

# Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Tucson, Arizona  
October 29, 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 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.

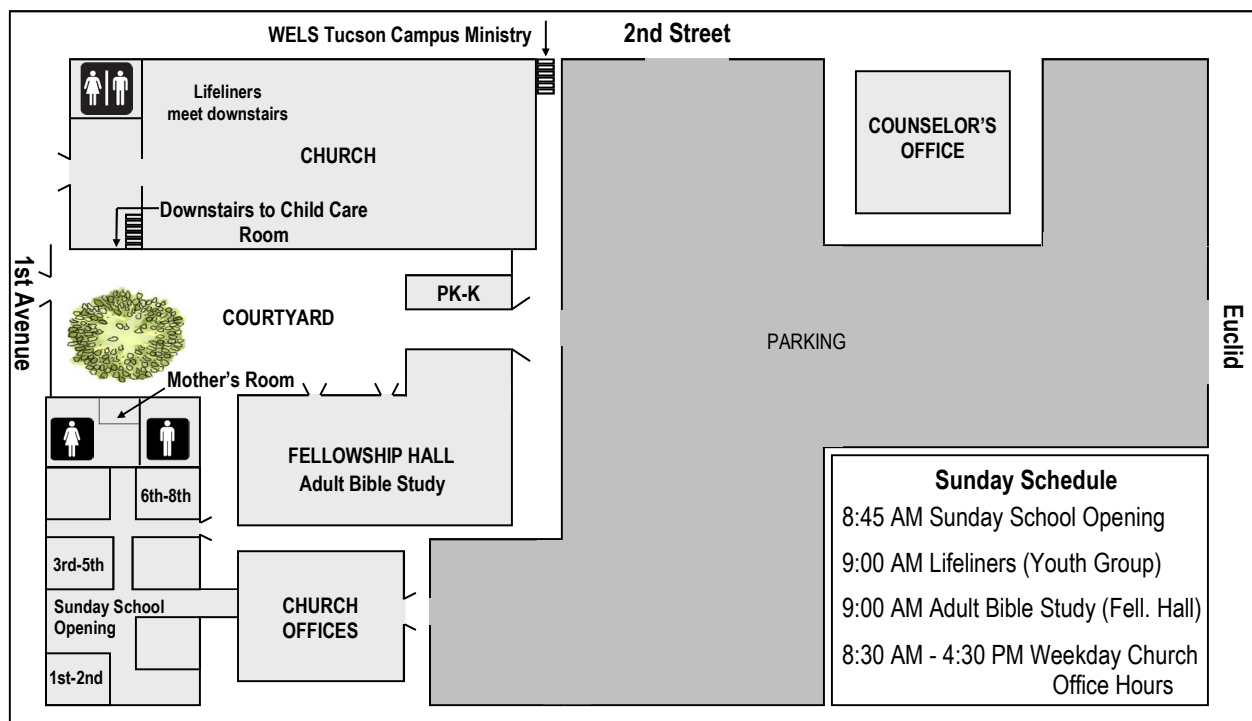
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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 be able to see and 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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

## Christian Worship

### WELCOME

### HYMN

Today Your Mercy Calls Us  
Christian Worship #339

*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—  
God of Grace  
Setting by Paul  
Manz

Dear Christians,  
One and All, Rejoice  
Text by Martin  
Luther  
Setting by Kevin  
Hildebrand

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.

Grant, O merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind; 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 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

Hezekiah sent word to all Israel and Judah and also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, inviting them to come to the temple of the LORD in Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel. The king and his officials and the whole assembly in Jerusalem decided to celebrate the Passover in the second month. They had not been able to celebrate it at the regular time because not enough priests had consecrated themselves and the people had not assembled in Jerusalem. The plan seemed right both to the king and to the whole assembly. They decided to send a proclamation throughout Israel, from Beersheba to Dan, calling the people to come to Jerusalem and celebrate the Passover to the LORD, the God of Israel. It had not been celebrated in large numbers according to what was written.

