

Summer Worship Series



WEEK 7: Holy Baptism

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

July 30, 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.

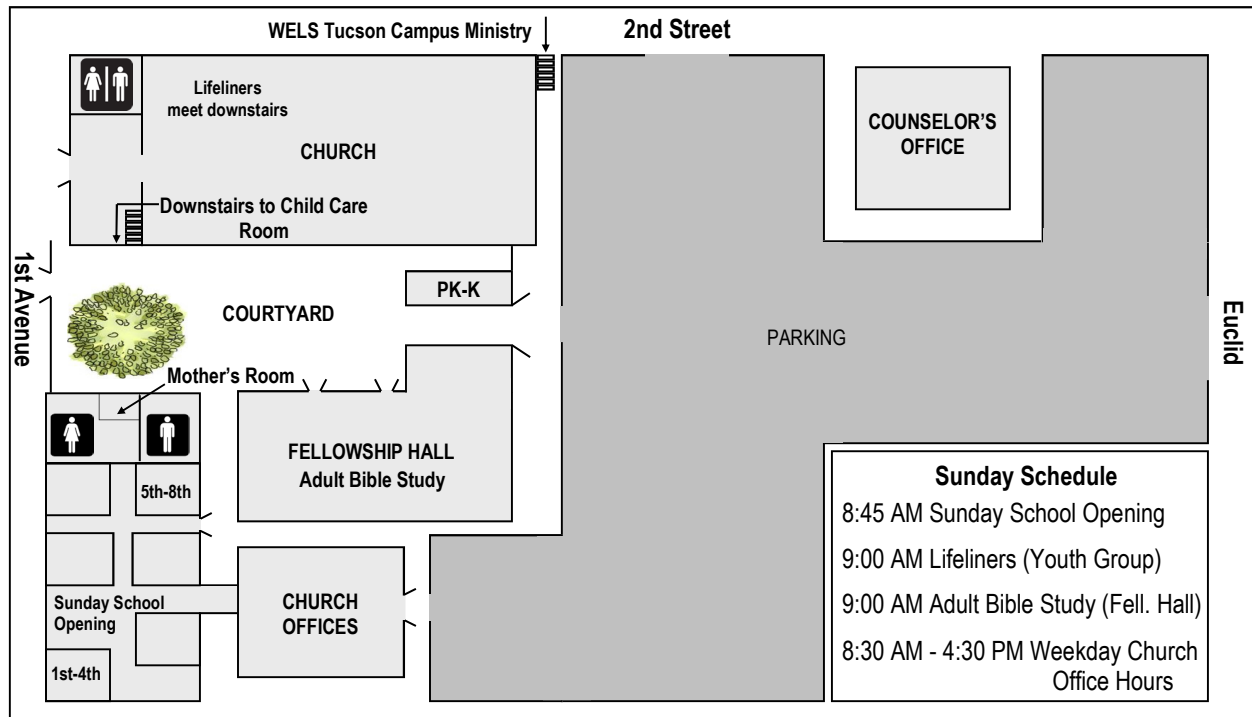
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Baptized into Your Name Most Holy Christian Worship #294

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: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -



ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith - ful - ness con -



tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.



Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

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.

The words of this song of praise are based on Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89. It marks our thankfulness to have heard God's forgiveness of our sins and anticipates our listening to God's Word throughout our worship service.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Merciful Father in heaven, we thank you for the blessing of baptism by which you offer and grant the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Help us to regard our baptism as the robe of righteousness we are to wear all the days of our life, and bring us finally to the blessed joys of heaven; through 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

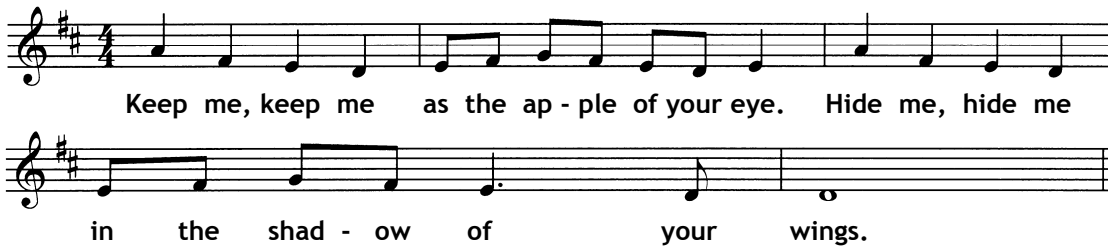
FIRST LESSON

Now Naaman was commander of the army of the king of Aram. He was a great man in the sight of his master and highly regarded, because through him the LORD had given victory to Aram. He was a valiant soldier, but he had leprosy. Now bands from Aram had gone out and had taken captive a young girl from Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." Naaman went to his master and told him what the girl from Israel had said. "By all means, go," the king of Aram replied. "I will send a letter to the king of Israel." So Naaman left, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold and ten sets of clothing. The letter that he took to the king of Israel read: "With this letter I am sending my servant Naaman to you so that you may cure him of his leprosy." As soon as the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his robes and said, "Am I God? Can I kill and bring back to life? Why does this fellow send someone to me to be cured of his leprosy? See how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me!" When Elisha the man of God heard

2 Kings 5:1-14 (NIV)

that the king of Israel had torn his robes, he sent him this message: "Why have you torn your robes? Have the man come to me and he will know that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman went with his horses and chariots and stopped at the door of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to say to him, "Go, wash yourself seven times in the Jordan, and your flesh will be restored and you will be cleansed." But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy. Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage. Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed'!" So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy.

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.

Refrain*Psalm Tone*

1. I lift up my eyes / to the hills.* Where does my help / come from?
2. My help comes / from the LORD,* the maker of heav- / en and earth.
3. He will not let your / foot slip,*
he who watches over you will not / slumber;
4. indeed, he who watches over / Israel* will neither slum- / ber nor sleep.

Refrain

5. The LORD watches / over you,* the LORD is your shade at / your right hand.
6. The LORD will keep you / from all harm,* he will watch o- / ver your life;
7. the LORD will watch over your coming and / going*
both now and for- / evermore.
8. 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 3:18-22 (NIV)**

For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved

through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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

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

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 28:16-20 (NIV)

Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY (see page 8)

God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Christian Worship Supplement #737

SERMON

Matthew 28:16-20
Holy Baptism

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father, through your stern judgment the unbelieving world was destroyed by the flood, but according to your great mercy, you saved Noah and his family. You engulfed stubborn Pharaoh and his army in the waters of the Red Sea but led your people through those same waters to safety on dry land. In the waters of the Jordan your own Son was baptized and anointed with the Spirit. By these signs you foreshadowed the precious, cleansing bath which you give us in Holy Baptism.

Clinging to your command and promise, we ask that you would look with favor on all who have been baptized. Through the water of Baptism all sin inherited from Adam, and any other evil we may do, was drowned in us. Continually set us apart from the unbelieving world and hold us safe and secure in the holy ark of the Church. Keep us always fervent in spirit and joyful in hope so that we may honor your holy name.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Grant that we may all at last receive the inheritance you have promised, eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

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.



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

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

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

Baptized in Water
Christian Worship #297

Please stand

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

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

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CLOSING HYMN

All Who Believe and Are Baptized
Christian Worship #299

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God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It



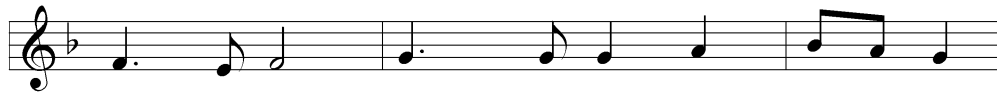
1 God's own child, I glad - ly say it:
 2 Sin, dis - turb my soul no long - er:
 3 Sa - tan, hear this proc - la - ma - tion:
 4 Death, you can - not end my glad - ness:
 5 There is noth - ing worth com - par - ing



I am bap - tized in - to Christ! He, be -
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 rais - ing, Still my soul con - tin - ues prais - ing:



That brought me sal - va - tion free,
 In a dear for - giv - ing flood,
 And, a - gainst your tyr - an - ny,
 Bap - tism has the strength di - vine
 I am bap - tized in - to Christ;



Last - ing to e - ter - ni - ty!
 Sprink - ling me with Je - sus' blood?
 God, my Lord, u - nites with me!
 To make life im - mor - tal mine.
 I'm a child of par - a - dise!

TODAY

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher..... Pastor Tim Patoka **Worship Leader** Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Ushers..... Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
 Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snively (10:00 AM)
Greeters Ed & Judy Ethington (10:00 AM)
Banner Committee Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

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 memory of loved ones.

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 Eric and Erika Hanson. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

New Members

In 10 AM worship this morning at Grace-Vail, we welcome Paul and Erika Chute, along with their children, Alex and Anna, who transferred in from Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Boise, Idaho. We welcome them to Grace and ask God's blessings upon them!

Installation

Bill Warskow will be installed as the Grace-Benson Site Elder this morning in 7:30 AM worship at Grace-Benson. God's blessings to Bill on his service!

Call Meeting Today

The next Call Meeting will take place this afternoon at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Exodus 12:21-30
1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Mark 14:12-26

Sermon Text

1 Corinthians 10:16-17
Holy Communion

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 30-Aug 6

TUCSON

Today

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
Call Meeting in the Fellowship Hall.....2:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Christians in Conflict*9:00a
Worship Service.....10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....
Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ...2:00p

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Luther: Return to Grace*.....10:00a

Sunday

Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Christians in Conflict*9:00a
Worship Service.....10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship.....
Member Feedback Meeting at Grace-Vail.....11:30a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service.....7:30a
Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ...2:00p

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion7:30a
Member Feedback Meeting at Grace-Vail.....11:30a

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*.....10:00a
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*.....7:00p

Thursday

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

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
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Member Feedback Meeting at Grace-Vail11:30a

VAIL

Today

Children's Sunday School.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith*9:00a
Worship Service10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ...2:00p

Wednesday

Ministry Center Office Hours3:00p-6:00p
Bible Study at Ministry Center: *Key Bible Words*6:30p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith*9:00a
Worship Service/Communion10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship
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Member Feedback Meeting

The third and final Member Feedback Meeting will take place next Sunday, August 6 at 11:30 AM at Grace-Vail (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way). Everyone is invited to attend, especially those at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail. 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.

High School Bowling Event

Shepherd of the Hills is organizing a bowling event for all the WELS high school students in Tucson. Friends are invited! It will take place on Saturday, August 19 from 2-4 PM at Bedroxx Bowling (4385 W. Ina Rd). Tickets are \$15 (includes shoes, games and food). **RSVP to Pastor Patoka by August 16.**

Counseling Opportunities

Grace member Lakeisha Johnson Ganster will be volunteering her time to provide clinically-based counseling to church members seeking assistance in reaching goals and/or life changes. Lakeisha is a licensed counselor in the state of Arizona, who has received training in trauma informed care, substance abuse counseling, individual, group and/or couples therapy. Currently, she provides therapy to a variety of individuals at CODAC Health, Wellness, and Recovery to include, persons with disabilities, addictions, severe psychosis, general everyday occurrences and trauma. In counseling, we will work together to create goals that will help you understand your feelings, increase your skills in relationships, communication coping and problem solving. The main focus will be to replace ineffective behaviors and thought patterns with effective ones. There is no fee for these sessions. They are confidential and you are in complete control. If you are interested, please reach out to Lakeisha @ 719-232-1199 or email at lakeishag1986@yahoo.com. Please feel free to leave a message.

This counseling opportunity with Lakeisha is separate from the ongoing professional counseling ministry at Grace by our Bible-based Counselor Cinda Drescher. Cinda is on staff at Grace so there is no charge to consult with her. Her extensive training and experience with trauma, abuse, and attachment relationships, in addition to her comprehensive biblical instruction, has been a blessing to our members for over twenty years. Members and friends of our congregation may contact her directly at Cinda@GraceLutheranSAZ.org or 520-882-3773.

Please remember that these professional counseling opportunities do not replace the need for pastoral counseling. Your pastors are happy to meet with you regarding spiritual matters.



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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net