

Fifth Sunday in Lent



Grace Lutheran Church
April 2, 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.

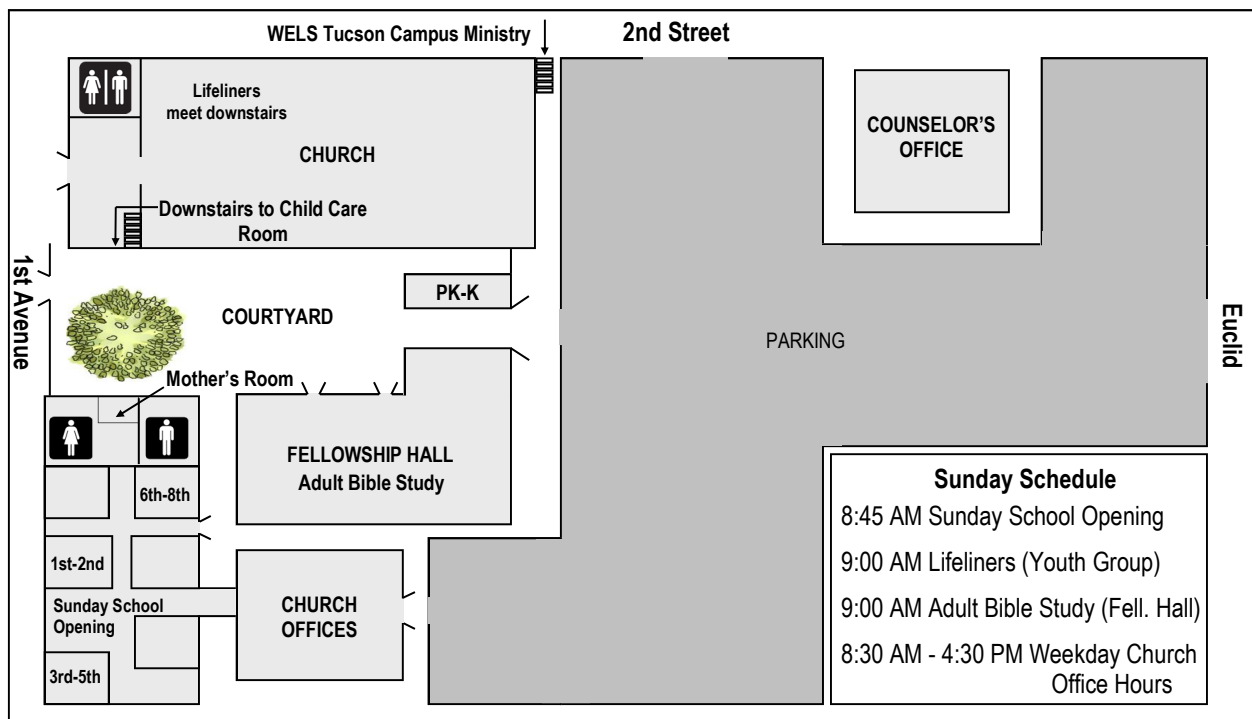
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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:

10:00 AM—
Oh, Come, Little
Children
Setting by Michael
Burkhardt

GATHERING RITE ON THE WORD OF GOD

Christian Worship Supplement

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

God Loves Me Dearly

God loves me dearly, grants me salvation; God loves me dearly, loves even me.

REFRAIN: *Therefore I'll say again:*

God loves me dearly, God loves me dearly, loves even me.

He sent forth Jesus, my dear Redeemer; He sent forth Jesus and set me free.

REFRAIN

Jesus, my Savior, himself did offer; Jesus, my Savior, paid all I owed. REFRAIN

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:

Bless-ed Je-sus, at your Word We are gath-ered all to
Let our hearts and souls be stirred Now to seek and love and

hear you.
fear you, By your teach-ings, sweet and ho-ly,

Drawn from earth to love you sole-ly.

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.

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!

