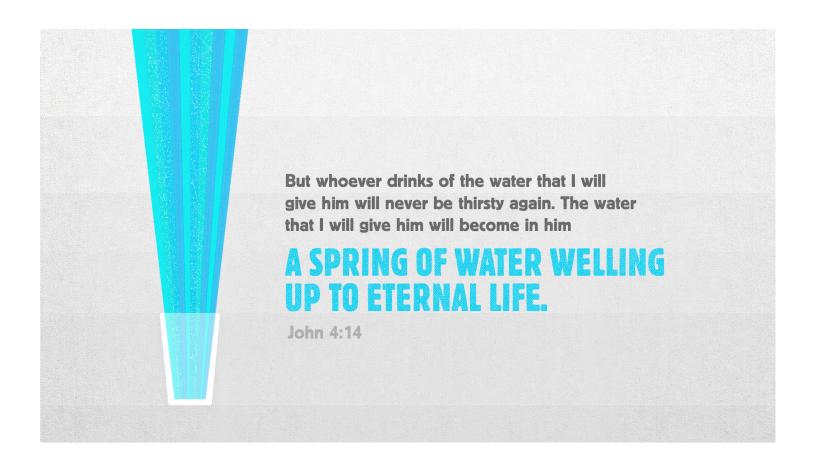
Second Sunday in Lent



Grace Lutheran Church March 12, 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.

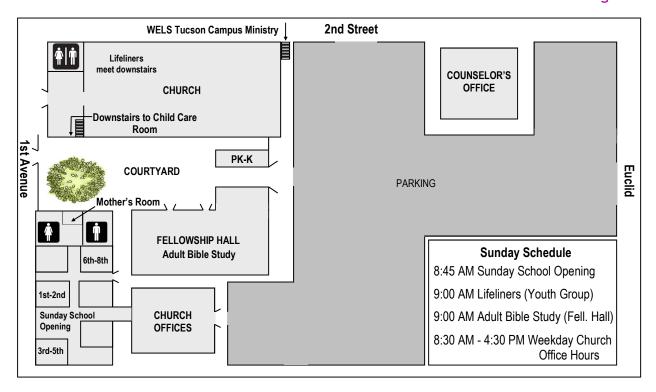
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



The Season of Lent leads the Church on a forty-day journey of repentance, remembrance and prayer. It is a time to consider the sufferings and death of Jesus and to prepare for Easter. This is especially true during midweek services in Lent. The Sundays in Lent are not counted in the forty days and have only hints of the season's mood, such as the omission of "Alleluias." Sundays are islands of refreshment in our Lenten walk. Purple is the color of the season and represents repentance and solemnity.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

God So Loved the World Written by John Stainer

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

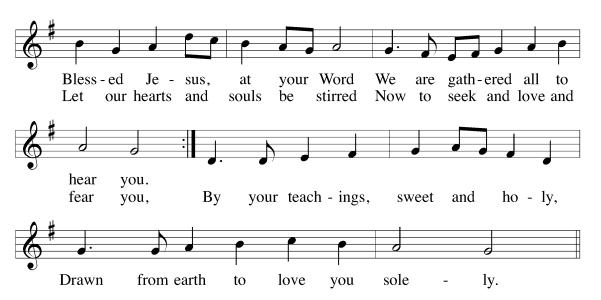
Christian Worship Supplement

WELCOME

Please stand

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

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



M: Oh, how I love your law!

C: I meditate on it all day long.

M: Your commands make me wiser than my enemies,

C: for they are ever with me.

M: I have more insight than all my teachers,

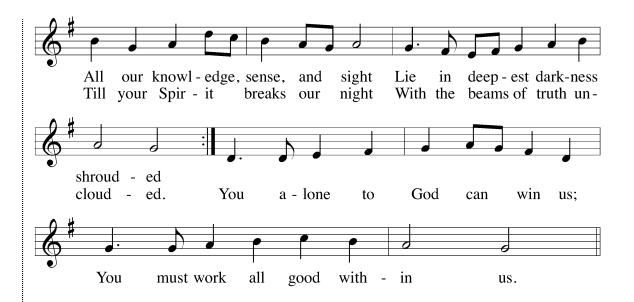
C: for I meditate on your statutes.

