# Summer Worship Series



WEEK 4: By Scripture Alone

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona

July 9, 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.

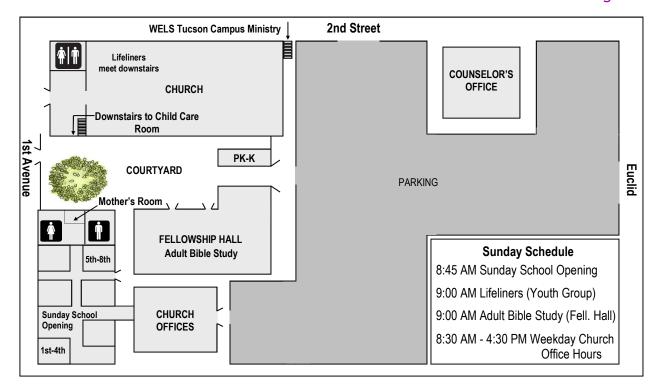
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



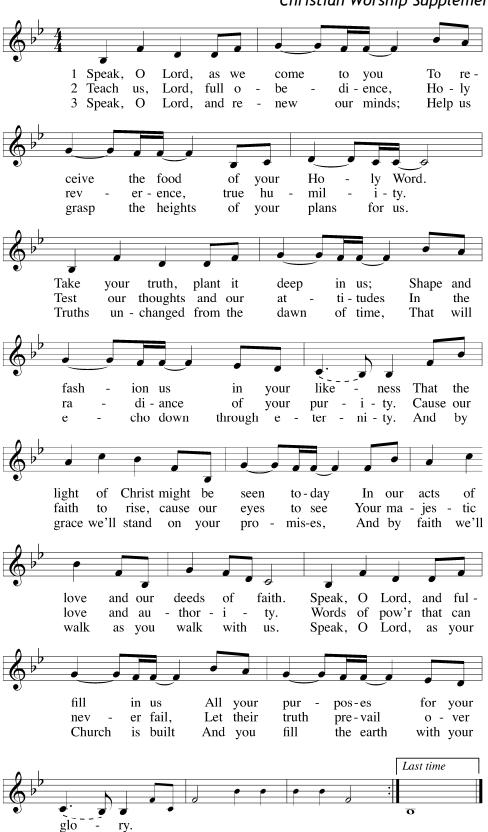
### SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

### **WELCOME**

### **HYMN**

## Speak, O Lord Christian Worship Supplement #735



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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:

Speak, O Lord By Keith Getty and Stuart Townsend

Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word By Sandra Eithun 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.

We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.

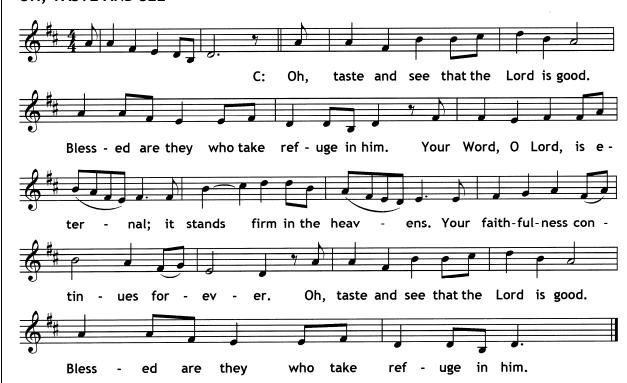
### **CONFESSION OF SINS**

- 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



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.

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy and to bring forth fruits of faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

#### FIRST LESSON

Hear now, O Israel, the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you. You saw with your own eyes what the LORD did at Baal Peor. The LORD your God destroyed from among you everyone who followed the Baal of Peor, but all of you who held fast to the LORD your God are still alive today. See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws

### Deuteronomy 4:1-14 (NIV)

as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. And the LORD directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess.

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. Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the / wicked\* or stand in the way of / sinners.
- 2. But his delight is in the law / of the LORD,\* and on his law he meditates / day and night.
- 3. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yield its fruit in / season\* and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does / prospers.

### Refrain

- 4. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the / judgment,\* nor sinners in the assembly of the / righteous.
- 5. For the LORD watches over the way of the / righteous,\* but the way of the wicked will / perish.
- 6. 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

You, however, know all about my teaching, my way of life, my purpose, faith, patience, love, endurance, persecutions, sufferings—what kinds of things happened to me in Antioch, Iconium and Lystra, the persecutions I endured. Yet the Lord rescued me from all of them. In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived. But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those

### 2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 (NIV)

from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is Godbreathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season;

correct, rebuke and encourage-with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their

itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths. But you, keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry.

### **VERSE OF THE DAY**

John 20:31



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

Please stand

#### **GOSPEL**

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad Luke 16:19-31 (NIV)

things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my father's house, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.' 'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.""

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

We Have a Sure Prophetic Word Christian Worship #291

**SERMON** 

2 Timothy 3:10-4:5 By Scripture Alone

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.

### OFFERTORY MUSIC:

Thy Strong Word By Sandra Eithun

### **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, light of the world and saving strength of your people, we thank you for the gift of your Word. Implant it in the hearts of your people, so that, set free from the power of Satan and the fear of death, we may live to serve and honor you.

Pour out your Spirit on us, that we may grow richly in divine knowledge and spiritual understanding. Bless the proclamation of your Word everywhere, so that hearts may be turned from the darkness of spiritual ignorance, falsehood, and despair to the light of knowledge, truth, and life. Be with our missionaries in our own and distant lands. Protect them, encourage them, and crown their labors with success.

Let your Word shine in our homes, that parents and children may dwell together in love and serve one another in kindness and humility. Watch over the sick, the sorrowing, the anxious, and the weary. Preserve those who are in any danger of body or soul. Supply us by the grace of Jesus with the Spirit's power, that we may ever be comforted by your truth and sustained by your love.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: For these and all the other things you know we need, we confidently ask in the name of him who gave himself for us that we might live through him, Jesus our Lord.

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.

Please be seated

Please stand

O Word of God Incarnate Christian Worship #279

**HYMN** 

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.

### **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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**CLOSING HYMN** 

God's Word Is Our Great Heritage Christian Worship #293

**POSTLUDE** 

God's Word is Our Great Heritage
By Sandra Eithun

### THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Patoka
-	Katie Patoka
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	Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
	Dustin Pauley, James Pauley, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
Greeters	Elaine Goldie and Nicole & Ronda McNamara (10:00 AM)
Banner Committee	Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

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# **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.

# **Member Feedback Meetings**

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. In May 2014 at the Grace Member Feedback Meeting, it was also discussed that Sahuarita would need to address their facilities. We are bringing this before the congregation with plans and ideas for moving forward. 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. Below you will see a list of the scheduled Member Feedback Meetings at each site. Please join us to discuss the ministry and plans for Grace Lutheran Church Sahuarita.

Member Feedback Meeting Dates, Times and Locations:

July 9 11:00 AM Member Feedback Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita

July 16 11:30 AM Member Feedback Meeting at Grace-Tucson

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

# **Tucson Campus Ministry Planning Meeting This Evening**

There will be a WELS Tucson Campus Ministry planning meeting tonight at 7:00 PM in the Student Center. Join us to discuss and plan for the upcoming school year. Snacks and drinks will be provided. This meeting is open to all college students, and anyone of college age, even those who will be away for the school year. Please speak to Pastor Patoka if you have any questions.



# **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.

### **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 500<sup>th</sup> 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.

# Diamondbacks Game July 26

Our Saguaro Circuit, which includes all of the WELS churches in and around Tucson, has made plans for a second annual outing to an Arizona Diamondbacks baseball game. A group of tickets has been reserved for the game vs. the Braves on Wednesday, July 26, at 12:40 PM. You are invited to join in the fun! Tickets are \$19 (parking is on your own). Pastor Parsons at Holy Cross is coordinating the activity. Please contact him to reserve your tickets and pay (cash or checks made



payable to Holy Cross Lutheran) **before July 12** (mailing address: 241 N. Harrison Road, Tucson, AZ 85748). If you have questions, please contact Pastor Parsons at 528-7895 or email him at holycrosstucson@gmail.com.

### **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. As usual, they will be supplying between 700 to 1,000 students with some or all their school supplies. 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.

Perhaps you would like to donate a Walmart gift card and the shopping will be done for you. **The deadline is Sunday, July 30** since they will need time to sort and distribute the items to all the villages in August. Any questions, please contact Ruth Schaller (572-6686) or Karen Manning (241-0909). Items can be brought to the Grace-Tucson office between 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday.

Mission to the Children exists to make disciples for Christ and is solely supported by thoughtful individuals, congregations, and church groups. Mission to the Children works in cooperation with approved mission activities of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod.

# Holy Communion at Grace-Benson & Grace-Vail

The sacrament of Holy Communion is a precious gift that God has provided to his Church, in which he gives us the true body and blood of our Savior for the forgiveness of our sins. At Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail, they have become accustomed to celebrating Holy Communion on the second and fourth Sundays of every month. Grace-Tucson and Grace-Sahuarita have the pattern of communing on the first and third Sundays of each month. In order to assist with planning and to provide an additional level of coordination, we will be adjusting our Communion Sundays to the first and third Sundays of the month across all sites beginning August 6. Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail will celebrate Holy Communion on July 9, July 23, and then on August 6 and August 20.

### **Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair**

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the roast beef dinner this November, so begin making your crafts now! Anyone interested in donating crafts, please let Debbie Koehler know at 293-5617 or email her at <a href="mailto:dbkhlr@aol.com">dbkhlr@aol.com</a>. Proceeds from the craft fair will be used for the Women of Grace fall/Christmas mission project TBA.

If you need monetary assistance in purchasing supplies, please let Debbie know.

# **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. There will be root beer floats available after 10:00 AM worship. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

### **Altar Flowers**

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Erika & Eric Hanson in thanks to God for his blessings, care and comfort in their lives.

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

# **NEXT SUNDAY**

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Isaiah 53:1-12 Acts 4:8-12 John 6:61-69

Sermon Text

John 6:61-69 In Christ Alone

### **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 in Tampa 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.

# **Vail Ministry Center Office Hours**

Pastor Koehler will be at the Grace Ministry Center in the Civano Center from 3:00-6:00 PM on Wednesdays prior to Wednesday night Bible Study there. He would be happy to meet with you to discuss Grace's ministry, for personal counseling, or simply for a friendly chat! You can contact him for a specific time or just stop by. The Ministry Center is located at 10501 E. Seven Generations Way, Suite 102. The Grace sign is visible as you approach and we are located right beneath that large black-and-white sign. Parking is found in the back or on the street in front of the sign.

# 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 Lutheran Church in Palos Heights, IL. Pastor Koehler is Grace's Administrative Pastor and has regular duties at Grace-Tucson. He will be at the Vail Ministry Center on Wednesdays each week from 3-6 PM (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.



# 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 9-July 16

TUCSON Today Worship Services	Wednesday NO Midweek Bible Studies  Thursday Women's Bible Study: Key Bible Words  Sunday Worship Services/Communion Coffee Fellowship following both services Children's Sunday School Lifeliners (High School Group): Romans 1-8 9:00a
SAHUARITA Today Children's Sunday School	Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  • Church-Mission-Ministry
Worship Service	VAIL Today Children's Sunday School
Wednesday Bible Study: Luther: Return to Grace10:00a	Worship Service/Communion
Thursday Youth Cross Fitness Camp at Grace-Sahuarita10:00a-2:00p	Wednesday Ministry Center Office Hours3:00p-6:00p Bible Study at Ministry Center: Key Bible Words6:30p
Sunday Children's Sunday School	Sunday Children's Sunday School
BENSON Today Worship Service/Communion7:30a	Conee i ellowship following worship
Sunday Worship Service	

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