Psalm 119:97-99,
 103

All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight Lie in deep - est dark-ness
 Till your Spir - it breaks our night With the beams of truth un-
 shroud - ed cloud - ed. You a - lone to God can win us;
 You must work all good with - in us.

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.

2 Timothy 3:16, 17

Gra-cious Sav - ior, good and kind, Light from Light, from God pro-
 O - pen now our heart and mind; Help us by your Spir - it's
 ceed - ing, plead - ing. Hear the cry your peo - ple rais - es;
 Hear and bless our prayers and prais - es.

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.



Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, Praise to you and ad - o -
Grant that we your Word may trust, Con - fi - dent of our sal -
ra - tion!
va - tion, While we here be - low must wan - der,
Till we sing your prais - es yon - der.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal God and Father, help us to remember Jesus, who obeyed your will and bore the cross for our salvation that through his anguish, pain, and death we may receive forgiveness of sins and inherit eternal life; through your Son, 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 child grew, and one day he went out to his father, who was with the reapers. “My head! My head!” he said to his father. His father told a servant, “Carry him to his mother.” After the servant had lifted him up and carried him to his mother, the boy sat on her lap until noon, and then he died. She went up and laid him on the bed of the man of God, then shut the door and went out. She called her husband

2 Kings 4:18-37 (NIV)

and said, “Please send me one of the servants and a donkey so I can go to the man of God quickly and return.” “Why go to him today?” he asked. “It’s not the New Moon or the Sabbath.” “It’s all right,” she said. She saddled the donkey and said to her servant, “Lead on; don’t slow down for me unless I tell you.”

(Scripture Lesson continues on page 5)

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.

So she set out and came to the man of God at Mount Carmel. When he saw her in the distance, the man of God said to his servant Gehazi, "Look! There's the Shunammite! Run to meet her and ask her, 'Are you all right? Is your husband all right? Is your child all right?'" "Everything is all right," she said. When she reached the man of God at the mountain, she took hold of his feet. Gehazi came over to push her away, but the man of God said, "Leave her alone! She is in bitter distress, but the LORD has hidden it from me and has not told me why." "Did I ask you for a son, my lord?" she said. "Didn't I tell you, 'Don't raise my hopes?'" Elisha said to Gehazi, "Tuck your cloak into your belt, take my staff in your hand and run. If you meet anyone, do not greet him, and if anyone greets you, do not answer. Lay my staff on the boy's face." But the child's mother said, "As surely as the LORD lives and as you live, I will not

leave you." So he got up and followed her. Gehazi went on ahead and laid the staff on the boy's face, but there was no sound or response. So Gehazi went back to meet Elisha and told him, "The boy has not awakened." When Elisha reached the house, there was the boy lying dead on his couch. He went in, shut the door on the two of them and prayed to the LORD. Then he got on the bed and lay upon the boy, mouth to mouth, eyes to eyes, hands to hands. As he stretched himself out upon him, the boy's body grew warm. Elisha turned away and walked back and forth in the room and then got on the bed and stretched out upon him once more. The boy sneezed seven times and opened his eyes. Elisha summoned Gehazi and said, "Call the Shunammite." And he did. When she came, he said, "Take your son." She came in, fell at his feet and bowed to the ground. Then she took her son and went out.

SECOND LESSON

And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation—but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear,

Romans 8:11-19 (NIV)

but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "*Abba*, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Mark 10:45

M: The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

GOSPEL

John 11:17-27, 38-45 (NIV)

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

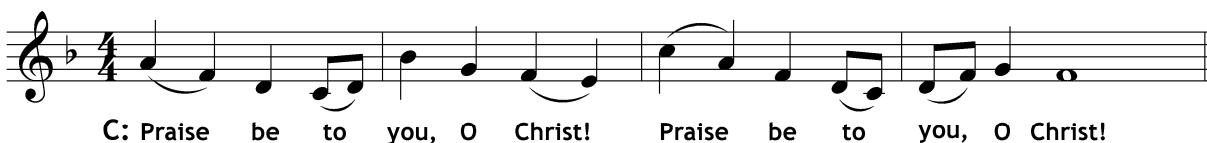


The congregation stands out of respect for the words of Christ our King.

