Summer Worship Series



WEEK 5: In Christ Alone

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona July 16, 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.

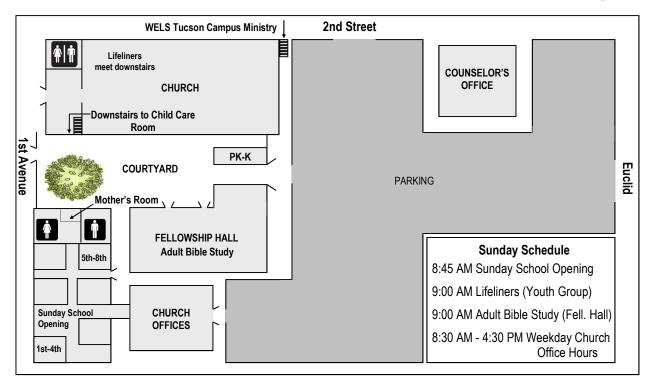
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word Christian Worship #221

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.



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-

The Church's One Foundation Arr. by Victor Labenske

10:00 AM— We All Believe in One True God, Who Created Heaven and

Earth

Lord Jesus Christ, With Us Abide Setting by Kevin Hildebrandt 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.



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.

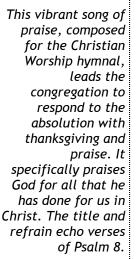


M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



O LORD, OUR LORD

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







PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Eternal Son of God, when you were born into our world you were called Jesus, a name that proclaims you to be the Savior of all people. Strengthen our faith to trust in you alone and to live each day to the honor of your name; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

Isaiah 53:1-12 (NIV) not open his mouth. By oppression and

Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did

judgment he was taken away. And who can speak of his descendants? For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was stricken. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death, though he had done no violence, nor was any deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and cause him to suffer, and though the LORD makes his life a guilt offering, he will see his offspring and prolong his days, and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand. After the suffering of his soul, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge i my righteous servant will justify many, and he will bear their iniquities. Therefore I will give him a portion among the great, and he will divide the spoils with the strong, because he poured out his life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

SECOND LESSON

Acts 4:8-12 (NIV)

Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a cripple and are asked how he was healed, then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,

whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. He is 'the stone you builders rejected, which has become the capstone.' Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."



The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Aware that his disciples were grumbling about this, Jesus said to them, "Does this offend you? What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. Yet there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus had known from the beginning which of them did not believe and who would betray him. He went on to say,

John 6:61-69 (NIV)

"This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless the Father has enabled him." From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. "You do not want to leave too, do you?" Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY (see page 12)

In Christ Alone Christian Worship Supplement #752

SERMON

John 6:61-69 In Christ Alone 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



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Jesu By Jim Brickman

10:00 AM— O Lord We Praise Thee Setting by Kevin Hildebrandt

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: O Lord God, heavenly Father, we praise and glorify you for the unsurpassed gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. We confess that we are unworthy sinners who have transgressed your will and Word. We repent of our evil and pray for the faith that trusts utterly and completely in the righteousness of Christ Jesus for our forgiveness.

Open our hearts to the mighty power of your Word. Teach us to depend on your holy sacrament for spiritual strength. Grant that our minds may be renewed in righteousness, that our consciences may be stirred to choose the good, and that every thought, word, and deed may be brought into captivity to Christ.

M: Give to your Church ministers and teachers who have the faithfulness and courage of true prophets, that your people may be built up in faith, abound in good works, rejoice in your love, and finally enter your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for our beloved country. Give us citizens who perceive that the standard of all that is right is not personal advancement or private favor, not public opinion or party platform, but your holy will. Lavish your grace on all families, that each home may, by its Christian love and character, be for our children a foretaste of the joy and blessedness of our heavenly home.

For all who are in any sickness, pain, anguish, or suffering, for all who are in any danger of body or soul, we pray. Teach them to turn to you and wait on you for mercy. Grant them hope and a joyous deliverance from all their trials, and let them walk in your light all their days.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: These things we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our refuge and hope.

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 9 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



M: Lift up your hearts.



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: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

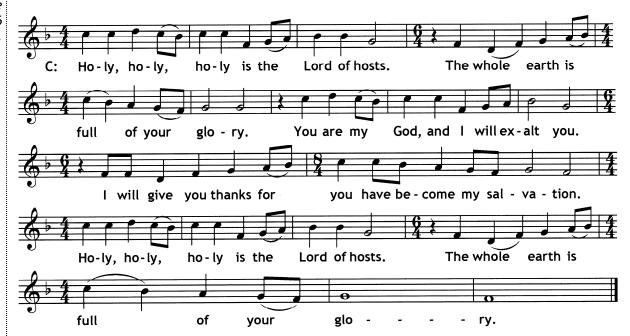


C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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.

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

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Sanctus



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

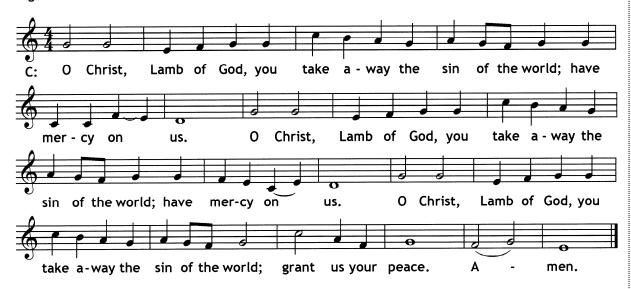
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei



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.

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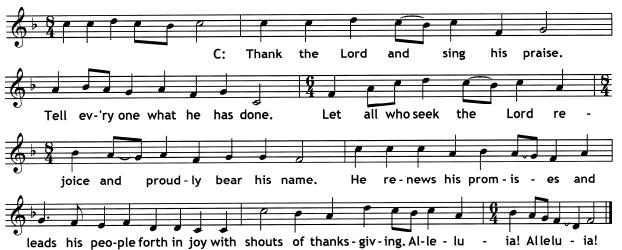
DISTRIBUTION

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.

