

# The Ascension of Our Lord



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
May 28, 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.

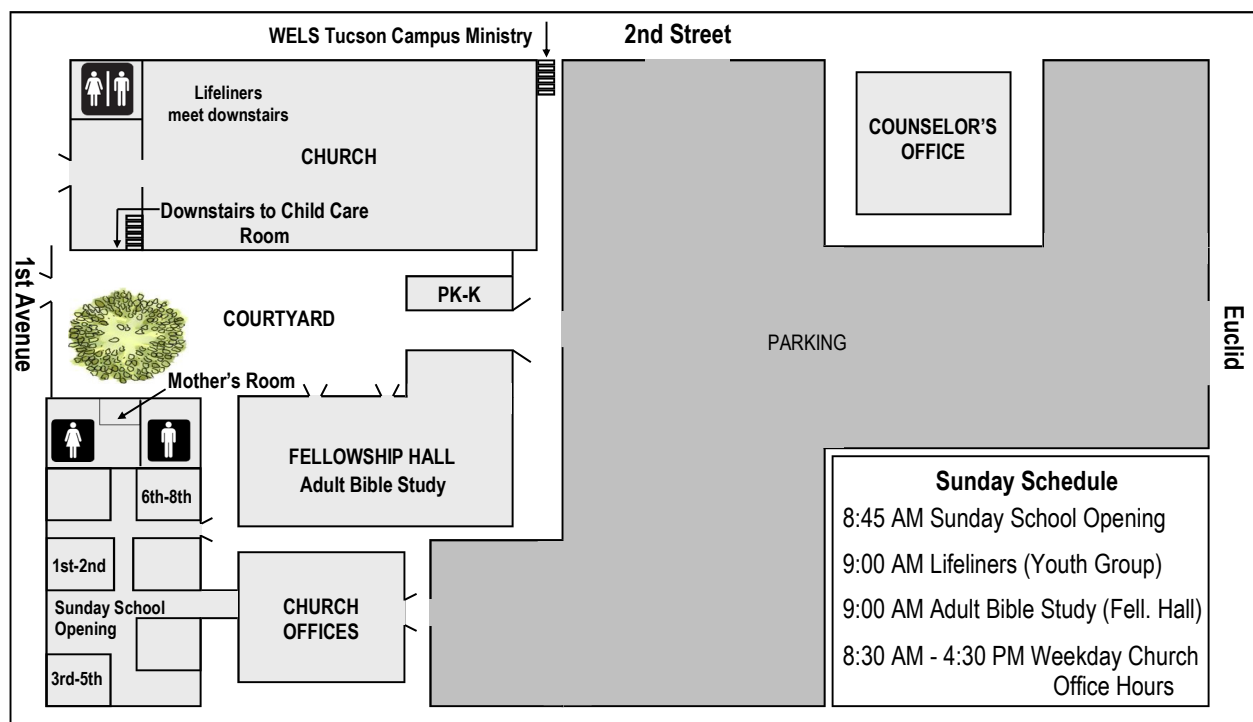
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



## **DIVINE SERVICE II**

*Christian Worship Supplement*

### **WELCOME**

### **HYMN**

**Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise**  
*Christian Worship #175*

*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.

### **Banner**

*The banner at the front of church is based on Colossians 3:16—"Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God."*

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



## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Lord Jesus, King of glory, on this day you ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## FIRST LESSON

That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes. "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered. The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he had erected for him. His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court." "Bring him in," the king ordered. When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one

## Esther 6 (NIV)

of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!'" "Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended." So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!" Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, and told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, "Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!" While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.