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go." Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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

Come, Oh, Come, Life-Giving Spirit
Christian Worship #181

SERMON

Romans 8:11-19
We Are Children of God

Please stand

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



C: Cre - ate in me a pure heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Do not cast me a - way from your pres - ence or
take your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal -
va - tion, and up - hold, up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

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:

*Now, My Tongue,
the Mystery Telling
John F. Wade's
"Cantus Diversi"*

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.

- 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.

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 brought the gift of salvation to all people by his death on the tree of the cross, so that the devil, who overcame us by a tree would in turn by a tree be overcome. 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.



C: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er, God of might:

heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high -

est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -

na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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*

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - - - men. A - - - men.

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 **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.*

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

Please stand

THANKSGIVING

SONG OF SIMEON

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


C: In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de - part ac - cord-ing to your
word. For my eyes have seen your sal - va - tion, which you have pre-pared for
ev-'ry peo-ple, a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

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

C: And his mercy endures forever.

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.

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

How Blest Are They Who Hear
Christian Worship #325

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

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Worship Leader Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
Communion Assistants Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
 Pastor Mark Hallemeier (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 Dongske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
Sunday School Choir Director Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snively (10:00 AM)
Greeters Jeanette O'Donald & Nadine Rentschler (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team Cindi Breitreitz, Terry Kosanke, Sally Littau

Lenten Services

Our final midweek services will be held this Wednesday, April 5 at Grace-Benson, Grace-Sahuarita, and Grace-Tucson. The theme for our services is “Repent: Turn to Jesus.” See this week’s schedule here at Grace-Tucson.

April 5: 6 PM Supper
10 AM & 7 PM Worship “Repent: Turn to Jesus; He Changes Your Life”

Easter for Kids: April 8

Calling all children ages 3-11 regardless of church membership! You're invited to Grace-Tucson's *Easter For Kids* program this Saturday, April 8 from 9:30 AM-1:00 PM. We will make crafts, sing songs, learn the Easter story, and have an Easter egg hunt. You may register online at www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org/e4k or find a registration form in the Fellowship Hall. There are also Easter For Kids postcard invitations at both entrances of church and in the Fellowship Hall.

Vail Ice-Cream Social & Egg Hunt: April 8

Join us this Saturday, April 8 from 1-3 PM at Esmond Station (9400 South Atterbury Wash Way, Tucson) to celebrate 5 years of God's grace at our Vail site. We will be celebrating with an ice-cream social, complete with all the fixings. There will also be a bouncy castle and egg hunts for the kids. Grace members and friends are invited, along with members of the community. Invitations can be found in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Ministry Mini Conference—Registration Extended

The WELS Women's Ministry Mentors Mini-Conference will be held **Saturday, April 22 from 7:30am – 5:00pm** 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. The registration cost is \$25 per person and includes snacks, lunch, and material. **The deadline to register has been extended to April 8 and forms are available online: www.LutheranChurchTucson.com.** If you have any questions, please contact Lorisa Terrell, Secretary at Shepherd of the Hills, (520) 297-5710 or info@LutheranChurchTucson.com.

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

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Greg & Karen Grorud to God's glory and in loving memory of Karen's mother, Dorothy Lehet.

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 Ferdie & Diane Kramm. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

NEW Sunday Morning Bible Study Today!

A new Sunday morning Bible study will start this morning 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!

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Zechariah 9:9-10
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 21:1-11

Sermon Text

Matthew 21:1-11
Hosanna to the Son of David

Easter Invitations

Easter is a great time to invite others to share the joy of forgiveness and salvation in Jesus that you enjoy. Please pick up a few of the Easter invitations to give away to family, friends or those you meet. They contain information on services at all four of our Grace locations. You'll find them at the exits and in the Fellowship Hall.



