

Summer Worship Series



WEEK 1: By Grace Alone

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
June 18, 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.

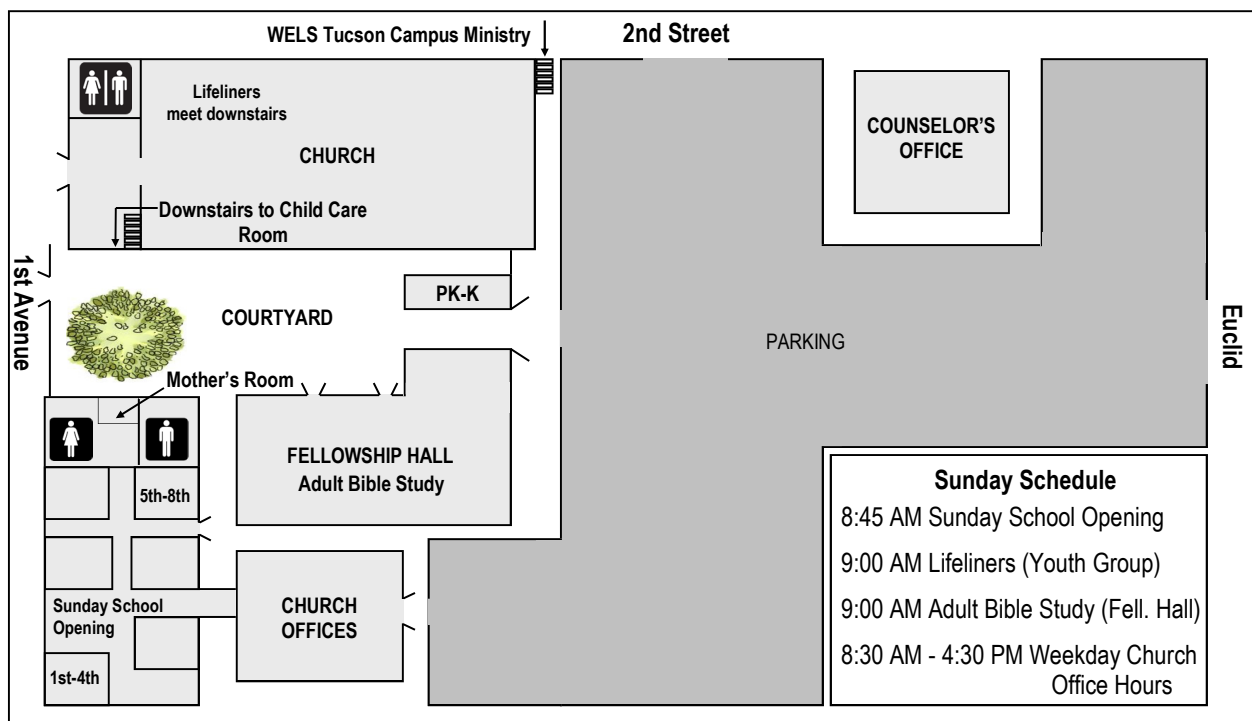
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Lord, 'Tis Not that I Did Choose You
Christian Worship #380

Please stand

Minister: The grace of our Lord (†) Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

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, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

Kyrie

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

The banner in front of church features several major themes from our Summer Worship Series. It also includes a Luther's Seal, a visual representation of the theology that he learned from the Bible. The parts of the seal include a black cross that represents Christ's death for our sins inside a red heart representing faith that holds to Christ and brings spiritual life. The white rose signifies joy, comfort, and peace. The sky-blue field signifies the beginning of heavenly joy, as does the gold ring which indicates that this joy is eternal.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Amazing Grace
Arr. by Jim Brickman

10:00 AM—
God of Grace
By Keith Getty and Jonathan Rea
Arr. by Lloyd Larson

*Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name **Kyrie** is shortened from the Greek **Kyrie Eleison**, which means “Lord have mercy.”*

M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al might y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our lifewith your love.



You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir it; you make us pure and

This vibrant song of praise, composed for the Christian Worship hymnal, leads the congregation to respond to the absolution with thanksgiving and praise. It specifically praises God for all that he has done for us in Christ. The title and refrain echo verses of Psalm 8.

ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,
 but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,
 how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.
 O Son of God, e - ter - nal Word of the Fa - ther,
 you came to live with us; you made your Fa - ther known;
 you washed us from our sins in your own blood.
 You are the King of glo - ry; you are the Lord!
 O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you caused the light of your gospel, the message of your grace, to shine forth. Grant that we may faithfully defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of people everywhere to the glory of your holy name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

Please be seated

THE WORD

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

FIRST LESSON

For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out

Deuteronomy 7:6-10 (NIV)

with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. But those who hate him he will repay to their face by destruction; he will not be slow to repay to their face those who hate him.

SECOND LESSON


As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is

Ephesians 2:1-10 (NIV)

by grace you have been saved. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31



C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

GOSPEL

“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father’s commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if

John 15:9-17 (NIV)

you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit—fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. This is my command: Love each other.”