The couriers went from town to town in Ephraim and Manasseh, as far as Zebulun, but the people scorned and ridiculed them. Nevertheless, some men of Asher, Manasseh and Zebulun humbled themselves and went to Jerusalem. Also in Judah the hand of

## 2 Chronicles 30:1-5,10-22 (NIV)

God was on the people to give them unity of mind to carry out what the king and his officials had ordered, following the word of the LORD. A very large crowd of people assembled in Jerusalem to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread in the second month. They removed the altars in Jerusalem and cleared away the incense altars and threw them into the Kidron Valley. They slaughtered the Passover lamb on the fourteenth day of the second month. The priests and the Levites were ashamed and consecrated themselves and brought burnt offerings to the temple of the LORD. Then they took up their regular positions as prescribed in the Law of Moses the man of God. The priests sprinkled the blood handed to them by the Levites. Since many in the crowd had not consecrated themselves, the Levites had to kill the Passover lambs for all those who were not ceremonially clean and could not consecrate their lambs to the LORD. Although most of the many people who came from Ephraim, Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun had not purified themselves, yet they ate the Passover, contrary to what was written. But Hezekiah prayed for them, saying,

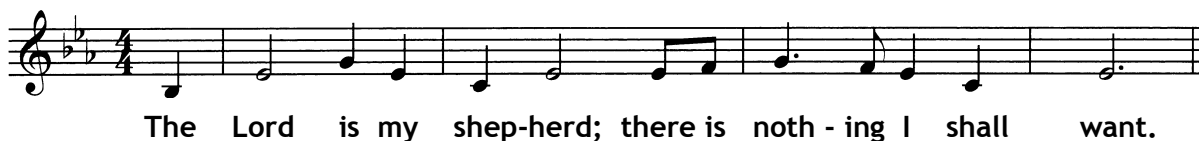
“May the LORD, who is good, pardon everyone who sets his heart on seeking God—the LORD, the God of his fathers—even if he is not clean according to the rules of the sanctuary.” And the LORD heard Hezekiah and healed the people. The Israelites who were present in Jerusalem celebrated the Feast of Unleavened Bread for seven days with great rejoicing, while the

Levites and priests sang to the LORD every day, accompanied by the LORD’s instruments of praise. Hezekiah spoke encouragingly to all the Levites, who showed good understanding of the service of the LORD. For the seven days they ate their assigned portion and offered fellowship offerings and praised the LORD, the God of their fathers.

## PSALM OF THE DAY

## Psalm 23

### Refrain



### Psalm Tone



1. The LORD is my / shepherd,\* I shall not / be in want.
2. He makes me lie down in green / pastures;\* he leads me beside quiet / waters.
3. He re- / stores my soul;\*  
he guides me in paths of righteousness for his / name’s sake.
4. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no / evil,\*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they / comfort me.

### Refrain

5. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my / enemies.\*  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup / overflows.
6. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days / of my life,\*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for- / ever.
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

**Romans 11:1-10 (NIV)**

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by

grace. And if by grace, then it is no longer by works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace. What then? What Israel sought so earnestly it did not obtain, but the elect did. The others were hardened, as it is written: "God gave them a spirit of stupor, eyes so that they could not see and ears so that they could not hear, to this very day." And David says: "May their table become a snare and a trap, a stumbling block and a retribution for them. May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see, and their backs be bent forever."

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

## VERSE OF THE DAY

**Isaiah 25:9b**

**M:** Alleluia. This is the Lord, we trusted in him; let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

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

## GOSPEL

**Matthew 22:1-14 (NIV)**

Jesus spoke to them again in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a king who prepared a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his servants to those who had been invited to the banquet to tell them to come, but they refused to come. Then he sent some more servants and said, 'Tell those who have been invited that I have prepared my dinner: My oxen and fattened cattle have been butchered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding banquet.' But they paid no attention and went off—one to his field, another to his business. The rest seized his servants, mistreated them and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his army and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his

servants, 'The wedding banquet is ready, but those I invited did not deserve to come. Go to the street corners and invite to the banquet anyone you find.' So the servants went out into the streets and gathered all the people they could find, both good and bad, and the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. 'Friend,' he asked, 'how did you get in here without wedding clothes?' The man was speechless. Then the king told the attendants, 'Tie him hand and foot, and throw him outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are invited, but few are chosen."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

From Eternity, O God  
Christian Worship #461 st. 1-4

## SERMON

2 Chronicles 30:1-5,10-22

Come Before the Lord

- 1) He invites you to his Word
- 2) Approach him with a proper heart

*Please stand*

## APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

*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  
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## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

10:00 AM—  
From Heaven Above  
to Earth I Come  
Text by Martin  
Luther  
Setting by John A.  
Behnke

*Please stand*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Lord of power and grace, whose eyes are on the righteous and whose ears are open to their cry, hear the prayer of your people as we come now in thankfulness for the mercies that you pour down on us anew each day.

We thank you for the gifts of your mighty providence. Make us mindful, O Lord, that you have provided us with life, breath, and being and are the source of our daily bread.

We praise you for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ, whom you sent to be the Savior of the world. Grant that we may believe in him with all our hearts, learning from him the great truths of the kingdom to which he bore faithful witness.

Grant us your Holy Spirit, that we may produce the fruits of righteousness. May he endow us with unwavering faith, that we might always be ready to do your will.

We pray for the nations of the earth. Subdue terror and tyranny everywhere, and call forth leaders who acknowledge that you are Lord over all the earth. Bless our own land. May it ever follow that which is good and turn from all that which is wicked, that our people may prosper in uprightness and integrity.

Hear, O Lord, our cry for those who are afflicted. Grant them health in body and soul, and save them for your mercy's sake.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Guide and uphold us during our pilgrimage in this world, and bring us all to our heavenly home. Receive these petitions in the name of the Prince of life, Jesus our Lord.

**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**

**Praise the Almighty; My Soul, Adore Him**  
*Christian Worship #235*

*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 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.

Musical notation for the prayer: 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.

Musical notation for the blessing: C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Praise to You and Adoration  
Christian Worship #470

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Preacher ..... Pastor Tim Patoka
- Worship Leader ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
- Accompanists..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
- Ushers ..... Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)  
Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)  
Dustin Pauley, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech ..... Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
- Greeters..... Jean & Ron Husemann (10:00 AM)
- Banner Committee ..... Jeanette O’Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

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

POSTLUDE:  
10:00 AM—  
Isaiah, Mighty Seer  
in Days of Old  
By Martin Luther

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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.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Mark & Tina Christianson in grateful appreciation for family and 40 years of marriage.

## 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 Audrey Nessinger, Rick Street, and Teresa Travis. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## WELS TCM Alumni Reunion Tonight

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 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Luther Movie Night at Grace-Tucson (830 N. 1st Ave) tonight 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). For more information, talk with Pastor Patoka or visit the Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/welstcm](http://www.facebook.com/welstcm) and click on Events).

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

### NEXT SUNDAY REFORMATION AT TUCSON HIGH SCHOOL

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

Isaiah 43:1-7  
2 Timothy 4:9-18  
John 17:6-19

**Sermon Text**  
Psalm 46  
*"It's About Something"*

### Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

### Call Meeting Tomorrow

The next Call Meeting to call a Mission Pastor to Vail and Benson will take place tomorrow, October 30 at 6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson sanctuary.

## Sahuarita Land/Building Update and Motion to Voters

The Grace-Sahuarita Building Committee is asking the voters to consider an additional motion at the Call Meeting. This committee has been investigating the feasibility of purchasing land from Rancho Sahuarita. Their efforts have concentrated on the parcel that was discussed in our Member Feedback Meetings. After a meeting with the City of Sahuarita, discussions with our Kingdom Workers consultant, and investigating the wash that runs through the corner of the property with an engineering firm, the committee feels like this is the best property available in our target budget. The committee would like to begin negotiations with Rancho Sahuarita concerning the purchase of the property. Negotiations would concern the final sale price, access roads, signage, and perhaps additional details. A Motion will be brought forward tomorrow at the Voters' Meeting (Call Meeting) to

9 authorize the Sahuarita Building Committee to move forward with these negotiations.



**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 29-Nov 5**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

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  
**Reformation Practice in the Sanctuary**..... 2:00p  
**WELS TCM Alumni Reunion & Luther Movie** ..... 5:30p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Angels & Demons*..... 9:00a  
Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....  
Youth Confirmation Class ..... 11:30a  
**Reformation Practice in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary**..... 2:00p

**Monday**

**Call/Voters' Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary** ..... 6:30p

**Wednesday**

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

**Saturday**

**Reformation Practice at Tucson High School**..... 2:00p-5:00p

**Sunday REFORMATION**

**Area Reformation Concert at Tucson High School** ..... 9:30a  
**Area Reformation Service at Tucson High School** ..... 10:00a  
Lunch following Worship at Tucson High School.....