M: How sweet are your words to my taste,

C: sweeter than honey to my mouth!

Our service today begins with a "gathering rite." This order musically ties together the invocation, confession, and absolution and also replaces an opening hymn. The hymn stanzas come from Christian Worship hymn 221. For those who may be unfamiliar, the musical notation indicates that the first phrase of music is repeated (with the words on the second line) prior to the singing of the final phrase.

Psalm 119:97-99, 103



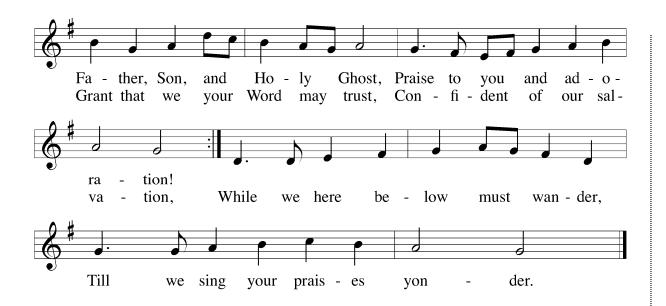
- M: All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,
- C: so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.
- M: Yet so often we have despised God's Word and failed to gladly hear and learn it. For this and all our sins, we bow before God and humbly ask his 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.



- M: God gave his Word so "that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name" (John 20:31). The Scriptures testify about Jesus, who lived a perfect life for you, died on the cross to pay for all your sins, and rose again to assure you of your salvation. 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.

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2 Timothy 3:16, 17



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you see that we have no power to defend ourselves. Guard and keep us both outwardly and inwardly from all adversities that may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So Abram left, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Haran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had Genesis 12:1-8 (NIV)

acquired in Haran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there. Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he went on toward the hills east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. There he built an altar to the LORD and called on the name of the LORD.

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

Refrain



Psalm Tone



- 1. I lift up my eyes / to the hills.* Where does my help / come from?
- 2. My help comes / from the LORD,* the maker of heav- / en and earth.
- 3. He will not let your / foot slip,* he who watches over you will not / slumber;
- 4. indeed, he who watches over / Israel* will neither slum- / ber nor sleep.

Refrain

- 5. The LORD watches / over you,* the LORD is your shade at / your right hand.
- 6. The LORD will keep you / from all harm,* he will watch o- / ver your life;
- 7. the LORD will watch over your coming and / going* both now and for- / evermore.
- 8. 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

What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, discovered in this matter? If, in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness. Now when a man works, his wages are not credited to him as a gift, but as an obligation. However, to the man who does not work but trusts God who justifies the wicked, his faith is credited as righteousness.

It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world,

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17 (NIV)

but through the righteousness that comes by faith. For if those who live by law are heirs, faith has no value and the promise is worthless, because law brings wrath. And where there is no law there is no transgression. Therefore, the promise comes by faith, so that it may be by grace and may be guaranteed to all Abraham's offspring-not only to those who are of the law but also to those who are of the faith of Abraham. He is the father of us all. As it is written: "I have made you a father of many nations." He is our father in the sight of God, in whom he believed—the God who gives life to the dead and calls things that are not as though they were.

M: Jesus humbled himself and became obedient to death, even death on a cross.

Please stand

GOSPEL John 4:5-26 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:



So he came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as he was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water. Jesus said to her. "Will you give me a drink?" (His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." "Sir," the woman said, "you have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his flocks and herds?" Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me

this water so that I won't get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water." He told her, "Go, call your husband and come back." "I have no husband," she replied. Jesus said to her, "You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true." "Sir," the woman said, "I can see that you are a prophet. Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you Jews claim that the place where we must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus declared, "Believe me, woman, a time is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for salvation is from the Jews. Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." The woman said, "I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I who speak to you am he."