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY (see page 12)

Father, God of Grace, You Knew Us
Christian Worship Supplement #753

SERMON

Ephesians 2:1-10
By Grace Alone

Please stand

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.

Nicene Creed continues on page 7.

C: 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



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OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

*Amazing Grace—How
Sweet the Sound
Arr. by Dale A.
Witte*

10:00 AM—

*O My Soul Rejoice
with Gladness
By Sigurd Karl-Elert*

OFFERING

Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.

Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank you!

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Lord, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

C: Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

C: For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: As we continue to celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

C: For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.

M: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.

C: For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

C: Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. 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.

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.

7:45 AM – Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY—*Sanctus*

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

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry. You are my God, and I will ex-alt you. I will give you thanks for you have be-come my sal-va-tion. Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is full of your glo-ry.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for this special use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

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."

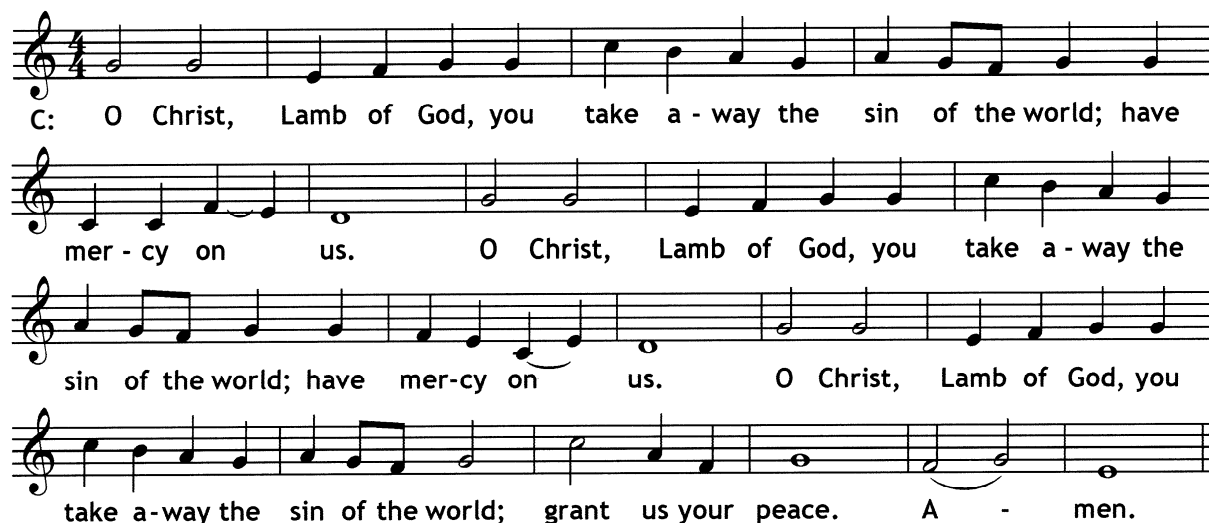
Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: A - men.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei



Please be seated

DISTRIBUTION

*The Bible teaches that the Lord's Supper is a unique communion of Christ and the individual believer as well as a coming together of people who hold to the same beliefs. Because of these Scriptural truths, we practice **Member Communion** at Grace. Those who are confirmed members of Wisconsin Synod congregations (WELS) are invited to receive the Lord's Supper with us.*

If you are not a WELS member but have an interest in receiving Holy Communion, please speak with one of our pastors after church today or at another time. We are aware that there are a number of other teachings about Holy Communion, and we want it to be a blessing for you, so we would look forward to sharing with you what God says about this Sacrament.

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

By Grace I'm Saved
Christian Worship #384

Please stand

Jesus is the Lamb of God who was offered as a sacrifice for sin once for all. The words of this song are based on John 1:29, where John the Baptist refers to Jesus this way.

*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.

THANK THE LORD



C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise.
 Tell ev-'ry one what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord re -
 joice and proud - ly bear his name. He re - news his prom - is - es and
 leads his peo - ple forth in joy with shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Allelu - ia!

PRAYER

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
*My Hope is Built on
 Nothing Less*
 CW #382



C: A - men.

10:00 AM—
Amazing Grace
 Arr. by James P.
 Carell and David S.
 Clayton

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

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: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

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CLOSING HYMN

Amazing Grace—How Sweet the Sound
Christian Worship #379

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1 Fa - ther, God of grace, you knew us,
 2 We, your crea - tures, sinned a - gainst you,
 3 Coun - sel - or, you bring as prom - ised
 4 Lord, your change - less Word has fed us,
 5 For - ward lead us; Christ, we fol - low,
 6 Praise the Fa - ther, great Cre - a - tor.



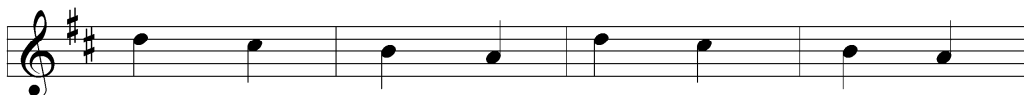
Chose us, named us as your own,
 And our guilt was crim - son red.
 From the Fa - ther and the Son
 Span - ning time, tran - scend - ing space.
 Drawn by Word and prom - ise true:
 Praise the Son, who took our place.