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a  
**Reformation Practice in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary**..... 2:00p

**Monday**

**Call/Voters' Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary** ..... 6:30p

**Saturday**

**Reformation Practice at Tucson High School**..... 2:00p-5:00p

**Sunday REFORMATION**

**Area Reformation Concert at Tucson High School** ..... 9:30a  
**Area Reformation Service at Tucson High School** ..... 10:00a  
Lunch following Worship at Tucson High School.....

**Monday**

**Call/Voters' Meeting in the Sanctuary**..... 6:30p  
English as a Second Language Classes ..... 6:30p

**Tuesday**

**NO** English as a Second Language Classes .....

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

**NO** Women's Bible Study .....  
Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary ..... 5:30p  
Worship Choir Practice in Sanctuary ..... 6:30p  
Pastor & Teacher Conference in San Diego (Grace Pastors will  
Attend Thursday and Friday) .....

**Saturday**

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**Sunday REFORMATION**

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**Area Reformation Service at Tucson High School** ..... 10:00a  
Lunch following Worship at Tucson High School.....  
**NO** WELS TCM .....

**VAIL**

**Today**

Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith* ..... 9:00a  
Youth Confirmation Class..... 9:00a  
Worship Service ..... 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....  
**Reformation Practice in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary** ..... 2:00p

**Monday**

**Call/Voters' Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Sanctuary** ..... 6:30p

**Wednesday**

**NO** Ministry Center Office Hours .....  
**NO** Bible Study at Ministry Center .....

**Saturday**

**Reformation Practice at Tucson High School** ..... 2:00p-5:00p

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## Reformation 500 Service in One Week!

Next Sunday, November 5 is our special joint worship service celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation. There will be no regular Sunday morning worship services here at Grace-Tucson as we gather with our brothers and sisters in Christ throughout the Tucson area for this service. Join us at 10:00 AM in the Tucson High School auditorium. Even better, come early for the preservice concert that starts at 9:30 AM. Parking for the service is available at the southeast corner of the high school campus, at the corner of Euclid Ave and East 8<sup>th</sup> St. We will have golf carts to shuttle people to the service who would prefer not to make the walk from the parking lot. Some handicapped spots will be available near the auditorium right off of East 6<sup>th</sup> St (West of Euclid). Stick around after the service for lunch provided by the Saguaro Circuit.



During the service, the regular Sunday offering for our church will be collected. Please use an envelope marked for Grace Lutheran Church for that offering. Additionally, you are invited to contribute to the Saguaro Circuit in a freewill offering at lunch. Checks for the Circuit may be made out to Grace Lutheran Church.

## Luther Movie DVD's Available for Purchase

The new Luther movie, *A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy*, are now available for purchase in the Grace-Tucson office. DVD's are \$10 and checks should be made payable to Grace Lutheran Church.

## Senior Thanksgiving Dinner Served by WELS TCM and Lifeliners—Nov 19

Grace-Sahuarita will be hosting a Thanksgiving meal following worship on Sunday, November 19 for anyone 55+. The food will be served by the WELS TCM students (Grace's college group) and Lifeliners (Grace's high school students). Tickets are available in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall so that we can have an accurate count for food.

## Men's Business Suits Needed

Do you have any extra men's business suits? Maybe some don't fit or you've retired and don't need them all any longer. Tucson area WELS members & friends are invited to donate suits for the Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary students in Mequon, WI where our future pastors are asked to wear suits to classes. Suits may be delivered to the office at Grace-Tucson. If they are already dry cleaned, please leave them in the packaging. A Thrivent Action Team Grant will cover dry cleaning for those that need it. Glenn and Lois Erdmann at Grace-Sahuarita are leading this effort. You may contact them at [glennlois2317@yahoo.com](mailto:glennlois2317@yahoo.com) or 920-213-3204 if you have any questions.



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