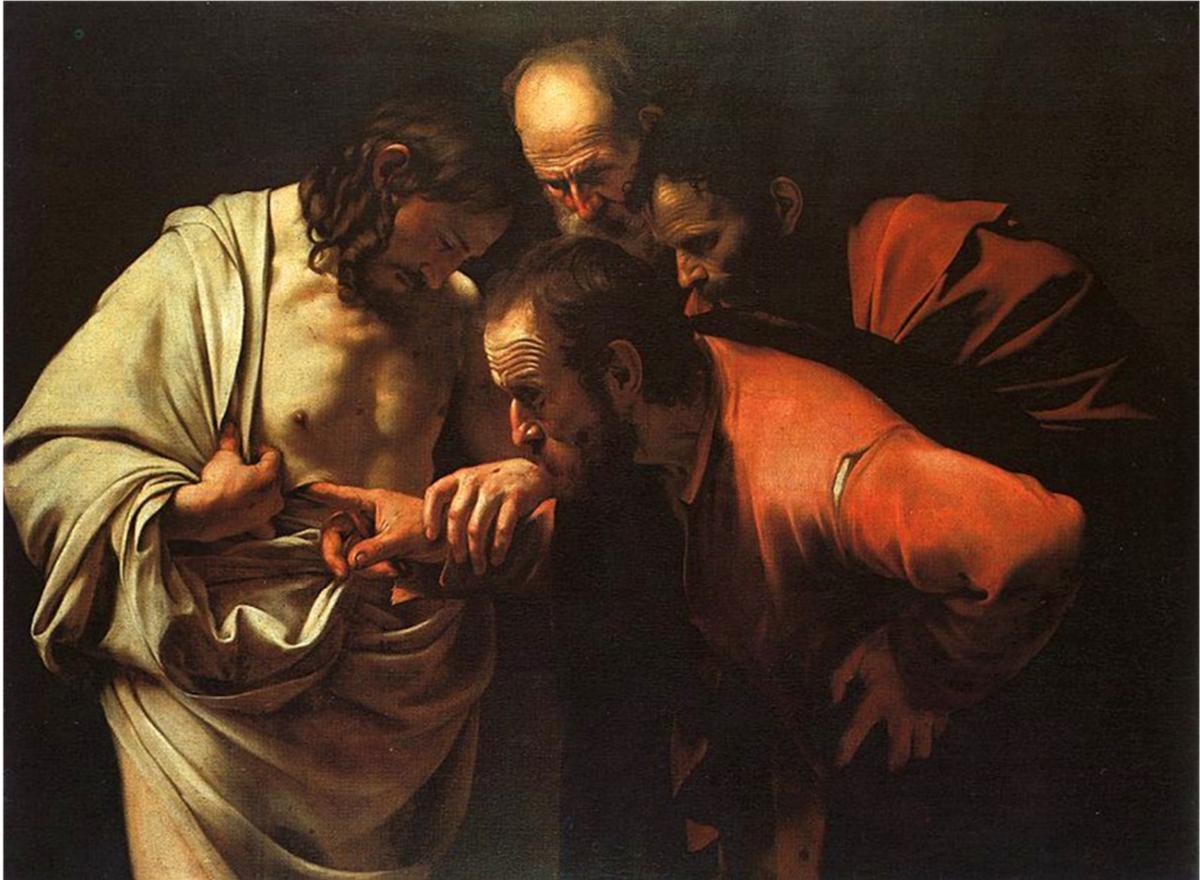


Second Sunday of Easter



The Incredulity of St. Thomas – Caravaggio, c. 1600

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 23, 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.

