

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

October 8, 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.

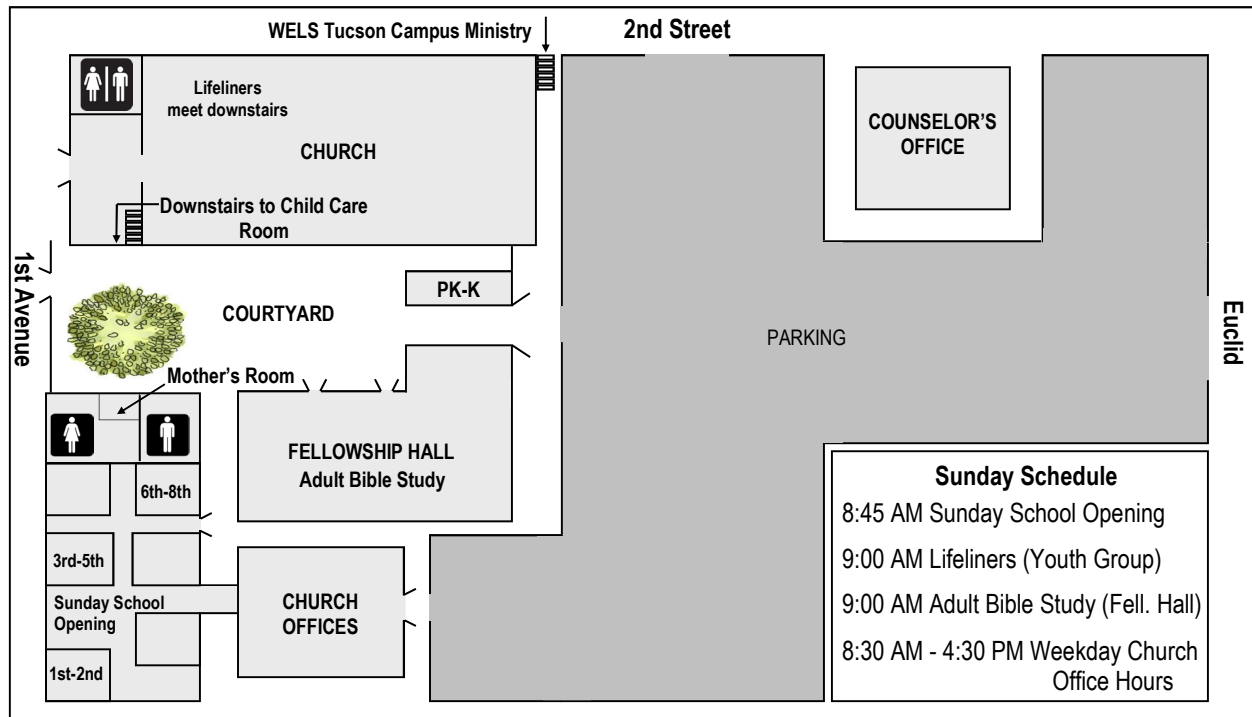
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Grace Has a Thrilling Sound
Christian Worship #381

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:

7:45 AM—
Son of God, Eternal
Savior (tune: The
Revivalist)
Arr. by Valerie A.
Floeter

10:00 AM—
Salvation unto Us
Has Come
Setting by Kevin
Hildebrand and
Jacobus Kloppers

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.

Lord God, you call us to work in your kingdom and leave no one standing idle. Help us to order our lives by your wisdom and to serve you in willing obedience; 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

Jonah went out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city. Then the LORD God provided a vine and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the vine. But at dawn the next day God provided a worm, which chewed the vine so that it withered. When the sun rose, God provided a scorching east wind, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and

Jonah 4:5-11 (NIV)

said, "It would be better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you have a right to be angry about the vine?" "I do," he said. "I am angry enough to die." But the LORD said, "You have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

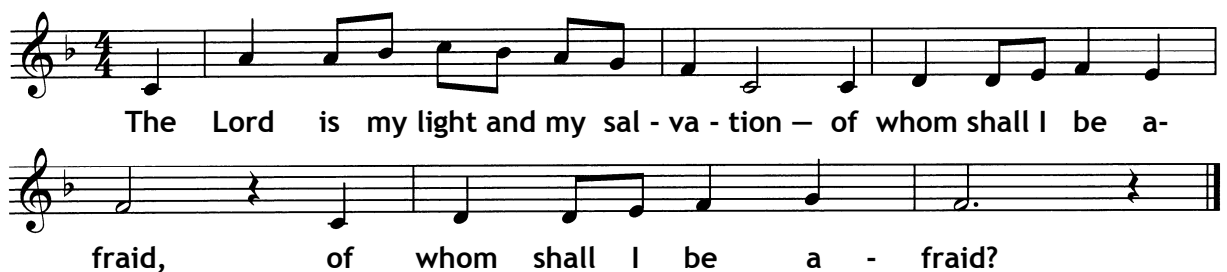
PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27

The vocalist will sing the verses.

