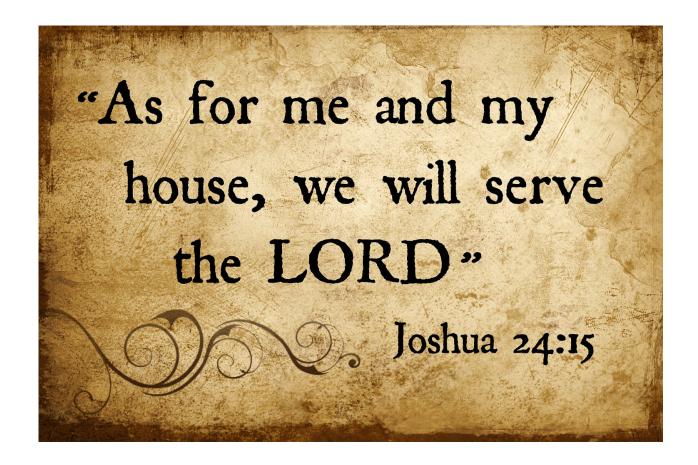
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church February 5, 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.

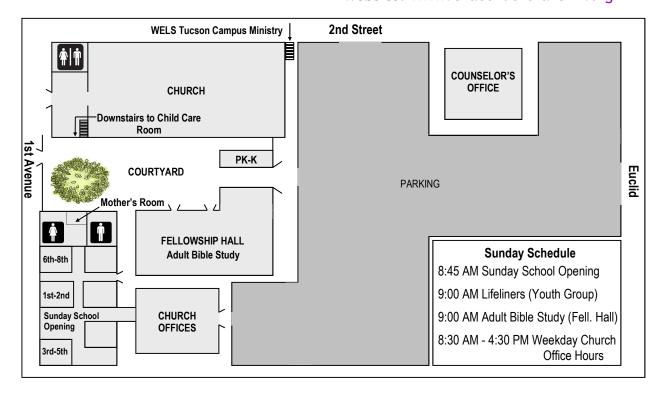
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE I

Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

HYMN

Speak, O Lord Christian Worship Supplement #735



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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.

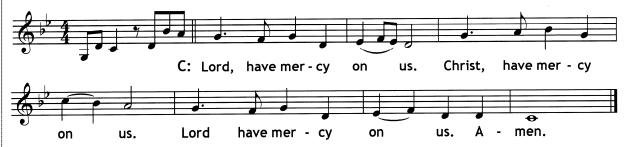
PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Speak, O Lord Arr. by James Koerts 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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your one and only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe what the Scriptures proclaim about him and do the things that are pleasing in your sight; 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

THE WORD

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

FIRST LESSON

"Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your forefathers worshiped beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our fathers up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the

Joshua 24:14-24 (NIV)

Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God." Joshua said to the people, "You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you." But the people said to Joshua, "No! We will serve the LORD." Then Joshua said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD." "Yes, we are witnesses," they replied. "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the LORD our God and obey him."

SECOND LESSON

But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. Dear

1 Peter 2:9-12 (NIV)

friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

VERSE OF THE DAY John 8:12

M: Alleluia. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." Alleluia.

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

Please stand

GOSPEL Matthew 5:13-20 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets: I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. I tell you the

truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished. Anyone who breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever practices and teaches these commands will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

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.

NICENE CREED

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

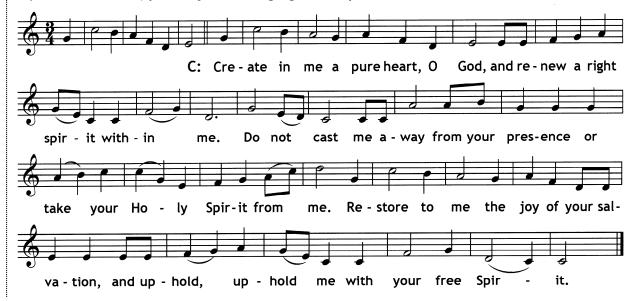
Rise, Shine, You People Christian Worship #556

SERMON

Joshua 24:14-24 God Chose You—Will You Continue to Choose Him?

Please stand

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



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 your 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 of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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 OR code.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Let All Things Now Living Arr. by Cindy Berry 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.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 10 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also 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.

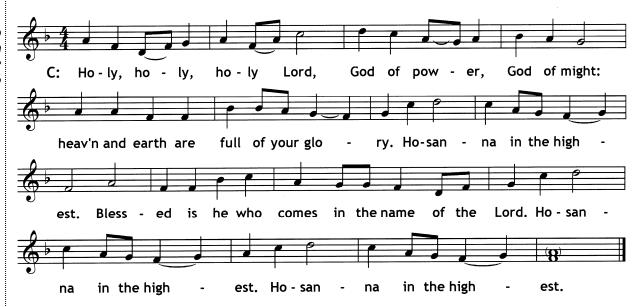
C: It is good and right so to do.

M: It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lived among us as a human being and revealed his glory as your only Son, full of grace and truth. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:

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



WORDS OF INSTITUTION

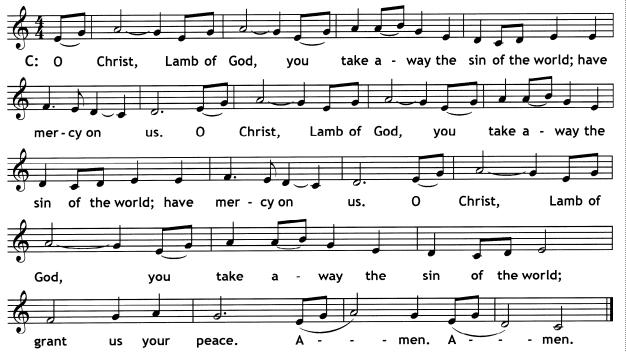
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my (†) body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.

