

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
January 22, 2017



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.

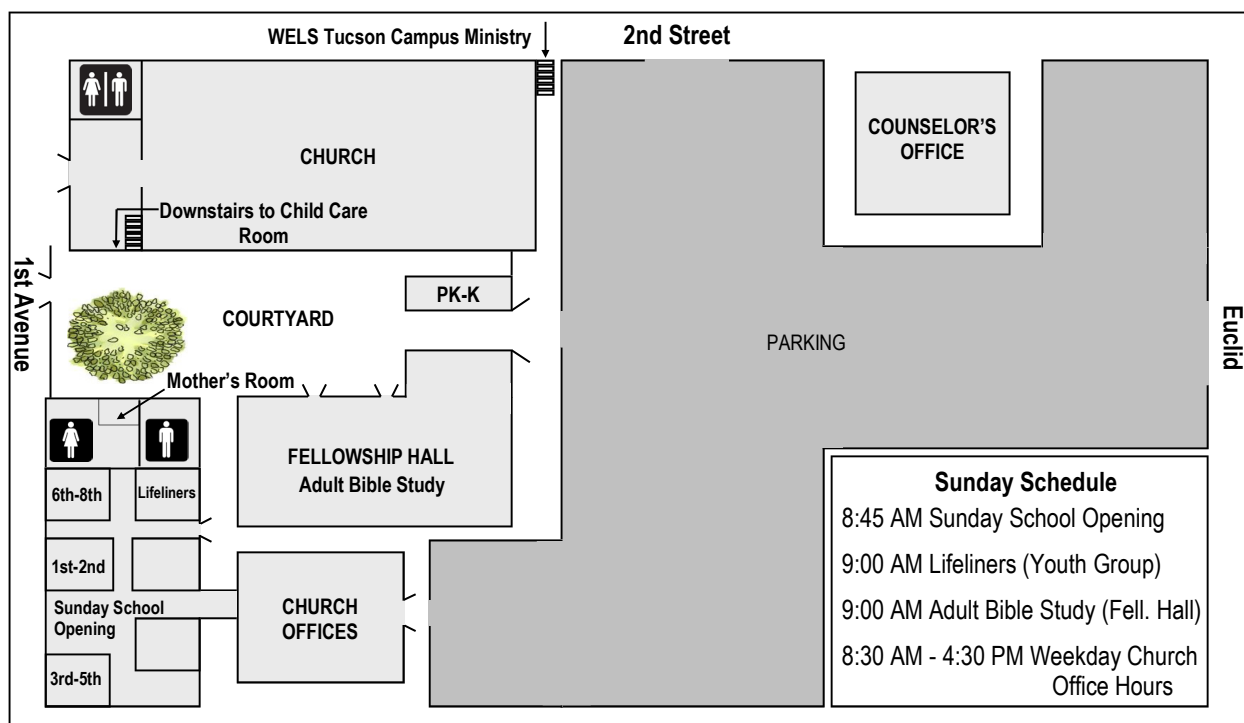
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



During the weeks following The Festival of Epiphany (January 6) and preceding the Lenten season, which begins with Ash Wednesday, the Church celebrates the season of Epiphany. During these weeks the focus is on events in the life of Christ, who has appeared as the Light of the World and Savior of all people. The color of the season is green, which brings to mind the growth and life of Christ.

**PRESERVICE MUSIC:**  
**10:00 AM—**  
Lobt Gott, Ihr  
Christian Allzugleich  
Setting by Paul Manz

## **DIVINE SERVICE I**

### *Christian Worship Supplement*

#### **WELCOME**

#### **HYMN**

**The People that in Darkness Sat**  
*Christian Worship #90*

*Please stand*

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

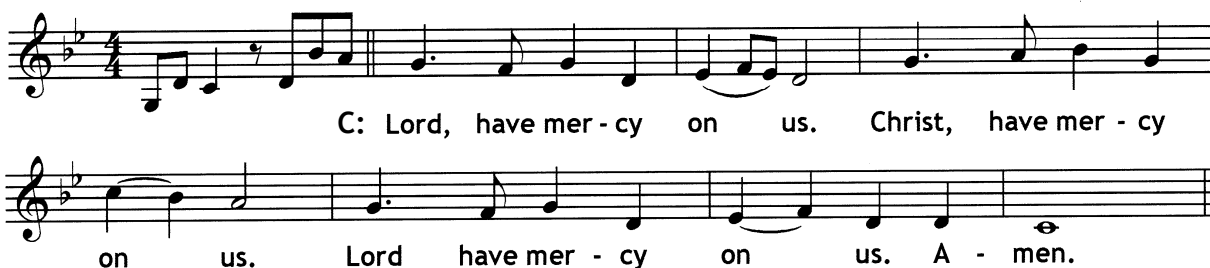
#### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