Through e - ter - nal a - ges plan - ning
 Son of God, you came in - car - nate,
 Right - eous - ness ful - filled, ac - com - plished,
 Wa - ter, bread, and wine sus - tained us
 "To all na - tions preach the gos - pel;
 Praise the Spir - it, Sanc - ti - fi - er,



To re - deem us in your Son.
 Crushed the craft - y ser - pent's head,
 Free for - give - ness, heav - en won.
 When the dark - ness hid your face.
 I am ev - er - more with you."
 God of free and faith - ful grace!



Praise the Fa - ther, God who loved us
 Died our death, now live tri - um - phant:
 Praise the Spir - it! He as - sures us
 Keep us with you, faith - ful Shep - herd,
 Keep us faith - ful! Then, Lord Je - sus,
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Ere cre - a - tion was be - gun!
 Praise the first - born from the dead!
 Our sal - va - tion's work is done!
 By your sav - ing means of grace!
 Quick - ly come! Make all things new!
 Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Patoka
Communion Assistant.....	Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Elaine Goldie (10:00 AM)
Flute	Alicia Shanklin (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
	Ed Ethington, Jacob Kassulke, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller, Dustin Pauley, James Pauley (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech.....	Jeremy Snaveley (10:00 AM)
Greeters.....	Debbie Koehler & Stephanie Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team	Lauri Colton, Audrey Nessinger, Jeanette O'Donald

Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. If you are a guest with us today, please see p. 10 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Gisela Kittel, Sally Littau, Nancy Miles and Lois Thornton. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pastor Koehler is preaching at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Genesis 17:1-23
Romans 4:5-17
John 3:11-21

Sermon Text & Theme

Romans 4:5-17
Through Faith Alone

Cover Picture

The picture on the front cover of our worship folder is the logo designed by Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) in recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation. NPH is the publication arm of our synod and provides a variety of biblical resources, devotional books, and more. NPH has a number of new items for sale relating to the Reformation 500 celebration. Visit their website at www.nph.net for more information or to place an order.



Summer Worship Series

This year's Summer Worship Series starts today and is entitled "Our Great Heritage." Each week at all sites, we will consider an aspect of what makes a Lutheran a Lutheran. We'll consider bits of history from almost 500 years ago, but more importantly we'll consider the truths of Scripture that at times were hidden from the people. All sites will consider the same topic each week, so there is no issue if you join us at multiple sites throughout the summer.



**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 • June 18-June 25

TUCSON

Today

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
Installation of Pastor Jason Schmidt at SOTH 4:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

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

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Witnessing to the LGBTQ Community* 10:00a

Thursday

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

Sunday

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

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Monday

Vacation Bible School (Mon-Fri this week) 9:00-11:30a

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies.....
Grow in Grace Class in Conference Room (Koehler) 2:00p
Grow in Grace Class in Conference Room (Koehler) 6:30p

Thursday

NO Women's Bible Study.....
Church Council Meeting 6:30p

Sunday

Worship Services..... 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

VAIL

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Vail Discussion with Pastor Koehler* .. 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith*..... 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion..... 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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Divine Call Extended

On June 11, our congregation extended a Divine Call for Pastor Charlie Vannieuwenhoven from Tampa, Florida to serve as our pastor at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail. Over the next weeks, he will spend time in prayer and discussions with leaders at Grace and with his members there as he considers whether to accept the Call to Grace or to remain in Florida. Please keep Pastor Vann in your prayers along with his wife Amy, their four children, and his congregation, Northdale Lutheran Church.

Vacation Bible School Starts This Week at Grace-Tucson

Vacation Bible School will be held here at Grace-Tucson starting tomorrow, 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. 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 next 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!

Vacancy Plans for Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail

Our congregation has asked Pastor Ron Koehler to serve as Benson's and Vail's pastor during our pastoral vacancy, left when Pastor Rieke took a Call to serve at Palos Heights Lutheran Church in Palos Heights, IL. Pastor Koehler is Grace's Administrative Pastor and has regular duties at Grace-Tucson. He will be establishing some time during the week to be at the Vail Ministry Center (10501 E. Seven Generations Way in the Civano Neighborhood Center). Members and friends of Grace at those locations are invited to contact him for pastoral care (hospital visits, counseling, etc.). In addition to Pastor Koehler, Pastors Nathan Kassulke and Tim Patoka from Grace-Tucson will be leading worship at Benson and Vail during the vacancy.

Diamondbacks Game July 26

Holy Cross has reserved a group of tickets for the Diamondbacks vs. the Braves game on Wednesday, July 26, at 12:40 PM and invites anyone interested to come along! Tickets are \$19 (parking is on your own). Cash or checks (made payable to Holy Cross Lutheran) can be mailed directly to Pastor Parsons at 241 N. Harrison Road, Tucson, AZ 85748 **by July 12**. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Parsons at 528-7895 or email him at holycrosstucson@gmail.com.



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