C: Amen.

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.

We provide glutenfree 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.

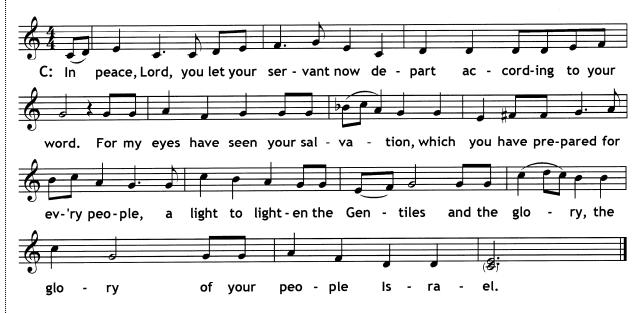
Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

Nunc Dimittis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction:



M: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: And his mercy endures forever.

PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this Holy Supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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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

put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

The blessing of

Aaron has been

spoken over God's people for over

3,500 years. The

Lord said, "So I will

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	
Communion Assistants	Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)
	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guent	ther, Danny Koehler, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Laur	ri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

Called Home To Heaven

Russ Weir was called home to heaven on Tuesday, January 24. There will be a Memorial Service for him here at Grace-Tucson this Friday, February 10 at 10:00 AM with a luncheon to follow.

2016 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a year-end offering statement envelope with their name on it 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. This statement may be useful if you choose to itemize tax deductions. Offerings to Grace Lutheran Church are considered charitable donations.

February Valentine's Tea!

The Women of Grace will hold their annual Valentine Tea this 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 500th anniversary year 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. **Tables can be decorated following Russ Weir's Memorial Service meal on Friday or on Saturday morning before the tea**. 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.

POSTLUDE:

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7:45 AM— Wojtkiewiecz Arr. by Anne Krentz Organ

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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.

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. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

Communion Register Sign-In

If you are a Grace member, we ask on communion Sundays that you please write your name on one of the communion register sheets located at the entrances to church if you plan on receiving the Lord's Supper. This helps us maintain a record for the spiritual care of our members. Thank you.

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. Once you've filled out the information in the flower binder, Cora will place the order. The cost to order two bouquets is \$32.50. Information about ordering and payment is located on the front cover. You may call Cora if you have questions at 623-6633.

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 Gisela Kittel, Sally Littau, and Nancy Miles. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> 2 Samuel 11:1-17, 26-27 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 Matthew 5:21-37

Sermon Text & Theme

Matthew 5:21-37
Shine God's Light With Your Life

Lifeliners Chupala Lunch Next Sunday

Grace's high school youth group, the Lifeliners, invite you to join them following the 10:00 worship service next 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.

Thank you to Thrivent for giving \$250 through their Thrivent Action Team Program to help pay for the chupala lunch supplies.



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 • Feb 5-Feb 12

Tuesday

Today	English as a Second Language Classes6:30p
Today Worship Services/Communion	Wednesday Midweek Bible Study: Church History
Monday Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary	Saturday Women of Grace Valentine's Tea
SAHUARITA Today Children's Sunday School	Coffee Fellowship following early service Children's Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class Lifeliners (High School Group): Bible Study Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall): The Life of Christ: Jesus' Resurrection Lifeliners Chupala Lunch WELS TCM Bible Study: Jesus' 3 Unique Blessings T:00p VAIL Today Children's Sunday School Youth Confirmation Class Adult Bible Study: Of Kings & Prophets Worship Service 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following worship Monday Bible Study at the Ministry Center: Sermon Review 9:00a Wednesday
BENSON Today Worship Service	Bible Study at the Ministry Center: Revelation
Grace Evangelical Pastors	Bible-Based Counselor

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Canvassing in Sahuarita

On Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 AM, Pastor Heiman will lead a group of volunteers in canvassing the neighborhoods around Grace-Sahuarita for a few hours. If you would like to serve in this way, please meet at Grace-Sahuarita just before 9. We hope you can make it!

Canvassing in Vail

On Saturday, February 18 at 9:30 AM, you're invited to join us at Esmond Station (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747) as we go out in the neighborhoods around the school to share with neighbors information about Grace. We will canvass from 9:30-11:00 AM and then treat you to lunch. Canvassing is a great way to get some exercise and spread the gospel at the same time!

-Pastor Colin Rieke

Grace Team Trivia Night

Grace will have its first ever Team Trivia Night on Saturday, February 18 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. This event is open for everyone to attend. Teams will be formed and the trivia will commence. Questions will come from a wide range of topics for all ages. Snacks will also be provided. Questions? Call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. We hope you will join us for this brand new event!

Men's Fellowship Poker Night

The Men's Fellowship Group will have a night of poker on Friday, February 24 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. No money is involved, but the winner gets full bragging rights. Pizza will be provided. All men 18 and older are invited to attend.

Upcoming Voters' Meeting & Breakfast

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for Saturday, February 25 at 8:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Because of this early start time breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:00 AM. Voter Packets will be available next Sunday at all the Grace sites.



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.

For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net