

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

As for you, you meant evil against me,

**but God meant
it for good,**

to bring it about that many people
should be kept alive, as they are today.

GENESIS 50:20

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church

Tucson, Arizona

October 1, 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.

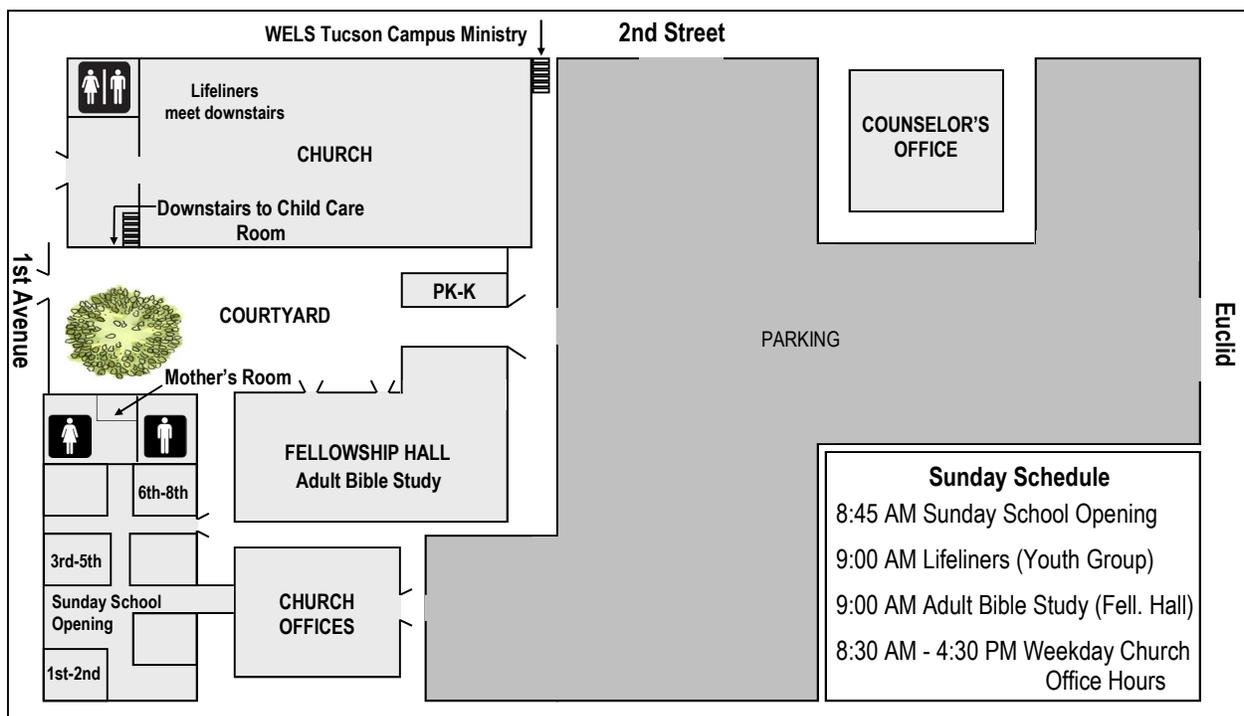
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 entryways. 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

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Just As I Am,
Without One Plea
Arr. by Cindy Berry

WELCOME

HYMN

With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh
Christian Worship #303

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.

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.

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 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:



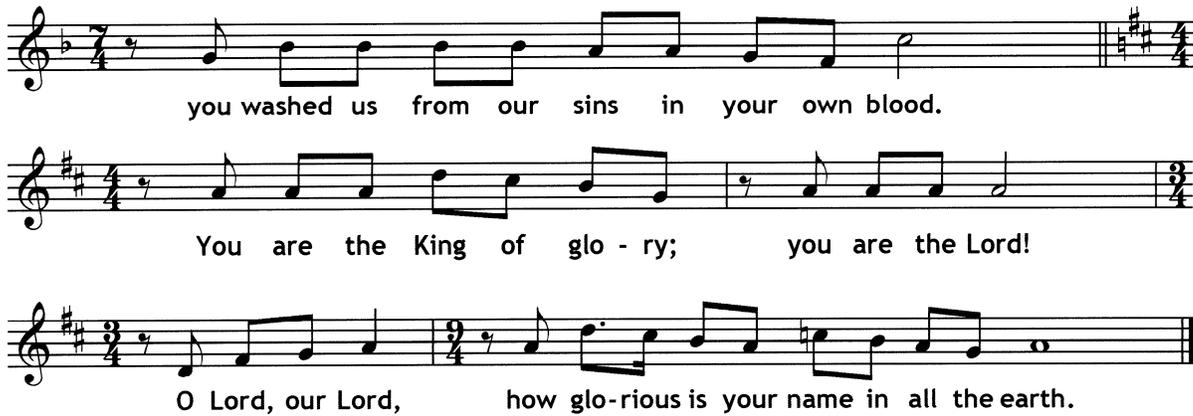
C: A - men.

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

O LORD, OUR LORD

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.

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
 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, we pray that your mercy and grace may always go before and follow after us that, loving you with undivided hearts, we may be ready for every good and useful work; through your Son, 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

FIRST LESSON

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "What if Joseph holds a grudge against us and pays us back for all the wrongs we did to him?" So they sent word to Joseph, saying, "Your father left these instructions before he died: 'This is what you are to say to Joseph: I ask you to forgive your brothers the sins and the wrongs they committed in treating you so badly.' Now please forgive the sins of the servants of the God of your father." When their

Genesis 50:15-21 (NIV)

message came to him, Joseph wept. His brothers then came and threw themselves down before him. "We are your slaves," they said. But Joseph said to them, "Don't be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives. So then, don't be afraid. I will provide for you and your children." And he reassured them and spoke kindly to them.

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.

SECOND LESSON

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander,

Ephesians 4:29-5:2 (NIV)

along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you. Be imitators of God, therefore, as dearly loved children and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

Romans 15:4

M: Alleluia. Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. Alleluia.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35 (NIV)

Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, “Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?” Jesus answered, “I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Therefore, the kingdom of heaven is like a king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants. As he began the settlement, a man who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him. Since he was not able to pay, the master ordered that he and his wife and his children and all that he had be sold to repay the debt. The servant fell on his knees before him. ‘Be patient with me,’ he begged, ‘and I will pay back everything.’ The servant’s master took pity on him, canceled the debt and let him go. But when that servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii. He grabbed him and began to

choke him. ‘Pay back what you owe me!’ he demanded. His fellow servant fell to his knees and begged him, ‘Be patient with me, and I will pay you back.’ But he refused. Instead, he went off and had the man thrown into prison until he could pay the debt. When the other servants saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed and went and told their master everything that had happened. Then the master called the servant in. ‘You wicked servant,’ he said, ‘I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn’t you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?’ In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Chief of Sinners Though I Be
Christian Worship #385

(10:00 AM—Vocalist will lead the congregation in singing the hymn)

SERMON

Genesis 50:15-21
Forgive As God Forgives

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.

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.

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.

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!



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Chief of Sinners
Though I Be
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter

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.**

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.**

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.

7:45 AM – Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

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



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is



full of your glo - ry. You are my God, and I will ex - alt you.



I will give you thanks for you have be - come my sal - va - tion.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is



full of your glo - - - - ry.

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

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for this special use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

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."