*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.*

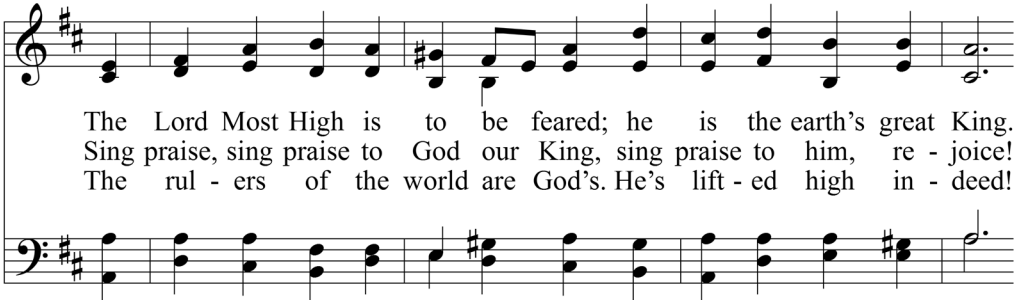
*This Psalm arrangement is one that is being considered for inclusion in a new WELS hymnal. Please share your thoughts on it using the questionnaire available. See page 8 on "Psalm Field Testing" for more information.*

## PSALM OF THE DAY

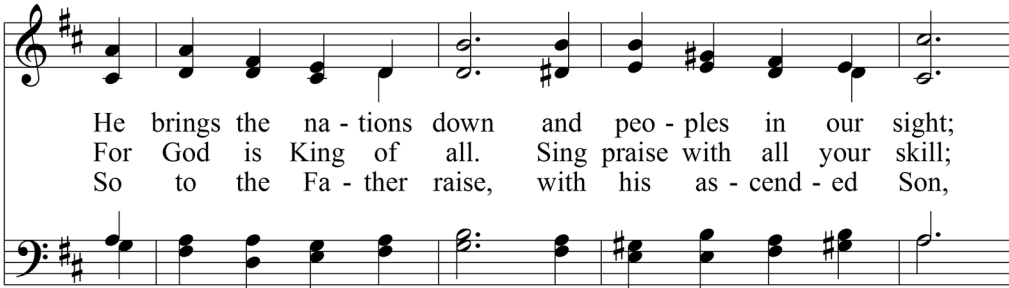
## PSALM 47



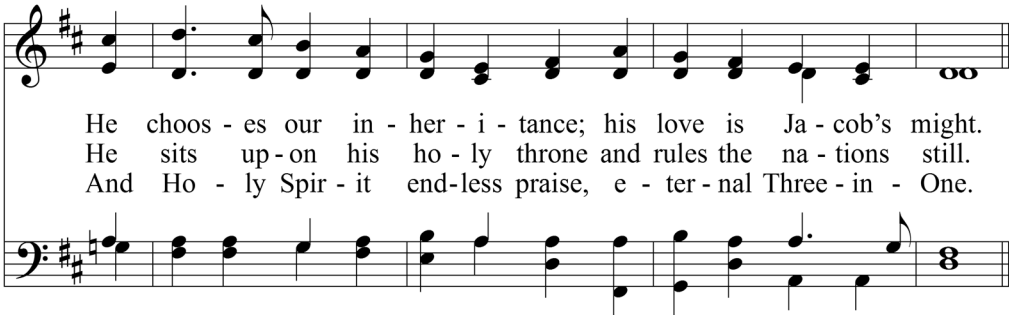
1 All peo - ples, clap your hands, and shout with joy and sing,  
2 God has gone up on high, with shout and trum - pet voice;  
3 No - bles from all the earth are joined with A - bram's seed;



The Lord Most High is to be feared; he is the earth's great King.  
Sing praise, sing praise to God our King, sing praise to him, re - joice!  
The rul - ers of the world are God's. He's lift - ed high in - deed!



He brings the na - tions down and peo - ples in our sight;  
For God is King of all. Sing praise with all your skill;  
So to the Fa - ther raise, with his as - cend - ed Son,



He choos - es our in - her - i - tance; his love is Ja - cob's might.  
He sits up - on his ho - ly throne and rules the na - tions still.  
And Ho - ly Spir - it end - less praise, e - ter - nal Three - in - One.

## SECOND LESSON

## Colossians 3:1-4 (NIV)

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you

died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Matthew 28:20b

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Surely I will be with you always, to the very end of the age. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53 (NIV)

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

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter twenty-four.