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

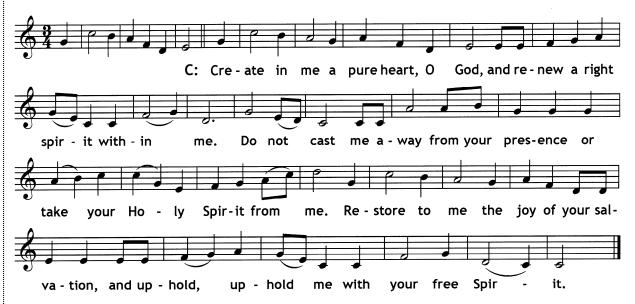
God Loved the World So that He Gave Christian Worship #391

SERMON

John 4:5-26 Jesus Gives Living Water for a Thirsty Soul

Please stand

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



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-LENT

- M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.
- C: We confess that without your love we are lost.
- M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.
- C: Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.
- M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.
- C: By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.
- M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.
- C: Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.
- M: Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C: Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

There is a Redeemer Arr. by Glenda Austin

- M: Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C: 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

The Law of God Is Good and Wise Christian Worship #287

Please stand

- M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C: Amen.

The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27

BLESSING

M: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Preserve Your Word, O Savior Christian Worship #289

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanist	Kathy Parra
Ushers	Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Dav	ve Breitkreitz, Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	
	Bob & Audrey Nessinger (10:00 AM)

POSTLUDE:

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Arr. by Cindy Berry

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Lenten Services

Wednesday midweek services will be held at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson every Wednesday through April 5. The theme for our services is "Repent: Turn to Jesus." The sermons and service themes will rotate among the various sites, so worshipers who attend more than one site could hear a sermon repeated. See the schedule below for the midweek service schedule.



			March 15
Grace-Benson	6 PM 7 PM	Supper Lenten Worship	"Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Holds the Key to Heaven"
Grace-Sahuarita	6 PM 7 PM	Supper Lenten Worship	"Repent: Turn to Jesus; Do Not Turn Away"
Grace-Tucson	10 AM 6 PM	Lenten Worship Supper	"Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself"
	7 PM	Lenten Worship	"Repent: Turn to Jesus and Not to Yourself"

Luther Movie

Grace is hosting a special screening of the movie "A Return to Grace: Luther's Life and Legacy" at Century 20 El Con (3601 E Broadway Blvd, Tucson, AZ 85716) on Thursday evening, March 23 at 6:30 PM. This movie was developed with the help of several WELS members in recognition of the 500th anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation this year. It is a "docudrama" that features comments from scholars (including WELS scholars) interspersed with scenes from the life of Luther. The original group of tickets has sold out, but the theater was able upgrade us to a larger theater. You may once again purchase tickets at the link listed below. Tickets cost \$10.00 (\$9 ticket, \$1 booking fee) and can be purchased at the website <u>Tucson.NewLutherMovie.com</u>. Links are also available at the Grace website and Facebook page. If you need assistance, please contact the Church Office at 623-6633.

Family Devotion Night—March 25

Family schedules have a tendency to get very busy with school and extracurricular activities. It can be hard to find time to just sit down and relax. It can be even harder to find time to sit down and gather around God's Word. But that time to rest is important, that time in God's Word is important. Pastor Rieke invites you to make time in your busy schedules to join him for a once per month Family Devotion Night. The next Devotion Night will be held on Saturday, March 25 from 6-7 PM at the Rieke home (4282 S. Mayberry Place). Each month's devotion will cover a timely topic in our world today.



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

Guest Musician at Grace-Tucson & Grace-Sahuarita

WELS singer Stephen Bautista will be the guest musician here at Grace-Tucson on Sunday, March 26 during 7:45 & 10:00 AM worship. He will also be at Grace-Sahuarita on April 2 during their 7:45 & 10:00 AM services. Join us to hear some of his original Christian songs in the regular worship services that Sunday. Stephen will also share his experience as a WELS musician in the 9 AM Bible Study.

For more information about Stephen and his music, please visit his website, <u>www.stephenbautistamusic.com</u>. A freewill offering will be received in support of Stephen and his work, and his recordings will be available for sale.