Please stand

THANK THE LORD



We provide glutenfree 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.

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.



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.



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Christian Worship #203

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Foundation

10:00 AM-

Our God

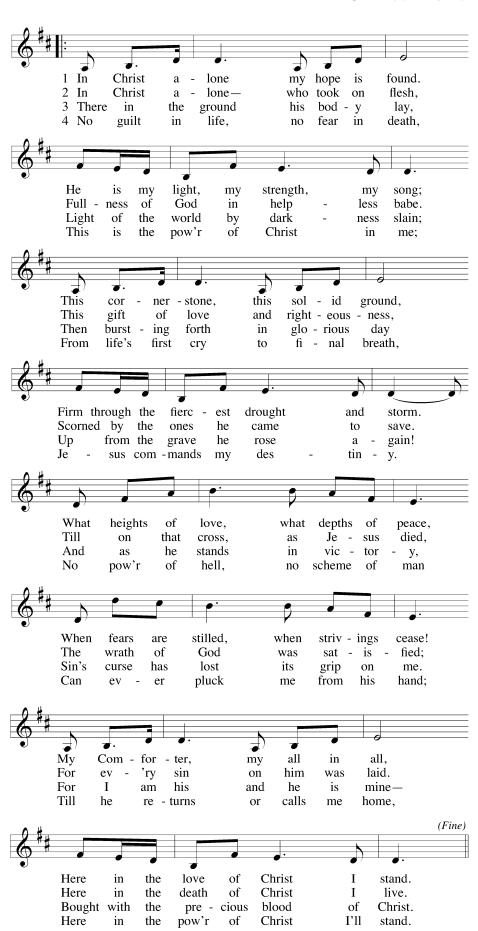
Arr. by Cindy Berry

A Mighty Fortress Is

Setting by Kevin Hildebrandt

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler
Communion Assistant	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther	F, Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
Greeters	Bill & Lisa Toben (10:00 AM)
Altar Prep Team	Erika Hanson, Diane Kramm, Nancy Miles
Banner Committee	. Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir



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.

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 Pete & Terry Kosanke in celebration of their 45th wedding anniversary.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Kay Reedy and Richard Cook. 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

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21 2 Timothy 3:14-17 Matthew 7:24-27

Sermon Text & Theme

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21 Christian Education

New Members

This morning at Grace-Sahuarita, we welcome Roger & Danielle Picard and David & Connie Rowe as new members of Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Vannieuwenhoven has announced his decision to decline the Call extended to him to serve as Grace's Mission Pastor to Benson and Vail. We wish him God's blessings as he continues his service in Tampa, FL. We also trust that God will continue to bless our congregation as we continue the calling process and await the man the Lord of the Church has in mind to serve us.

Grace Team Trivia Night

The next Grace Team Trivia Night is happening on Saturday, July 29 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. This event is open for everyone to attend so invite a friend to join you! 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!

Summer Worship Series

This year's Summer Worship Series is entitled "Our Great Heritage." Each week at all sites, we are considering 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 • July 16-July 23

Wednesday

Today Worship Services/Communion
SAHUARITA
Today
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Adult Bible Study: Christians in Conflict9:00a
Worship Service/Communion
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Wednesday NO Bible Study
Sunday
NO Children's Sunday School
NO Adult Bible Study
Worship Service10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
BENSON
Today
Worship Service7:30a
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Sunday
Worship Service/Communion7:30a

NO Midweek Bible Studies	
Thursday Women's Bible Study: Key Bible Words	9:00a
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
Wednesday Ministry Center Office Hours 3:00p-6:00p Bible Study at Ministry Center: Key Bible Words 6:30p
Sunday Children's Sunday School

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Member Feedback Meeting and Lunch Today

There will be a Member Feedback Meeting today at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to gather the input of members concerning plans to move forward with acquiring land and building new facilities in Sahuarita. The council recently heard a presentation by WELS Kingdom Workers about entering into their pilot program which offers consulting for this process. We've also been encouraged by the WELS Home Missions to make use of their services. There is a document in the Fellowship Hall and at the other sites that outlines a plan under consideration. It explains how we might accomplish this plan and how it would further our congregation's mission work in Sahuarita. Please join us to discuss the ministry and plans for Grace Lutheran Church Sahuarita.

For those attending the meeting today, lunch will be provided by Jimmy John's. There will be a variety of sandwiches to choose from. Thank you to Jimmy John's for donating the sandwiches for us today.

Final Member Feedback Meeting:

Aug 6 11:30 AM at Grace-Vail for Vail & Benson

Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior.

ESL Volunteers Needed

English as a Second Language is in need of childcare volunteers, a teacher for the beginning class (level 1), and snack preparers beginning in September. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the church office (623-6633) or Joyce Long (795-6456). ESL runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM September through May.

School Supplies Needed for Mission to the Children

July is here and it is once again time to think about school supplies for Mission to the Children. The following is a list of supplies needed:

Box of crayons (24 or more), colored pencils, pencils and pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks (narrow line), rulers, protractors, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, filler paper (narrow line), construction paper, watercolor paints and brushes, graph paper, scissors, erasers, and good but inexpensive backpacks. Walmart gift cards are also appreciated and will be used to buy supplies.

The deadline is **Sunday**, **July 30** since they will need time to sort and distribute the items to all the villages in August. Questions, please contact Ruth Schaller (572-6686) or Karen Manning (241-0909). <u>Items can be brought to the Grace-Tucson office between 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday.</u>



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.