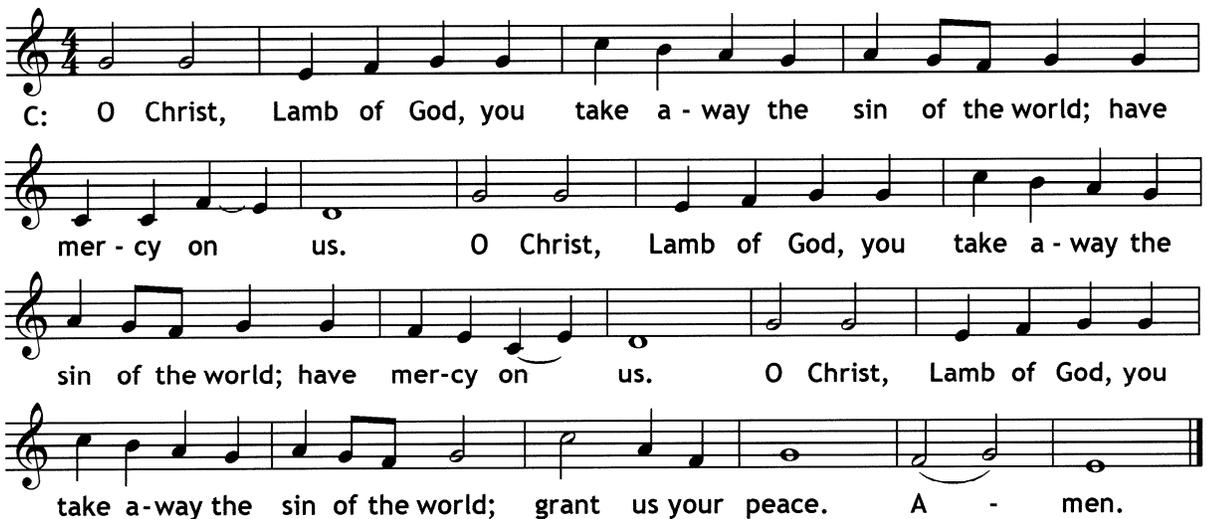
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



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.

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.

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.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Kickball Invite

Children and adults are invited to play some kickball on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, 85743). This is an open invitation to all the WELS churches in Tucson. Plan to arrive at 9:00 AM if you'd like to play. You also can just come out to watch. There will be a break for lunch at 12:00 PM. Grace will provide the main meal, water and lemonade, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you plan to participate, we ask that you bring one can of food that will be donated to the local food bank. This is a great fellowship event that we hope you can make!

Baby Shower for Katelyn Angel

There will be a baby shower for Katelyn Angel (née Lipke) in the Grace-Tucson fellowship hall on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 PM. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Katelyn is registered at Amazon.com. She is having a boy. Instead of a card, please bring a new or used book for the baby. Please sign and write a message inside. For a chance to win a special prize, please bring a pack of diapers (any size).

VailFest 2017

Come on out to VailFest on October 21 at the Pima County Fairgrounds (11300 S. Houghton Road, 85747). This event runs from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and has things for all ages. Parking and admission are free. You'll find entertainment, games, food trucks, craft items, home-show vendors, and plenty more! Stop by the Grace booth to say hi or offer to volunteer to meet and greet people who stop by our tables. We look forward to sharing our Savior and information about Grace during the day as we will have tables set up with info and giveaways for adults and a craft area for children. Our elder at Grace-Vail, Ron Silver, can answer your questions or put you down as a volunteer. You may contact him at ronaldsilver3@gmail.com or 520-255-2708.

Choir and Handbells

It's not too late to join Grace-Tucson's Handbell Choir and Worship Choir on Thursday evenings. The Handbell Choir meets in the sanctuary at **5:30 PM** and Worship Choir meets following handbells at **6:30 PM** in the balcony. All members age 12 and up are welcome to join us for either or both groups! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Kassulke (260-3649, music@gracelutheransaz.org).

There will be a Joint Choir for our Reformation 500 worship service on November 5. Members from all Grace sites are invited to participate. Those interested are encouraged to come to Worship Choir rehearsals at Grace-Tucson on Thursdays. We will begin these rehearsals at 6:30 PM with the Reformation music. After rehearsing the pieces for Reformation, only those who will be singing at Tucson need to remain for the rest of the rehearsal.

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.

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 Eric & Erika Hanson. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Koehler is preaching at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Jonah 4:5-11
Romans 9:6b-16
Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Text & Theme

Romans 9:6b-16
*Give Thanks for
God's Unfair Choice*

Teen Hike: October 21

Redeemer's teen group invites the teens from Grace to hike Picacho Peak on Saturday, October 21. We will meet at the base of the mountain at 7:30 AM (there is an entrance fee of \$7 per car). We will be hiking Hunter Trail which is 4 miles round trip. Please bring at least 1/2 gallon of water, snacks, sunscreen, and a pair of gloves per person. Part of the hike has cables which you grab to help climb up. Please speak to Pastor Patoka (623-6633) if you have questions.

Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair: October 27

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, October 27 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Anyone interested in donating crafts, please let Debbie Koehler know at 293-5617 or email her at dbkhlr@aol.com.

A free-will offering will be taken at both the dinner and craft fair. Proceeds from the dinner, after covering costs, will be used for the Women of Grace fall/Christmas mission project TBA.

The menu includes: roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, pies, coffee, tea, & milk.

WELS TCM Alumni Reunion

Were you a part of Grace's campus ministry (ELF, Phase Two, or WELS TCM) during your college years? You're invited to reconnect with other alumni at the 25th Annual Luther Movie Night at Grace-Tucson (830 N. 1st Ave) on Sunday, October 29 starting at 5:30 PM! There will be a German style feast and Luther movie viewing at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Following the movie, there will be dessert in the Student Center (basement). RSVP on the Facebook page or to Pastor Patoka (RevTLP@GraceLutheranSAZ.org or 623-6633) if you plan to attend. For more information, talk with Pastor Patoka or visit the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/welstcm and click on Events).



**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 • Oct 1-Oct 8

TUCSON

Today
Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Creation vs. Evolution* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Who is Martin Luther?*..... 7:00p

Monday
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today
Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Angels & Demons*..... 9:00a
Worship Services/Communion..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Monday
Kingdom Workers Meeting..... 9:00a

Wednesday
Bible Study: *Proverbs* 10:00a
Sahuarita Ladies' Meeting 11:30a

Saturday
LWMS Fall Rally at Redeemer..... 9:00a

Sunday
Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Angels & Demons*..... 9:00a
Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today
Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Saturday
LWMS Fall Rally at Redeemer..... 9:00a

Sunday
Worship Service..... 7:30a

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words* 9:00a
WELS TCM Lunch: *Chipotle* 11:30a
Handbell Practice..... 5:30p
Worship Choir Practice 6:30p

Saturday

LWMS Fall Rally at Redeemer..... 9:00a

Sunday

Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Creation vs. Evolution* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
Arizona Lutheran Academy Fall Concert at ALA..... 4:00p
WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Narrow Lutheran Middle*..... 7:00p

VAIL

Today
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith*..... 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

Wednesday
Ministry Center Office Hours 3:00p-6:00p
Bible Study at Ministry Center: *Key Bible Words*..... 6:30p

Saturday
LWMS Fall Rally at Redeemer 9:00a

Sunday
Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith*..... 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....

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Lutheran Night at the Tucson Roadrunners

Come enjoy a night of hockey and fellowship on Friday, November 10 at 7:00 PM in the Tucson Arena (260 S. Church Street) as the Tucson Roadrunners celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The first 300 tickets purchased will receive a Martin Luther figurine. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$24 and should be paid by cash or check to Grace Lutheran Church ASAP. **Money should be put in an envelope with your name on it and given to one of the pastors or mailed to the office. DO NOT put it in the offering plate.** Please call the church office if you have any questions at 623-6633.

Divine Call Extended

On September 10, our congregation extended a Divine Call for Pastor Matthew Hennig from North St. Paul, MN to serve as our pastor at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail. Over the next weeks, he will spend time in prayer and discussions with leaders at Grace and with his members in North St. Paul and Hugo as he considers whether to accept the Call to Grace or to remain in Minnesota. Please keep Pastor Hennig in your prayers along with his wife Karen, their three children, and his congregation, Christ Lutheran Church in North St. Paul and Hugo, MN.

Reformation 500 Service

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, the WELS churches of the Tucson area are planning a special celebration for Sunday morning, November 5. The morning will include a Reformation concert that takes place before a special worship service. The concert will start by 9:30. The worship service, which will replace the regular worship services at all of Grace's sites (and those of all of the Tucson area WELS churches), will begin at 10:00 AM and will include guest preacher Professor Mark Paustian from Martin Luther College. To accommodate everyone, this service will take place in the auditorium of Tucson High School, located at 400 N 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705. Lunch will follow the service there at the high school campus. Visit www.TucsonReformation.com for the latest updates.



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