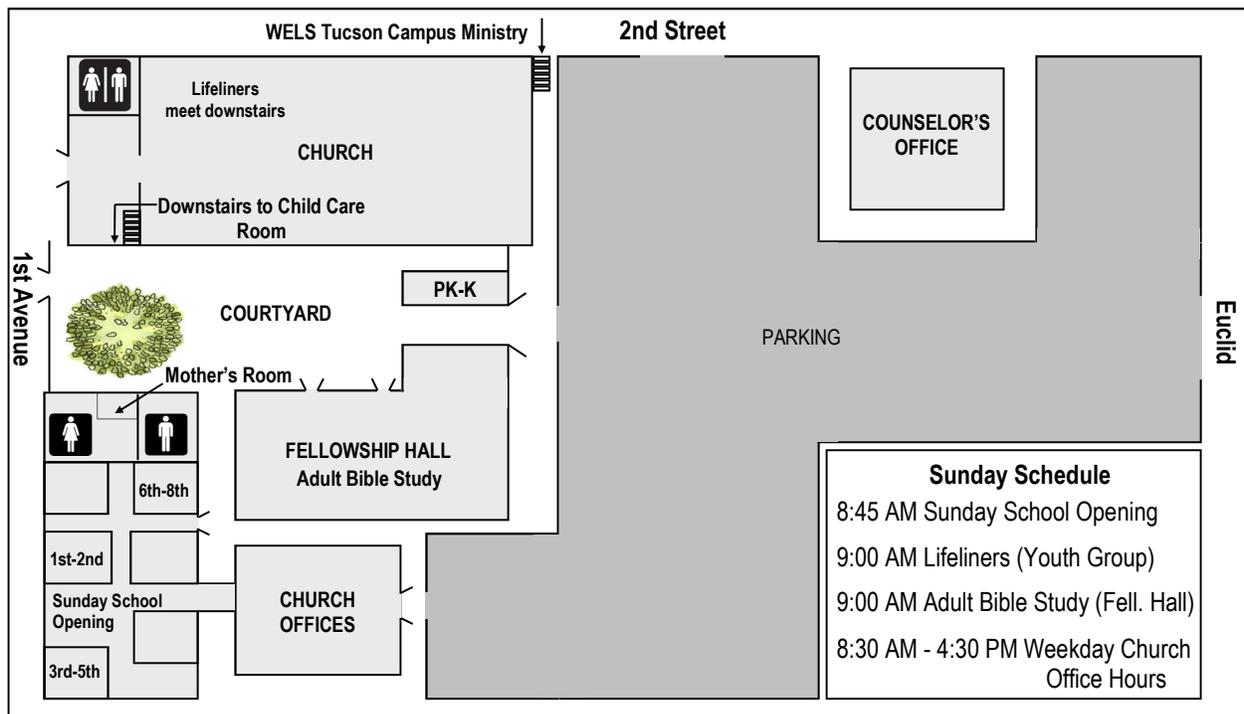
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 II
Christian Worship Supplement

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Duke Street
Arr. by Cindy Berry

10:00 AM—
Good Christian
Friends, Rejoice and
Sing!
Setting by M.
Burkhardt

Christ the Lord is
Risen Today;
Alleluia
Setting by Dan Uhl

WELCOME

HYMN

O Sons and Daughters of the King
Christian Worship #165 st. 1-4

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY—Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.
(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)*



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O
2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all
4. You, Christ, are ho - ly Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's



Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and
glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have
hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our
glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -



grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:34a, 36, 39-43 (NIV)

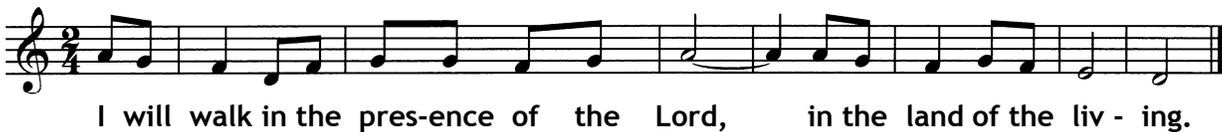
Then Peter began to speak: “You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all

the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen—by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 16

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Keep me / safe, O God,* for in you I take / refuge.
2. I said to the LORD, “You / are my Lord;*” apart from you I have / no good thing.”
3. I have set the LORD always be- / fore me.*
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be / shaken.

Refrain

4. My heart is glad and my tongue re- / jices;* my body also will / rest secure,
5. because you will not abandon me / to the grave,*
nor will you let your Holy One / see decay.
6. You have made known to me the / path of life;*
you will fill me with joy in your / presence.
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

1 Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of

trials. These have come so that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:29b

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to John chapter twenty.
C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the

nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Sons and Daughters of the King
Christian Worship #165 st. 5-9

SERMON

John 20:19-31
Stop Doubting and Believe

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



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
If Christ Had Not Been Raised From Death
CWS #721

*If Christ had not been raised from death,
Our faith would be in vain;
Our preaching but a waste of breath,
Our sin and guilt remain.*

*But now the Lord is ris'n indeed.
He rules in earth and heav'n:
His gospel meets a world of need --
In Christ we are forgiv'n.*

10:00 AM—
*Come, You Faithful,
Raise the Strain*
Setting by Theodore Beck

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Awake, My Heart, with Gladness
Christian Worship #156 st. 1-3

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 Ted & Donna Malchow in celebration and thanksgiving for the abundant blessings in 60 years of marriage!