C: **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are

witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph  
*Christian Worship #174*

## SERMON

Luke 24:44-53

**Praise the Ascended Lord**

- 1) He has fulfilled the Old Testament
- 2) He has blessed us to be his witnesses

*Please stand*

*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*



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

## **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:** Blessed Jesus, you ascended to the right hand of your Father's majesty, power, and glory and now reign as eternal King of kings and Lord of lords.

**C:** We praise you for your victory over sin, death, Satan, and hell.

**M:** O ascended Prophet, equip your Church to proclaim the precious gospel message of God's love for all the world.

**C:** Give courage to our hearts, power to our words, and success to our efforts.

**M:** O ascended High Priest, represent us before the Father as his own dear children and heirs. Defend us against Satan's every accusation. Ask for the Father's rich blessings in our everyday lives.

**C:** Plead for his mercy and grace on our behalf.

**M:** O ascended King, direct the affairs of governments and nations that they may serve the best interest of your Church.

**C:** You are our Lord, Master, and King.



*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

M: As the disciples lifted their eyes to watch your ascension, so lift our eyes daily to look for your coming again in glory.

C: Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

## 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.

*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.*

*Please be seated*

## HYMN

**On Christ's Ascension I Now Build**  
*Christian Worship #173*

*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.

## 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.

*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*

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CLOSING HYMN

**Christ High-Ascended**  
*Christian Worship #558*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

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**Preacher** ..... Pastor Tim Patoka  
**Worship Leader** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists** ..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)  
**Ushers** ..... Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)  
Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)  
**Greeters** ..... Bill & Lisa Toben (10:00 AM)  
**Banner Committee** ..... Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

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### Psalm Field Testing

Our congregation has been asked by the WELS Hymnal Committee to test some of the psalms they are considering for the new hymnal (scheduled to be published in 2024). We are using one of these psalms in our worship service today. Part of the testing process is receiving your feedback about the psalm we are trying. You will find a brief survey near the friendship register today. Please fill out this form and leave it in your row to be collected after the service. If you prefer to fill out the form online, you may do so at <http://surveymonkey.com/r/9GPKTP5>. If you have any questions about this field testing or the hymnal project, please contact our music coordinator, Beth Kassulke at [music@gracelutheranSAZ.org](mailto:music@gracelutheranSAZ.org).

### Graduation Invite this Afternoon

The Parra family would like to invite the congregation to celebrate the graduation of Maya Parra from Mountain View High School. There will be an open house this afternoon from 1:00-4:00, at 3861 W. Jubilee Pl. 85741.

### ALA Sunday at Grace-Vail

Next Sunday, June 4, the Arizona Lutheran Academy choir will be singing and leading the service at Grace-Vail. Arizona Lutheran Academy is our area Lutheran High School in Phoenix. Grace is a member of the ALA Federation and supports the school with our prayers and offerings. Currently, three members of Grace attend ALA. The Grace-Vail worship service begins at 10:00 AM. Because of this special service, no worship service will be held at Grace-Benson on June 4.

### Rieke Farewell

Pastor Rieke's last Sunday is June 11. A farewell get together for the Rieke family is scheduled for next Sunday, June 4 at 4:30 PM at the Sierra Morado Clubhouse (5825 S. Metropolitan Drive, 85747). GPS directions are not 100% correct. **Use these directions:** Off of Houghton, take Drexel Rd east. You'll turn right on the second round-about, which is Metropolitan Dr. Go straight and the Clubhouse will be on your left. The main dish will be provided from Brushfire BBQ. Members attending are asked to bring a side dish. In lieu of larger gifts, gift cards are appreciated since the Rieke's will be moving the following week.

### Divine Call Extended

At Grace's Call Meeting on May 11, a Divine Call was extended to Pastor Matthew Vogt to serve as Grace's mission pastor to Vail. Pastor Vogt currently serves at Water of Life Lutheran Church in Las Vegas, NV. Please keep Pastor Vogt, his wife Kelli and their two children in your prayers as he considers this Call. Also, please keep in your prayers the ongoing gospel ministry in Las Vegas and here at Grace!

