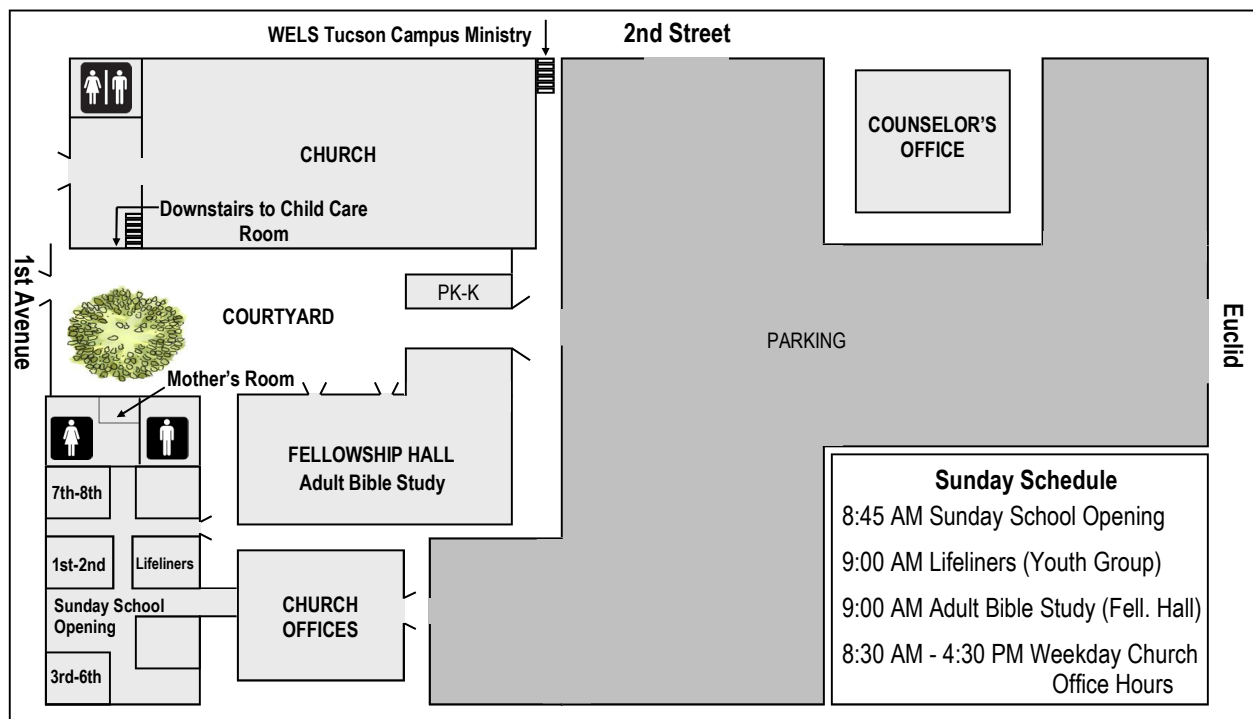
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Jesus, Priceless Treasure
Christian Worship #349

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: 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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -



tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM—

Jesus, Priceless

Treasure

Settings by Paul

Manz

The words of this song of praise are based on Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89. It marks our thankfulness to have heard God's forgiveness of our sins and anticipates our listening to God's Word throughout our worship service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Mercifully grant, O God, that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, for without your help we are unable to please you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

The LORD said to Moses: "Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people what the LORD had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent. Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so

Numbers 11:16, 24-29 (NIV)

again. However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp. A young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." Joshua son of Nun, who had been Moses' aide since youth, spoke up and said, "Moses, my lord, stop them!" But Moses replied, "Are you jealous for my sake? I wish that all the LORD's people were prophets and that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

Refrain*Psalm Tone*

1. O Lord, open / my lips,* and my mouth will de- / clare your praise.
2. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would / bring it;*
you do not take pleasure in burnt / offerings.
3. The sacrifices of God are a broken / spirit;*
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will / not despise.

Refrain

4. Create in me a pure / heart, O God,* and renew a steadfast spirit with- / in me.
5. Do not cast me from your / presence* or take your Holy Spirit / from me.
6. Restore to me the joy of your sal- / vation,*
and grant me a willing spirit, to sus- / tain me.
7. Then I will teach transgressors / your ways,* and sinners will turn / back to you.
8. Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit,
as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

*Refrain***SECOND LESSON**

Now I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel. As a result, it has become clear throughout the whole palace guard and to everyone else that I am in chains for Christ. Because of my chains, most of the brothers in the Lord have been encouraged to speak the word of God more courageously and fearlessly. It is true that some

Philippians 1:12-18a (NIV)

preach Christ out of envy and rivalry, but others out of goodwill. The latter do so in love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former preach Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing that they can stir up trouble for me while I am in chains. But what does it matter? The important thing is that in every way, whether from false motives or true, Christ is preached.

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

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

Philippians 2:10-11 cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 9:38-50 (NIV)

"Teacher," said John, "we saw a man driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "No one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. I tell you the truth, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to Christ will certainly not lose his reward. And if anyone causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a large millstone tied around his neck. If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to

enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where 'their worm does not die, and the fire is not quenched.' Everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with each other."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

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.

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.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

10:00 AM—
There Is a Balm in Gilead
(African-American Spiritual)

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.

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

Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways
Christian Worship #462

Please stand

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, 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.

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.

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



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

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus
Christian Worship #510

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
Accompanists Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Ushers..... Rusty King, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
 Dave Breitzkreitz, Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)
 Ferdie Kramm, Josiah Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

POSTLUDE:

10:00 AM—
Christ Is Made the
Sure Foundation
By David N. Johnson

Calendars and Coupon Cards Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are conducting their annual sale of Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 each or 2 for \$15) and Coupon Cards (\$20). The Coupon Cards are new this year. They are being sold instead of Entertainment Books. The Coupon Cards have deals for a variety of restaurants and businesses. The card is good for continuous use until October 15, 2017. The Lifeliners will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities.

LWMS 2016 Fall Retreat

The LWMS Grand Canyon Circuits East & West will be having a combined 2016 Fall Retreat October 14-16 at Camp Shadow Pines in Heber, AZ (www.campshadowpines.com).

Registration forms are available online at www.grandcanyonlwms.org or can be found in the Fellowship Hall. There is also a flyer in the courtyard with speaker information and pricing for the retreat. **The registration deadline is October 1, 2016.** Please contact Diane Kramm at 440-8564 if you have questions.

Grace-Sahuarita New Worship and Bible Class Times

Starting October 2, Sunday morning worship will move to 10:00 AM and Bible Class and Sunday School will move to 9:00 AM. This change benefits outreach and lines up the Sahuarita site schedule with the other Grace site schedules.

Multi-Site Conference

Grace will be hosting the first WELS Multi-Site Conference November 14-16, 2016 at Grace-Tucson. See page 11 for more information. Space is limited, so register today!

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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.

Ordering Altar Flowers

If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Information about ordering is located on the front cover.

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 Jon & Sharon Guenther. 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 2:18-24
Ephesians 5:21-6:4
Mark 10:2-16

Sermon Text & Theme

Mark 10:2-16
Love for God is Love for Others

ESL in Need of Childcare and Teacher Volunteers

English as a Second Language is in need of a teacher or an assistant to help with the beginning level class on Tuesday evenings. Volunteers are also needed to help with childcare during class time from 6:30-8:30 PM on Monday and Tuesday evenings. Last Tuesday, there were 11 children who needed supervision! It's a lot to handle with just a few volunteers, so the extra help would be greatly appreciated. Please call Joyce Long at 795-6456 if you'd like to help.

Grace Polo Shirts & T-Shirts

We are excited to announce that polo shirts and t-shirts with the Grace logo will be offered for sale at all four Grace locations on **October 9 & 16**. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes are available. Photos of the shirt styles and colors will be available to help you make your selection. Pricing will be available in next week's worship folder. Payment should be made when shirts are ordered.

Donations For East Fork Lutheran School

The 106th year of East Fork Lutheran School began with 127 students in the grade school and 17 students in the high school! There are freshmen and sophomores this year, and next year a junior class will added! May God bless the teachers and students as they grow in the grace and knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ!

With this new and increasing enrollment, much is needed, of course. In particular, Bibles and hymnals were mentioned, but the needs are many. The Women of Grace are designating East Fork Lutheran School as the recipient of profits, after the cost of food, for the Roast Beef Dinner freewill offering this year.

If you'd like to give a private donation, you may do so at any time and mail it to East Fork Lutheran School, P. O. Box 489, Whiteriver, AZ 85941. You may also donate online at www.eastforkschool.com. You will see a yellow Donate button in the bottom left corner. Donations are greatly appreciated!



**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 • Sept 25-Oct 2

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):
• *Pastor Kassulke: David* 9:00a
TCM Bible Study—*Eegee's & an Epistle: Jude* 7:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary 4:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service 9:45a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Member Feedback Meeting 10:45a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Why All the Different Churches?* 10:00a
Bible Study: *What Happens Next?* 7:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Digging into the Book of James* 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study

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):
• *Pastor Kassulke: David* 9:00a
TCM Bible Study—*Christians in Crisis* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets* 9:15a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Monday

NO Bible Study

Wednesday

Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Revelation* 7:00p

Sunday

Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets* 9:15a
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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National Multi-Site Conference for WELS Churches

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REGISTER NOW!

<http://wels.net/event/multi-site/>

It is an honor for Grace to host the first WELS Multi-Site Conference. It will bring together WELS pastors and laypeople from around the country who are currently doing multi-site ministry or have an interest in learning more about it. Pastors Koehler and Rieke are among the presenters.

WHAT IS THE CONFERENCE SCHEDULE?

The conference begins with a social hour, registration and opening devotion at 6:00 PM on Monday and concludes at noon on Wednesday.

I'M A GRACE MEMBER, WHY DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

Registering allows you to fully participate in all sessions, meals, fellowship, etc.

WHEN DO I NEED TO REGISTER BY?

October 25 is the deadline, but the conference is expected to be capped at 100 attendees.

IS THERE A COST?

Yes, the fee is \$99.

This allows you to participate fully in all aspects of the conference.
Local participants can check "I do not require a hotel room" on the registration.

CAN I HELP WITH THE CONFERENCE?

Although the conference planners have taken care of most aspects of the conference, there will be opportunities to assist with serving. Watch for announcements!

HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE?

Go to the event website listed above for keynote presentations and workshop descriptions along with a fact sheet with more detail about the conference.



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