

# Summer Worship Series



**WEEK 10: Law and Gospel**

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Tucson, Arizona

August 20, 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.

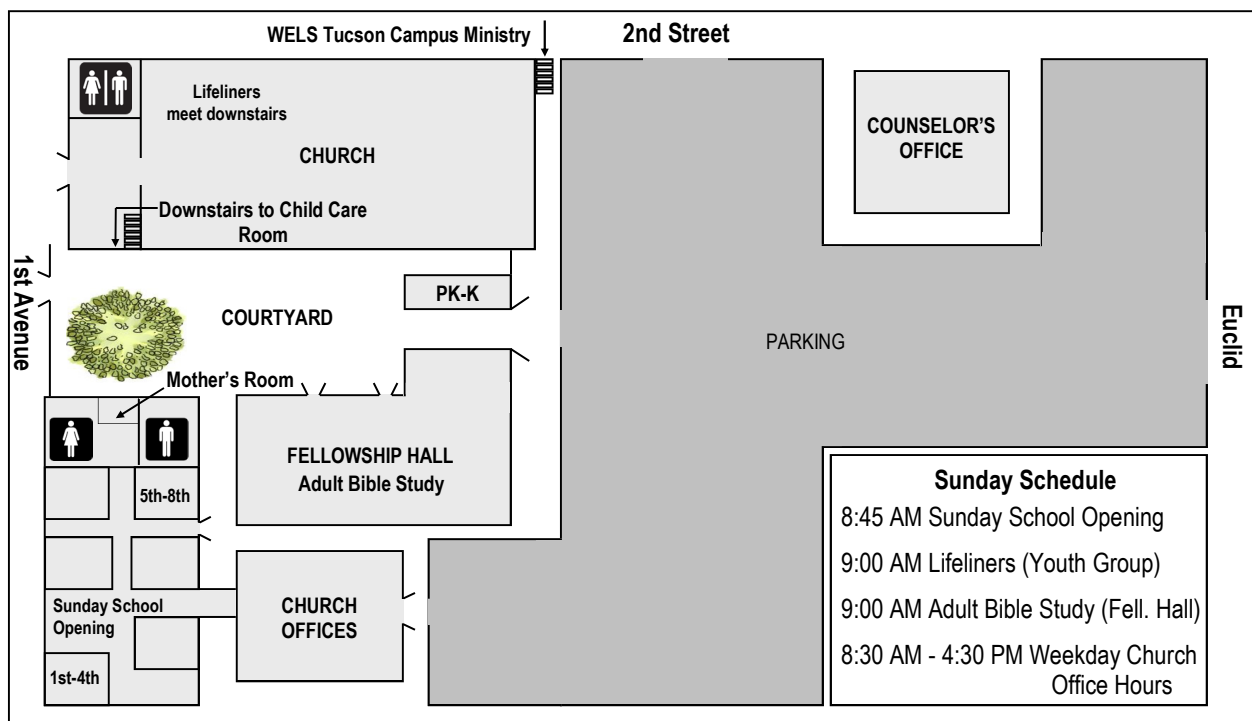
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**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](http://www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org)



# SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

*Christian Worship*

## WELCOME

**HYMN (7:45 AM—soloist on stanzas 1-2)**      **From Depths of Woe I Cry to You**  
*Christian Worship #305*

*Please stand*

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

**Congregation:** And also with you.

## CONFESSION OF SINS

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

**C:** Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

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

**C:** Amen.

## PRAYER AND PRAISE

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*

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



**C:** Lord, have mer - cy.

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

### PRESERVICE MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**  
*Thy Word*  
Words & Music by  
Michael W. Smith  
and Amy Grant  
Arr. by Hal Leonard

**10:00 AM—**  
*In Christ Alone /*  
*Before the Throne*  
*of God Above*  
By David Carnes

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

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



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

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



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

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



C: A - men.

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

### O LORD, OUR LORD



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



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



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

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

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

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, we confess that we deserve to be punished for our evil deeds according to the proclamation of your law. But we ask you graciously to cleanse us from all sin and to comfort us with the word of your gospel and the assurance of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

*Please be seated*

*The 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

And God spoke all these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not misuse the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath

**Exodus 20:1-17 (NIV)**

to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your manservant or maidservant, nor your animals, nor the alien within your gates. For in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.”