## 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.

### 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 Angie Schubkegel. 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*

Joel 2:28-29

Acts 2:1-21

John 16:5-11

#### *Sermon Text*

John 16:5-11

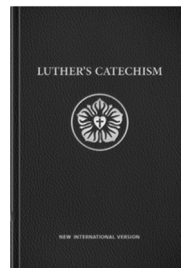
*Jesus Sends the Counselor*

### Pastor Jason Schmidt Installation Service

The Shepherd of the Hills congregation would like to invite you to the Installation Service of Pastor Jason Schmidt on Sunday, June 18 at 4 PM. A meal will be served following the service. In order to help with the meal preparations, we ask that you **please RSVP by June 11** to Lorisa Terrell, Secretary, [ltterrell@LutheranChurchTucson.com](mailto:ltterrell@LutheranChurchTucson.com) or 520-297-5710.

### Luther's Catechism Order

Our Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) is now offering for sale a newly updated and revised version of Luther's Catechism with additional exposition and devotional notes. This is a valuable tool for study and meditation. There are sign-up sheets at all the Grace locations if you would like to order a copy for home use. Orders will be accepted through Sunday, June 4, and a bulk order will be placed that week. The cost for each catechism is \$20, and Grace will cover the shipping for our bulk order. (Checks may be made payable to Grace.)



### Vacation Bible School: June 19-23

Vacation Bible School will be held at Grace-Tucson on Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM. The theme this year is *Build On The Rock*. You may register online at [www.GraceLutheranTucson.com/VBS](http://www.GraceLutheranTucson.com/VBS). VBS registration forms, which can also be used to invite friends, are also available at all the Grace sites.

The VBS closing service starts at 10:00 AM on Sunday, June 25 at Grace-Tucson with the VBS picnic to follow on site at noon. **Grace members are asked to bring a side dish and dessert to share,** and Grace will be providing hot dogs and hamburgers. We are planning to have a few carnival games, face painting, balloon animals, and cotton candy!

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: 907-3695, home: 298-9758, email: [mkcindib4u@yahoo.com](mailto:mkcindib4u@yahoo.com)) or to Pastor Patoka. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated and can be given to Cindi or Pastor Patoka.



**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 • May 28-June 4

### TUCSON

#### Today

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

#### Monday

Memorial Day—Church Office Closed .....

### SAHUARITA

#### Today

**NO** 7:45 AM Worship .....  
Children's Sunday School .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Prayer* .....9:00a  
Worship Service .....10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

#### Wednesday

Bible Study: *Why All the Different Churches?* .....10:00a

#### Thursday

Youth Cross Fitness Camp at Grace-Sahuarita .....10:00a-2:00p

#### Saturday

Sunday School Teacher Party at Grace-Tucson .....11:00a

#### Sunday

Children's Sunday School .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Prayer* .....9:00a  
Worship Service/Communion .....10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

**Rieke Farewell at Sierra Morado Clubhouse**.....4:30p

### BENSON

#### Today

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

#### Sunday

**NO** Worship Service (ALA Sunday at Grace-Vail).....  
**Rieke Farewell at Sierra Morado Clubhouse**.....4:30p

### Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* .....10:00a & 7:00p  
Grow in Grace Class in Conference Room (Kassulke).....2:00p

### Thursday

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

### Saturday

Sunday School Teacher Party at Grace-Tucson .....11:00a

### Sunday

Worship Services/Communion .....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....  
Children's Sunday School .....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Romans 1-8* .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* .....9:00a  
**Rieke Farewell at Sierra Morado Clubhouse**.....4:30p

### VAIL

#### Sunday YOUTH CONFIRMATION

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

#### Monday

**NO** Bible Study at the Ministry Center .....

#### Saturday

Sunday School Teacher Party at Grace-Tucson .....11:00a

#### Sunday ALA SUNDAY

Children's Sunday School .....9:00a  
Youth Confirmation Class .....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Pastor Brad Bode* .....9:15a  
Worship Service .....10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....

**Rieke Farewell at Sierra Morado Clubhouse** .....4:30p

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