LWMS Grand Canyon Circuit East 2017 Spring Rally: April 1

Grace (all sites) will be hosting the 2017 GCCE Spring Rally at Grace-Tucson on Saturday, April 1 from 9:00 AM-3:00 PM. The theme is *Love Your Neighbor As Yourself* (Matthew 22:37-39). We'll hear two guest speakers: John Kramer will talk about Mission to the Children, and Redeemer member Amy Mueller will talk about her experience as a former Jehovah's Witness. \$10 fee covers lunch and registration. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall and at the other Grace sites, or download them at www.grandcanyonlwms.org. Rally registration and Mission Money collection deadline for Mission to the Children is March 18. A separate check for each should be made payable to LWMS Grand Canyon Circuit East and mailed to Circuit Treasurer, Rose Pedersen, c/o Patsy & Peter Young, 6 Belmont Court, Pinehurst, NC 28374. Rose is temporarily at her daughters awaiting the birth of her grandchild. Please contact your site's LWMS Reporter (Cindi Breitkreitz /Tucson, Linda Littau/Benson, Judy Seaman/Sahuarita or Kathy Silver/Vail) or Diane Kramm with your questions.

How can you help? See the announcement below if you would like to help bring food.

LWMS Food Help Sign-Up Sheet

The food committee for our LWMS rally is in need of ladies to bring deviled eggs, desserts, and fruit salads for lunch. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to help. Please call Linda Morris if you have any questions at (248) 763-8390.

NEW Sunday Morning Bible Study Starting April 2!

A new Sunday morning Bible study will begin here at Grace-Tucson on April 2. We are finishing up *The Life of Christ* and then will begin a series called *Church-Mission-Ministry*. We'll learn and discuss things like: What is the Church? What should the Church be doing? What is my role? We'll also consider sacraments, fellowship, mission work, the role of pastors, and more. Optional home devotional study will be provided. Grace members at the other three sites have completed this study—now it's our turn! Come learn more about what God says concerning church and how we operate as a congregation and join in the discussion!

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 speak to one of the pastors. You may also grab a guest packet at either entrance of church.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Jeff & Jody Kosanke in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

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 Bill & Lisa Toben. 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

> Isaiah 42:14-21 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39

Sermon Text

John 9:1-7, 13-17, 34-39 Blindness to Sight, Sight to Blindness

Easter Lily Sign-Up Sheets

If you would like to buy an Easter lily to beautify worship on Easter Sunday (April 16), please sign the sheet located in the front or side entryways of church. Lilies are \$8 each (make checks payable to "Grace Lutheran Church"). Please put your payment in an envelope marked "Easter Lilies" and place it in the offering plate or bring it to the church office.

Women's Ministry Mini-Conference

Mark your calendars for the WELS Women's Ministry Mentors Mini-Conference that will be held **Saturday, April 22 from 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM** at Shepherd of the Hills (8799 N Northern Ave., Tucson). This conference is a condensed version of the one that was held last summer at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary. Six of the ladies from Shepherd of the Hills were able to attend the conference and are excited about bringing a mini-version to their fellow sisters throughout Arizona. Two of the speakers, Naomi Schmidt and Kathie Wendland, will be presenting. The cost is \$25 per person and includes snacks, lunch, and material. **Please register for the conference by mailing a registration form and check by April 1.** Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall and the other Grace sites. If you have any questions, please contact Lorisa Terrell, Secretary at Shepherd of the Hills, (520) 297-5710 or info@LutheranChurchTucson.com.

Thrivent Choice Dollars Deadline

Thrivent members, the deadline for designating your Thrivent choice dollars is March 31. You can log on to Thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836 for assistance.

Thrivent also has money available for projects through **Action Teams.** If there is a project you would like to request money for, log on to Thrivent.com and fill out the Action Team application at least 3 weeks before your project begins. Once accepted, you will receive \$250 towards your project. Thrivent request photos of the project and a final report when the project is completed.

Grace has used Thrivent Action Team grants for a number of projects and activities. If you are a Thrivent member who would be willing to work with us on future projects, please let us know!



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 • Mar 12-Mar 19

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Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a	English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a Lifeliners (High School Croup): Connecting Sinci to Column 9:00a	Wednesday10:00aLenten Worship10:00aLenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall6:00pLenten Worship7:00p
The Life of Christ: Jesus' Resurrection Appearances 9:00a NO WELS TCM Bible Study—Spring Break!	Thursday Women's Bible Study: Key Bible Words
Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary4:30p	Saturday Men's Basketball Tournament at ALA10:00a
3 3 3	Sunday Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following both services
Today Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School
	VAIL Today
Children's Sunday School	Children's Sunday School
BENSON Today Worship Service/Communion	Bible Study at the Ministry Center: Sermon Review
Sunday Worship Service	

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