Additional flowers have been given by Ted and Donna's family in celebration of their 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 Beth and David Williams. 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

Acts 24:10-21
1 Peter 1:17-21
Luke 24:13-35

Sermon Text

Luke 24:13-35

Still Talking About the Resurrection

Midweek Bible Studies at Grace-Tucson

The Women's Thursday *Key Bible Words* Bible study will resume this Thursday, April 27 at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. The Wednesday *Church History* Bible Study will resume on May 3 at 10 AM and 7 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

ALA Presents: *The Snow White Variety Show*

Arizona Lutheran Academy (ALA) students will hit the stage with *The Snow White Variety Show* on April 28 and 30 at Arizona Lutheran Academy (6036 South 27th Avenue, Phoenix). All the fun of just about every TV-show genre you can imagine is jam-packed into this wild comedy! The performance on April 28 begins at 7:00 PM and at 3:00 PM on April 30. Tickets will be sold at the door: Adults (\$4), children (14 & under, \$3). **Grace member Colton Watson will be performing in the show!**

Arizona Lutheran Academy is our Lutheran high school located in Phoenix.

Grace Church Picnic (All Sites)—May 6!

Grace-Sahuarita will be hosting the all-site Church Picnic on Saturday, May 6 at noon (Address: 17675 South La Cañada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). Great food, great fellowship, and activities for both kids and adults! It's a wonderful opportunity to see one of our other sites and meet your fellow members. Members are asked to bring a side dish. The main dish will be provided. There will be a dessert contest this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you have any questions, please contact Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney at (440) 251-4704 or Pastor Heiman at 999-0245.

Confirmation Open House Invitation

This year's Youth Confirmation is on Sunday, May 7. Two eighth graders (Jacob Miller and Brandon Walshaw) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service. All are invited to congratulate the confirmands with a cake reception following the service.

The Grace congregation is also invited to an open house hosted by the Miller family from 3:00-5:00 PM that afternoon (May 7) in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Grace Team Trivia Night

The next Grace Team Trivia Night is happening on Friday, May 12 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. This event is open for everyone to attend. Teams will be formed that evening 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!

Donations for St. Marcus Students

Once again this year Grace is hosting a group of WELS 7th grade students from St. Marcus Lutheran School in Milwaukee. They are arriving in Tucson on May 18 through the program "Discover America" which rewards students based on their academic performance and behavior. Each student raised a portion of the expenses to come on the trip.

Starting next Sunday, we will be accepting donations to pay for the food that will be served to the students and teachers while they are here. You can make a cash donation or use a check made payable to *Grace Lutheran Church* (note St. Marcus on the bottom of the check). **Look for the donation box near the main entrance of church next Sunday, April 30.**

Save the Date—Vacation Bible School: June 19-23

Before you've booked your summer vacation, be sure to mark down the dates for this summer's Vacation Bible School! It will be held here at Grace-Tucson on Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM.

The VBS closing service will be on Sunday, June 25 at 10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson with the VBS picnic to follow on site. More picnic details will be available as it gets closer.

We are in need of volunteers to help with teaching, snacks, crafts and music. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitreitz (cell: 298-9758, home: 298-9758, email: mkcindib4u@yahoo.com) or to Pastor Patoka. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated and can be given to Cindi or Pastor Patoka.

Divine Calls

On Sunday, April 2, Pastor Rieke was informed that Palos Lutheran Church in Palos Heights, Illinois had voted to extend to him a Divine Call to serve as their pastor. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Palos Lutheran and one to Grace. 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 Illinois or to decline the Call and to continue serving in southern Arizona. 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 Rieke welcomes any input that the friends and members of Grace might wish to share with him. You can reach him by phone at 343-9881 or by email at RevCMR@GraceLutheranSAZ.org. 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.

Pastor Kassulke, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, has declined the call to serve at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Pierre, South Dakota. He will continue to serve in his role as an associate pastor at Grace in Tucson. He would like to thank all those who shared their thoughts with him during the deliberation and who prayed for him and his family. Please continue to pray that God would bless the gospel ministry wherever it is conducted!



**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 23-Apr 30

TUCSON

Today
Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry*9:00a
WELS TCM Bible Study: *Easter is Everything*7:00p

Monday

NO Handbell Practice.....
English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p
AZ Pastor's Conference at Redeemer in Tucson Tues-Wed
(all 5 pastors will attend)

SAHUARITA

Today
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *How We Got the Bible*.....9:00a
Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies

Sunday

Children's Sunday School9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *How We Got the Bible*.....9:00a
Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

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

Sunday

Worship Service.....7:30a

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies.....
Grow in Grace Class in Conference Room6:30p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words*.....

Friday

Arizona Lutheran Academy: *Snow White Variety Show*.....7:00p

Saturday

Arizona Lutheran Academy Golf Tournament1:30p

Sunday

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry*9:00a
Arizona Lutheran Academy: *Snow White Variety Show*.....3:00p
WELS TCM Bible Study: *What's Heaven Like?*7:00p

VAIL

Today

Children's Sunday School9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets*9:15a
Worship Service/Communion10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Monday

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

Sunday

Children's Sunday School9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets*9:15a
Worship Service.....10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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