**M:** Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**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.

#### **LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Kyrie*



*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:** 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

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

### GLORY TO GOD—*Gloria in Excelsis*

(Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction)

The text of *Gloria in Excelsis* (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,  
heav-en-ly King, al - might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we  
give you thanks we praise you for your glo-ry! Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus  
Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the  
sin of the world; have mer-cy on us. You are seat - ed at the  
right hand of the Father; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our  
prayer. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. For  
you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir-it in the  
glo - ry of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo-ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

When men tell you to consult mediums and spiritists, who whisper and mutter, should not a people inquire of their God? Why consult the dead on behalf of the living? To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, they have no light of dawn. Distressed and hungry, they will roam through the land; when they are famished, they will become enraged and, looking upward, will curse their king and their God. Then they will look toward the earth and

### Isaiah 8:19-9:2 (NIV)

see only distress and darkness and fearful gloom, and they will be thrust into utter darkness. Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the Gentiles, by the way of the sea, along the Jordan—The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.

*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.*

*Refrain**Psalm Tone*

1. Hear my voice when I / call, O LORD;\* be merciful to me and / answer me.
2. Do not hide your / face from me,\*  
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
3. Do not reject me or for- / sake me,\* O God my / Savior.

*Refrain*

4. Though my father and mother for- / sake me,\* the LORD will re- / ceive me.
5. I am still confi- / dent of this:\*  
I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
6. Wait / for the LORD;\* be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.
7. 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****1 John 2:3-11 (NIV)**

We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. The man who says, "I know him," but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. Dear friends, I am not writing you a new command but an old one, which you have had since the beginning. This old command is the message you have heard. Yet I am

writing you a new command; its truth is seen in him and you, because the darkness is passing and the true light is already shining. Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble. But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks around in the darkness; he does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded him.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:23 cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*

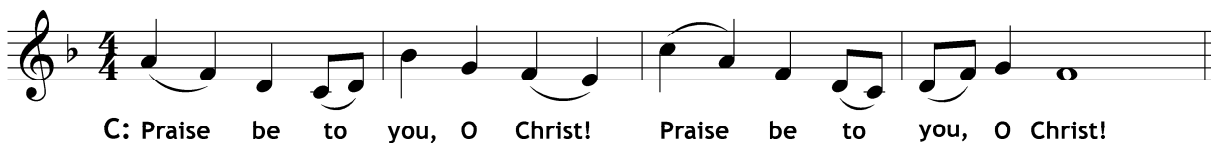


*The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.*

When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he returned to Galilee. Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: “Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the way to the sea, along the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.

They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will make you fishers of men.” At once they left their nets and followed him. Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



*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.*

## 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*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

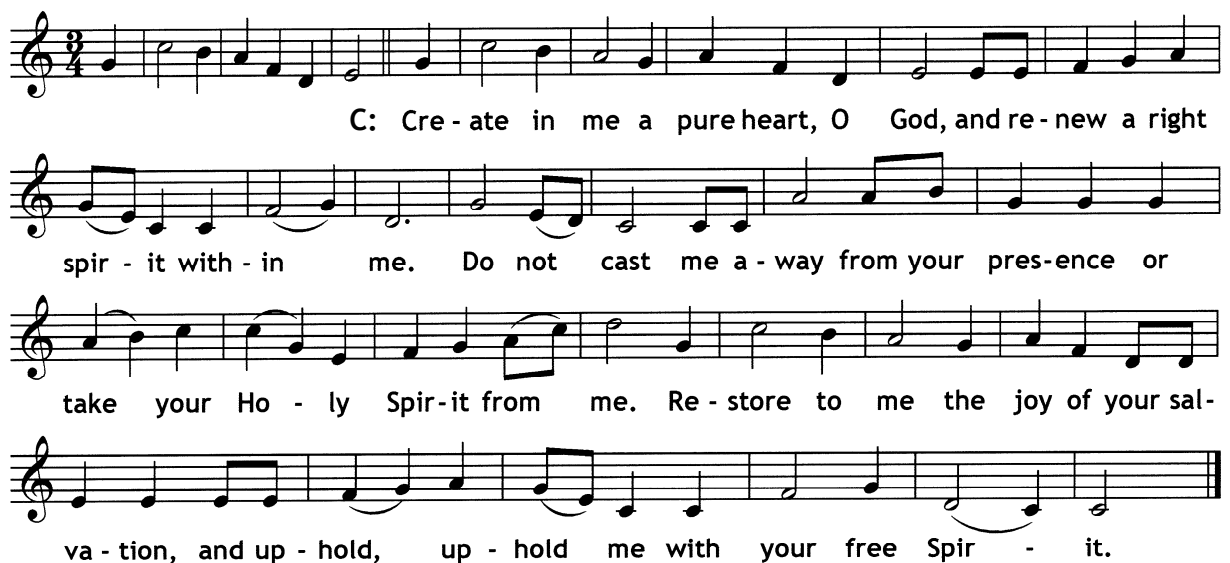
**Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke**  
*Christian Worship #453*

## SERMON

**Matthew 4:12-23**  
**Repent, for God's Light Has Come**

*Please stand*

*After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:*



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right  
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or  
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -  
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

*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:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God and Mary's son, in the fullness of time you came into our world to save us from sin and death.

**C:** You ushered in the day of grace so long foretold.

**M:** Beloved Son of the Father, revered by the Magi, baptized by John, you came preaching and teaching, healing and comforting, forgiving and encouraging:

**C:** You brought the light of life to those walking in darkness, and the joy of salvation to those doomed to death.

**M:** Prince of peace, shine like a beacon for us and the people of our world. Let the good news of salvation be heard in the remotest corners of the earth. Open our own lips to speak your name to those around us who still live without faith or hope:

**C:** Arouse us and our missionaries to flood the world with the light of your gospel.

**M:** Lord of the Church, let your peace rule our hearts that we may use our gifts to serve you and each other in willing gratitude and joy. Watch over our loved ones near and far, that they may remember your love and rejoice in your salvation. Strengthen the faith of the sick and the disheartened. Give hope to those in despair and comfort those who mourn:

**C:** Be gracious to all and lead us to reflect your love in everything we say and do.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Finally, bring us and all your believers to the heavenly home where we will stand in the full light of your glory and with all your saints and angels sing the everlasting song of triumph.

**C:** Amen.



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

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**10:00 AM—**  
*Christe Sanctorum*  
Setting by James Engel

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

**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

O Christ, Our True and Only Light  
*Christian Worship #569*

*Please stand*

## PRAYER

**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

Christ Is the World's Light  
*Christian Worship #343*

**POSTLUDE:**  
**10:00 AM—**  
*Break Forth into Joy*  
 Arr. by Van Denman  
 Thompson

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## **NEW Sunday Morning Bible Study Coming Soon!**

A new Sunday morning Bible study will begin here at Grace-Tucson soon. We are finishing up *The Life of Christ* and then will begin a series called *Church-Mission-Ministry*. We'll learn and discuss things like: What is the Church? What should the Church be doing? What is my role? We'll also consider sacraments, fellowship, mission work, the role of pastors, and more. Optional home devotional study will be provided. Grace members at the other three sites have completed this study—now it's our turn! Come learn more about what God says concerning church and how we operate as a congregation and join in the discussion!

## **Family Devotion Night—January 28**

Family schedules have a tendency to get very busy with school and extra-curricular activities. It can be hard to find time to just sit down and relax. It can be even harder to find time to sit down and gather around God's Word. But that time to rest is important, that time in God's Word is important. Pastor Rieke invites you to make time in your busy schedules to join him for a once per month Family Devotion Night. The first Devotion Night will be held this Saturday, January 28 from 6-7 PM at the Rieke home (4282 S. Mayberry Place). Each month's devotion will cover a timely topic in our world today.



There will be childcare available for infants and toddlers during the devotion. Following the 15-20 minute devotion there will be a light meal provided for families to relax and interact with one another. While this Devotion Night is geared for families, anyone is welcome to attend.

## **February Valentine's Tea!**

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea Saturday, February 11 at 11:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Myrna (Guenther) Hillyard will lead a presentation on Katie Luther, Martin Luther's wife, which is appropriate in this 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation! A sign-up sheet for hosting a table, bringing food to share, and attending is posted in the Fellowship Hall and the other Grace sites. You may also RSVP by phone or email to Diane Kramm (440-8564) or Cora in the church office (623-6633).



An invitation has been sent to the other WELS churches in Tucson, Safford, Casa Grande and Sierra Vista. It should be a lot of fun so please invite your girlfriends. Questions? Text/call Diane Kramm at 440-8564 or send her an email, [pdkramm@earthlink.net](mailto:pdkramm@earthlink.net).

## **Lifeliners Chupala Lunch—February 12**

Grace's high school youth group, the Lifeliners, invite you to join them following the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, February 12 here at Grace-Tucson for their annual Chupala Lunch. Chupala is a delicious chicken and bean dish with southwestern spices that is served with tortillas or corn chips and toppings (lettuce, tomatoes, olives, cheese, etc.). The lunch after church is a great time to enjoy some fellowship.

The Chupala Lunch is also one of the ways that the Lifeliners raise funds for their activities. Donations are appreciated (checks may be made out to Grace), but you are welcome to eat even if you are unable to contribute.

## **Blankets, Caps, Scarves Needed**

The Holy Cross Sewing Circle would like to invite you to help them make homemade blankets, caps, scarves and quilts again this year for the Apaches, Mission to the Children Missions, and our Vets. Last year was such a great success because you took the time and effort to help them reach their goal and beyond. God truly blessed the project! They are hoping to have another successful year. Below is a list of what is needed. Finished items may be brought to the Grace-Tucson church office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Karen Manning at 520-241-0909.

What is needed:

Baby Blankets

Caps and Scarves (for Adults and Children)

Quilts (any size)

Lap Blankets (4 x 6)

## **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 may call Cora if you have questions at 623-6633.

## **Tuition Tax Credit**

Even in the New Year, it is not too late to make a donation to the Arizona Christian School Tuition Organization (ACSTO) which may also be claimed as a tax credit on your 2016 Arizona State Tax Return. In fact, up until April 15, you may make a donation and credit it to your 2016 tax year. You can help support Lutheran education and receive a credit on your Arizona state income taxes (up to \$1087 per person and \$2173 per married couple filing jointly). Donations may be made online at [www.acsto.org](http://www.acsto.org) or by using the form in the ACSTO brochure. Please make use of this program if you are able to do so. If you have any questions, please speak to Jeff Weinstein (909-7649) or one of the pastors. **Pick up a flyer and a donation form brochure at any of the Grace locations.**

## 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.



During this time of year, the sun shines through the stained glass windows and directs its light on the church pews. Feel free to move during the service if the sun is bothering you. For more information about what the symbols and pictures in the windows represent, please take a pamphlet from the main entryway.

### Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Sally Littau in memory of loved ones.

### 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 Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler and Beth Williams. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

### WELS TCM Semester Kick-Off Party This Evening

This evening at 7:00 PM, the WELS Tucson Campus Ministry will have their Semester Kick-Off Party. Parking permits will be distributed and food will be provided.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

Daniel 3:13-27  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
Matthew 5:1-12

### ***Sermon Text & Theme***

1 Corinthians 1:26-31  
*Boast In the Lord*

### Handbell Choir at Grace-Tucson

The Grace Handbell Choir is starting back up tomorrow, January 23 at 4:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson sanctuary. If you are even a little bit curious about handbells come to the first practice and check it out! (You are not required to join if you show up.) If you are interested in playing, please contact Melissa Newbrey at (702) 469-0993.



**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 • Jan 22-Jan 29**

**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' Resurrection Appearances* ..... 9:00a  
WELS TCM Semester Kick-Off Party ..... 7:00p

**Monday**

Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary ..... 4:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p  
Pastors' Institute in Glendale, AZ (Pastor Kassulke, Pastor Rieke & Pastor Patoka will attend Monday and Tuesday) .....

**Tuesday**

English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words* ..... 9:00a

**Sunday**

Worship Services ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
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WELS TCM Bible Study: *Jesus the God-Man* ..... 7:00p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *God's Will Is* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
Youth Confirmation Class ..... 11:15a-12:30p

**Wednesday**

**NO** Bible Studies .....

**Sunday**

Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Jesus the God-Man* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service ..... 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
**NO** Youth Confirmation Class .....

**VAIL**

**Today**

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

**Monday**

**NO** Bible Study .....

**Wednesday**

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

**Saturday**

**Vail Family Devotion Night at the Riekes** ..... 6:00p

**Sunday**

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

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service/Communion ..... 7:30a

**Sunday**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: [www.wels.net](http://www.wels.net)