New GIG begins April 19!

If you're interested in learning the basics of the Bible or have an interest in possibly becoming a member of Grace, the Grow In Grace class is the class for you! Pastor Koehler will be teaching this series of classes beginning on Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 PM. The class will meet in the church office conference room. You can let pastor know of your interest in the class or ask him any questions about it. Just catch him at church, call the church office (623-6633) or email him (RevRGK3@GraceLutheranSAZ.org). If you have an interest in the class but cannot meet on Wednesday evenings, please let him or one of the other pastors 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 • Apr 2-Apr 9

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *From Death to Life* 7:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Stephen Bautista* 9:00a
Worship Services with Stephen Bautista/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

Sahuarita Ladies' Meeting 11:30a
Lenten Supper 6:00p
Lenten Worship 7:00p

Saturday

Easter for Kids at Grace-Tucson 9:30a
Vail Anniversary Ice Cream Social at Esmond Station 1:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *How We Got the Bible* 9:00a
Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

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Monday

Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary 4:30p
English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Lenten Worship 10:00a
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall 6:00p
Lenten Worship 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words* 9:00a

Saturday

Easter for Kids at Grace-Tucson 9:30a
Vail Anniversary Ice Cream Social at Esmond Station 1:00p

Sunday

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Passion of the Christ* Movie Night 7:00p

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Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets* 9:15a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Sermon Review* 9:00a

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Holy Week Schedule

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13

10 AM & 7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson
7:00 PM at Grace-Benson
7:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita

Good Friday

Friday, April 14

7:00 PM at Grace-Sahuarita

Tenebrae Service
(Service of Darkness)

7:00 PM at Grace-Tucson

Worshippers are asked to leave this church service in silence, leaving in stillness and darkness until the dawn of a glorious Easter Day. Please visit with friends and family prior to entering church for worship.



Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16

Grace-Benson
Festival Worship—8:00 AM
Easter Breakfast—9:00 AM

Grace-Sahuarita
Outdoor Festival Worship—9:00 AM
Easter Breakfast—10:00 AM

Grace-Tucson
Sunrise Worship—7 AM
Easter Breakfast—8 AM
Easter Concert—9 AM
Festival Worship—10 AM

Grace-Vail
Easter Breakfast—9 AM
Festival Worship—10 AM

Easter Breakfast

Please plan to join us for our Easter breakfast on April 16. Egg casseroles will be provided. **Members are asked to bring fruit to share. If you have a few minutes to help clean up following the breakfast it would be greatly appreciated!** Please contact Laura Lipke with any questions at 742-0211.

Divine Call

On Sunday, March 19, Pastor Kassulke was informed that Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pierre, South Dakota had voted to extend to him a Divine Call to serve as their sole pastor. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Grace and one to Redeemer. In the next few weeks, he will be working to make a decision whether to accept the new Call and to move his ministry to South Dakota or to decline the Call and to continue serving in Tucson. He will strive to make that decision with prayer and careful consideration on the basis of where his particular gifts for ministry best fit the opportunities before him.

Pastor Kassulke welcomes any input that the friends and members of Grace might wish to share with him. You can reach him by phone either at the Church Office (520-623-6633) or on his personal phone (520-260-4453). He also appreciates prayers offered on behalf of him and his family during this deliberation as well as for both congregations as they consider the ministry before them.

Save the Date Events Below

May 6: Grace (All Sites) Church Picnic at Grace-Sahuarita beginning at noon.

June 1-July 13: Youth Crossfit Camp at Grace-Sahuarita every Thursday from 10 AM-2 PM. There is no charge for this program and lunch will be provided. The camp is limited to 50 youth. You may register by email to Pastor Heiman at revrah@gracelutheransaz.org.

June 19-23: Vacation Bible School at Grace-Tucson from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM.