Summer Worship Series



WEEK 9: Lutheran Confessions

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona

August 13, 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.

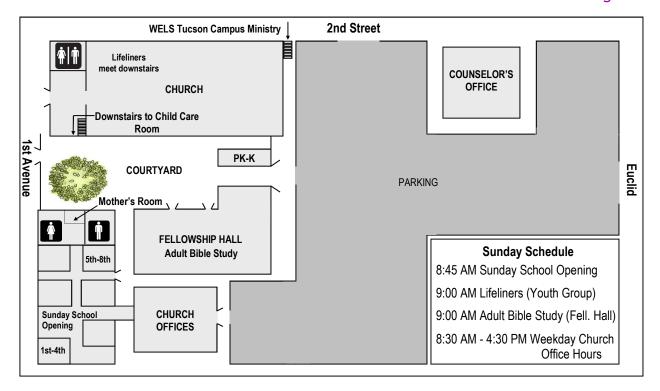
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs Christian Worship #227

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.

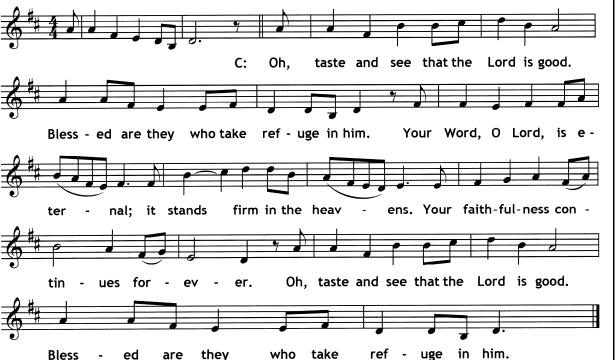
M: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

OH, TASTE AND SEE



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— Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Arr. by Valerie A. Floeter

10:00 AM— What a Friend We Have in Jesus Setting by John A. Behnke

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. 2

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord, favorably receive the prayers of your Church, that being instructed by the doctrine of the blessed apostles, we may always make a pure confession of your saving truth; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated (7:45 AM—Please turn to the First Lesson on page 4)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:00 AM)

M: In obedience to the command of our Lord and trusting in his promise, you have brought Lincoln to be baptized. Jesus told us: "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these." It is in baptism that God grants the new life of forgiveness, joy, and peace to little children. By the power of God's Word, this gracious water of life washes away sin, delivers from death and the devil, and gives eternal salvation to all who believe.

M: Receive the sign of the cross on the head and heart (†) to mark you as a redeemed child of Christ.

Lincoln Ryan Kiessling, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The Almighty God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—has forgiven all your sins. By your baptism, you are born again and made a dear child of your Father in heaven. May God strengthen you to live in your baptismal grace all the days of your life. Peace be with you.

EXHORTATION

M: Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Our Lord commands that we teach his precious truths to all who are baptized. Christian love therefore urges all of us, especially parents and godparents, to assist in whatever manner possible so that Lincoln may remain a child of God until death. If you are willing to carry out this responsibility, then answer: Yes, as God gives me strength.

C: Yes, as God gives me strength.

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. Look with special favor on Lincoln and grant him a rich measure of your Spirit that he may grow in faith and godly living. Make us willing to carry out our responsibilities to those who have been baptized, so that all of us may finally come to the blessed joys of heaven, through Jesus our Lord.

C: Amen.

All the people assembled as one man in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the scribe to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law. Ezra the scribe stood on a high wooden platform built for the occasion. Beside him on his right stood Mattithiah, Shema, Anaiah, Uriah, Hilkiah and Maaseiah; and on his left were Pedaiah, Mishael, Hashum, Hashbaddanah, Malkijah, Zechariah and Meshullam. Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, "Amen! Amen!" Then they bowed down and

the ground. The Levites-Jeshua, Bani, Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Kelita, Azariah, Jozabad, Hanan and Pelaiahinstructed the people in the Law while the people were standing there. They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people could understand what was being read. Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, "This day is sacred to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep." For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. Nehemiah said, "Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is sacred to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." The Levites calmed all the people, saying, "Be still, for this is a sacred day. Do not grieve." Then all the people went away to eat and drink, to send portions of food and to celebrate with great joy, because they now understood the words that had been made known to them.

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.

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 119c



Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path.



worshiped the LORD with their faces to

- 1. Oh, how I / love your law!* I meditate on it / all day long.
- 2. I have more insight than all my \prime teachers,* for I meditate on your \prime statutes.
- 3. I have more understanding than the / elders,* for I obey your / precepts.

Psalm 119c continues on page 5.





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- 4. I have kept my feet from every / evil path* so that I might o-/bey your Word.
- 5. I have not departed / from your laws,* for you yourself have / taught me.
- 6. How sweet are your words / to my taste,* sweeter than honey / to my mouth!
- 7. 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

Romans 10:8-10 (NIV)

But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that

God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved.

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



Please stand

Luke 12:4-10 (NIV)

"I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body and after that can do no more. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear him who, after the killing of the body, has power to throw you into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him. Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten by God. Indeed, the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Don't be afraid; you are

worth more than many sparrows. I tell you, whoever acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man will also acknowledge him before the angels of God. But he who disowns me before men will be disowned before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven."

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

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Christian Worship #452

SERMON Luke 12:4-10

Confessions of Faith

- 1. Require a Proper Fear
- 2. Always have a Good Result

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.

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Lakewood Arr. by Rebecca Kramer

10:00 AM— Built on a Rock Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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: Almighty and eternal God, when the time had fully come, you sent your Son to take our place under the demands of the law and to endure the just punishment for our sins. For our sake you accepted his sacrifice on the cross and raised him from death to glorious splendor.
- C: Praise the Lord, my soul, and forget not all his benefits.
- M: When the time had fully come, you bestowed your Spirit on your people as a testimony that you had called them to proclaim the gospel to every creature. Equipped and encouraged, they carried the Word of Salvation into all the world.
- C: The Lord reigns. Let the earth be glad; let the distant shores rejoice.
- M: When the time had fully come, you raised up your servant Martin Luther to restore the pure and right teaching of the Scriptures to a troubled Church. You renewed your people with the light of your love, and your holy church grew and prospered throughout the world.
- C: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.
- M: When the time had fully come, you made our forefathers bold to take their stand on the truth of your Word. You have blessed their sons and daughters and have enabled us to preserve and proclaim the saving gospel.
- C: Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world.
- M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when you renew us again by Word and sacrament, when you reform our hearts and minds, and when you restore to us the joy of fellowship and service. Grant to us in this age and in this place the courage of the apostles, the steadfastness of the reformers, and the dedication of those who have gone before us.
- C: May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us.

- M: May this be a time, O Lord, for confession and repentance. Forgive us for the apathy that harms our faith and hinders our works. Forgive us for boasting of our past achievements and for blaming others for our present problems. Rid us of indifference to public worship and Bible study. Destroy the distrust that plagues us, and shatter every thought and word that harms the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.
- C: Create in us pure hearts, O God, and renew steadfast spirits within us.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Let this be a time, O Lord, when we recommit and reconsecrate ourselves to the ministry of the gospel. Let us find joy in our unity, zeal for our work, and success in our labor.
- C: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us, that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all nations. 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

HYMN

We All Believe in One True God Christian Worship #270

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.



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.

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 (see page 10)

May the Peace of God Christian Worship Supplement #745

POSTLUDE:

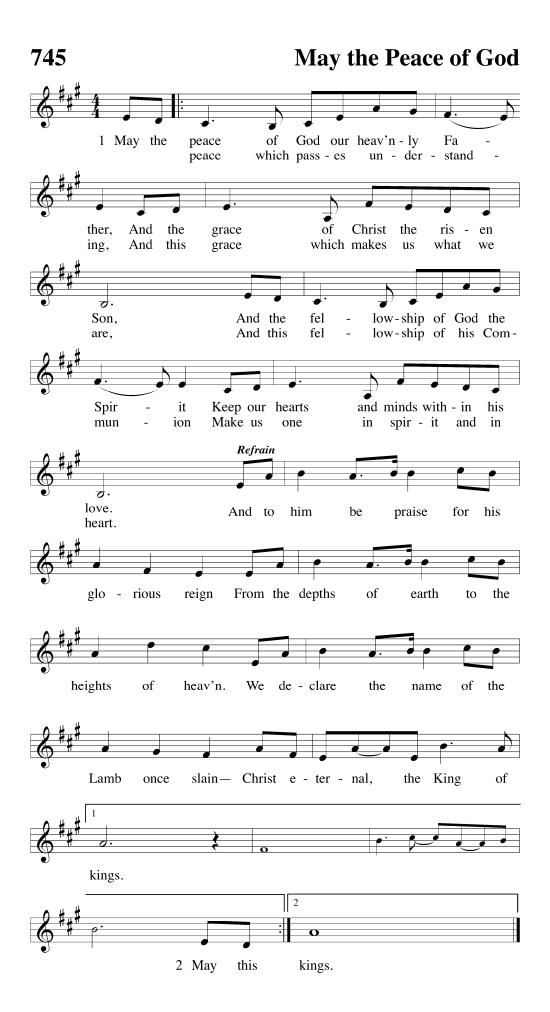
7:45 AM— A Closing Prayer By Don Besig

10:00 AM— We All Believe in One True God, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Ron Koehler
-	Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)
•	Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Ed	Ethington, Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm (10:00 AM)
	Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech	
Greeters	Ed & Judy Ethington (10:00 AM)
Banner Committee	Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir



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.



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 this 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 this Wednesday, August 16.

Special Voters' Meeting

There will be a special Voters' Meeting next Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. The voters will be asked to consider whether we will move forward with acquiring land and building new facilities in Sahuarita as has been discussed in the Member Feedback Meetings.

TCM Student Center Open House

Come see Tucson Campus Ministry's newly renovated Student Center! It will be open next Sunday, August 20 from 8:45-9:00 AM and from 11:00-11:30 AM. You can access the Student Center from the main entrance of church by taking the stairs down to the basement or from the parking lot stairwell that leads down to the Student Center. There will be old photos from TCM and other church activities displayed as well!

Attention Thrivent Members—"Summer of Impact" FREE MONEY to Give!

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, you have until August 31 (or whenever the allotted funds run out) to direct \$50 to the charity of your choice. This is money Thrivent is giving you! The process is simple:

- 1. Log into your Thrivent account.
- 2. Go to Direct Choice Dollars and you will find the \$50 dollars there along with any Choice Dollars you have accumulated.
- 3. Search for Grace among the list of charities and you should see the Grace logo, the address of our central office in Tucson, and our website listed.
- Then check the amount and direct the gift.

Grace has a fund set up to receive these dollars—it is a general fund of the congregation and not site-specific. Please consider the ministry the Lord has blessed us with at Grace as you direct this special gift.

Welcome, College Students!

We realize that many college students are returning to school at the University of Arizona and Pima Community College, or are arriving to attend for the first time. We are happy to have you with us and look forward to getting to know you better. While school is in session, our WELS Tucson Campus Ministry (TCM) offers weekly Sunday evening Bible studies, which are geared specifically toward college students and college aged non-students. The first meeting of WELS TCM for the upcoming year is our Welcome Back Party next Sunday, August 20 at 7:00 PM in the TCM Student Center, located in the basement. If you would like to know more, please



Dylan Guenther & Danny Koehler

speak to one of the pastors or introduce yourself to one of our Student Assistants, Dylan Guenther and Danny Koehler.

A schedule of our activities for this semester is available in either entryway.

Parking Permits

Our WELS Tucson Campus Ministry offers parking permits for the church parking lot to college students who are actively involved in worship and/or Bible study here. Find more information and apply for a parking permit at www.WELSTCM.com. Members of Grace are asked to please let us know in the Church Office if you will be parking in the lot for non-church activities.

Parking permits for non-students are also available to active members through the Church Office. Please drive carefully in the church parking lot, avoid turning your wheels unless the car is moving forward or backwards (turning them in place can damage the asphalt), and park away from the church buildings so that the closer spots and the parking lot entrance are open for church activities.

Pastor Patoka Open House

With the help of Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Patoka and his wife Katie have purchased their first home! You're invited to come to their open house on Sunday, August 27 from 2:00-5:00 PM. Their address is 1853 W Waterleaf Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704.

Kids Carnival at Grace-Vail

On Saturday, August 26, from 1:00-4:00 PM, Grace-Vail will be hosting an Indoor Kid's Carnival at Esmond Station (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way, 85747). The carnival will include a bouncy castle, inflatable obstacle course, cotton candy, popcorn, snow-cones, cookie decorating, face-painting, balloon animals, carnival games and a free drawing! There is no cost to attend the carnival, but please bring non-perishable food items which will be collected for the Vail Food Bank (see below for a list of items the Food Bank wants). Invitation flyers are available at both entrances of church and at the other Grace sites.

Food Bank suggestions: Tomato Sauce (cans), pasta (1lb packages), canned fruit, peanut butter (in plastic), cereal, canned meats, rice, and mac & cheese (1lb packages).

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Greg and Karen Grorud to the glory of God and in loving memory of Karen's father, August Lehet.

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 the Miller family. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Baptism

Lincoln Ryan Kiessling, son of Zachary and Richelle Kiessling, born on July 10, will be made a forgiven child of God through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism in 10:00 AM worship this morning.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Exodus 20:1-17 Romans 3:20-28 John 3:1-21

Sermon Text

Romans 3:20-28 Law and Gospel

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 September 18. 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.

Divine Call Extended

On July 30, our congregation extended a Divine Call for Pastor Daniel Lindner from Minneapolis, MN 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 Minneapolis as he considers whether to accept the Call to Grace or to remain in Minnesota. Please keep Pastor Lindner in your prayers along with his wife, Heidi, and his congregation, St. John's Lutheran Church.

Boy Pioneers Campout

Join the Boy Pioneers for a campout on September 22-24 at Schnebly Hill Road, located 20 minutes south of Flagstaff. The campout is open to boys grades 1-8. Boys younger than 1st grade must have a parent come along. Please RSVP by Friday, September 1 to Teri Guenther: email (teriguen@msn.com) or text (520-235-1177). You may also direct any questions about the campout to her as well.



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 • Aug 13-Aug 20

TUCSON Today Worship Services	Thursday Women's Bible Study: Key Bible Words
SAHUARITA Today Children's Sunday School	Special Voters' Meeting in the Fellowship Hall
BENSON Today Worship Service	Children's Sunday School

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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.



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.

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