The congregation may join in the refrains and verse 7.

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

Romans 9:6b-16 (NIV)

For not all who are descended from Israel are Israel. Nor because they are his descendants are they all Abraham's children. On the contrary, "It is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned." In other words, it is not the natural children who are God's children, but it is the children of the promise who are regarded as Abraham's offspring. For this was how the promise was stated: "At the appointed time I will return, and Sarah will have a son." Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac. Yet,

before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad—in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls—she was told, "The older will serve the younger." Just as it is written: "Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated." What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy.

VERSE OF THE DAY (Sung by the vocalist)

2 Corinthians 12:9a

Alleluia. My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Alleluia.

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

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire men to work in his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard. About the third hour he went out and saw others standing in the marketplace doing nothing. He told them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. He went out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour and did the same thing. About the eleventh hour he went out and found still others standing around. He asked them, ‘Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?’ ‘Because no one has hired us,’ they answered. He said to them, ‘You also go and work in my vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, ‘Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the

Matthew 20:1-16 (NIV)

last ones hired and going on to the first.’ The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. ‘These men who were hired last worked only one hour,’ they said, ‘and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.’ But he answered one of them, ‘Friend, I am not being unfair to you. Didn’t you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the man who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don’t I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

(Vocalist will sing stanza 3)

Salvation unto Us Has Come
Christian Worship #390

SERMON

Romans 9:6b-16
God's Merciful Election

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!

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.

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:

7:45 AM—
Sent forth by God's Blessing (Welsh tune)
Setting by Mark Knickelbein

10:00 AM—
Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us
By John Goss

- M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.
- C: Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.

C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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.

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

By Grace I'm Saved
Christian Worship #384

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.

Musical notation for the Blessing, featuring a treble clef, key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of a series of eighth and quarter notes, ending with a double bar line. Below the staff, the lyrics are written: C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Christian Worship #389

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Preacher Pastor Tim Patoka
- Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
- Accompanists..... Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
- Flute Nicole McNamara
- Vocalists..... Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM), Worship Choir (10:00 AM)
- Worship Choir Director..... Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
- Ushers Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Ed Ethington, Jonathan Ganster, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
- Greeters..... Bill & Lisa Toben (10:00 AM)

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.

Lost and Found Items

A table is set up in the courtyard with lost and found items collected over the last several years. Please check the table to see if you've left any items such as coats, dishes, or Tupperware and claim them. The table will be set up next Sunday as well. Any remaining items will be given away.

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:
7:45 AM—
Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow (Old Hundredth Tune)
Arr. by Valerie A. Floeter
10:00 AM—
Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word
Setting by Paul Manz

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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Merlin & Pat Nielsen in celebration of 57 years of marriage and 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 Mark & Julyd Hallemeier. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
2 Corinthians 13:5-8
Matthew 21:28-32

Sermon Text

Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32
Repent and Live!

Kickball Invite

Children and adults are invited to play some kickball this 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 next 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).

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.



**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 8-Oct 15

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services7:45 & 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

Monday

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

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Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Redeemer.....1:00p
English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Angels & Demons*9:00a
Worship Services7:45a & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Youth Confirmation Class11:30a

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Proverbs*10:00a

Saturday

Area WELS Church Kickball & Lunch at Redeemer.....9:00a

Sunday

Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Angels & Demons*9:00a
Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Youth Confirmation Class11:30a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service.....7:30a

Saturday

Area WELS Church Kickball & Lunch at Redeemer.....9:00a

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words*.....9:00a
WELS TCM Lunch: *Jimmy John's*.....12:00p
Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary.....5:30p
Worship Choir Practice in Sanctuary.....6:30p

Friday

ALA Homecoming Football Game at ALA7:00p

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Katelyn Angel Baby Shower at Grace-Tucson1:00p
WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Pope's 7 Sacraments*7:00p

VAIL

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Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith*9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class9:00a
Worship Service.....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

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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).

Reformation 500 Service

Planning, practicing, and preparing are well underway for a special worship service on Sunday, November 6. This service in honor of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation will include all of the WELS churches in the Tucson area. It will be held at 10:00 AM in the auditorium at Tucson High School. Tucson High is located at 400 N 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705. A preservice concert will begin around 9:30 AM in the auditorium. A bratwurst lunch will follow the service. An offering will be received during the service for the individual congregations (please use an envelope marked for Grace Lutheran Church), and a freewill offering will be received at lunch for the Saguaro Circuit. The service will include the celebration of Holy Communion. Please contact Pastor Kassulke (623-6633 or RevNPK@GraceLutheranSAZ.org) if you would like to volunteer to help as an usher or parking lot attendant. Find all the latest details at www.TucsonReformation.com.



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.



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.