## SECOND LESSON

Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin. But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe. There is no difference, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented

**Romans 3:20-28 (NIV)**

him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his justice at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus. Where, then, is boasting? It is excluded. On what principle? On that of observing the law? No, but on that of faith. For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from observing the law.

*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!

## GOSPEL

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a member of the Jewish ruling council. He came to Jesus at night and said, “Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him.” In reply Jesus declared, “I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again.” “How can a man be born when he is old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely he cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” “How can this be?” Nicodemus asked. “You are Israel’s teacher,” said Jesus, “and do you not understand these things? I tell you the truth, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not

John 3:1-21 (NIV)

accept our testimony. I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God.”

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

*After the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

## HYMN OF THE DAY

(7:45 AM—soloist on stanzas 1-2 & 11)

The Ten Commandments Are the Law  
Christian Worship #285 st. 1-4, 11-12

## SERMON

Romans 3:20-28  
Our Great Heritage: Law and Gospel

*Please stand*

## NICENE CREED

**C:** We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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*

## 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.

*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.*



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

## OFFERTORY MUSIC:

**7:45 AM—**  
Amazing Grace  
Arr. by Dale A. Witte

**10:00 AM—**  
Amazing Grace  
Arr. by Jim Brickman



**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.**

*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 SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so with you.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



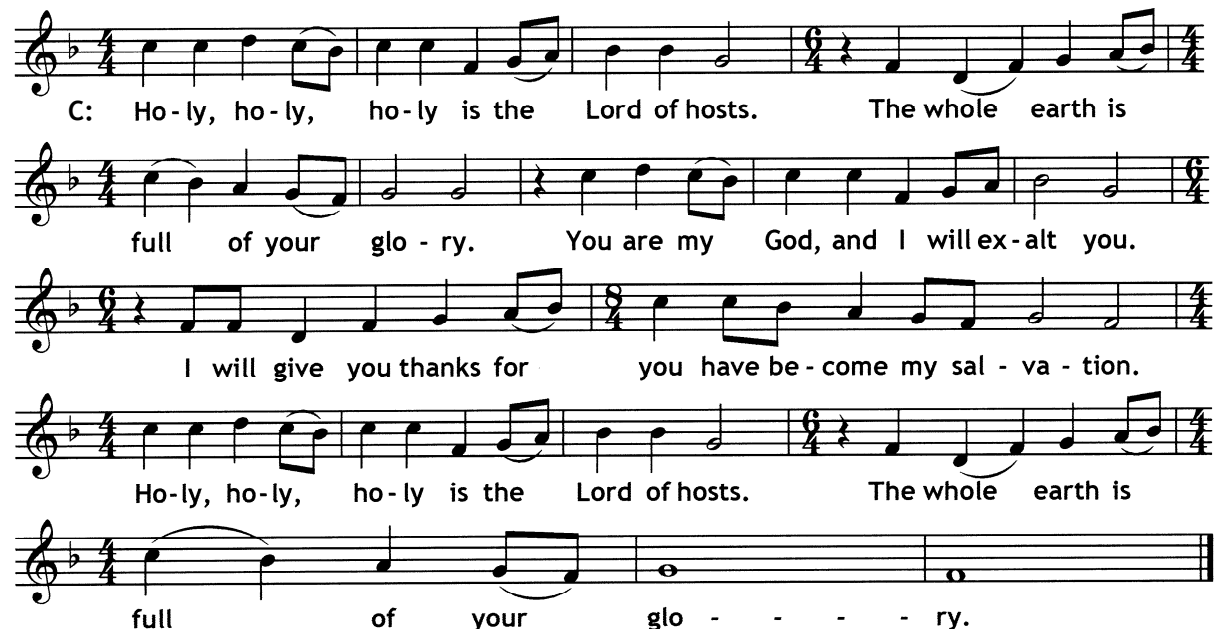
C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Sanctus*

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



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

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

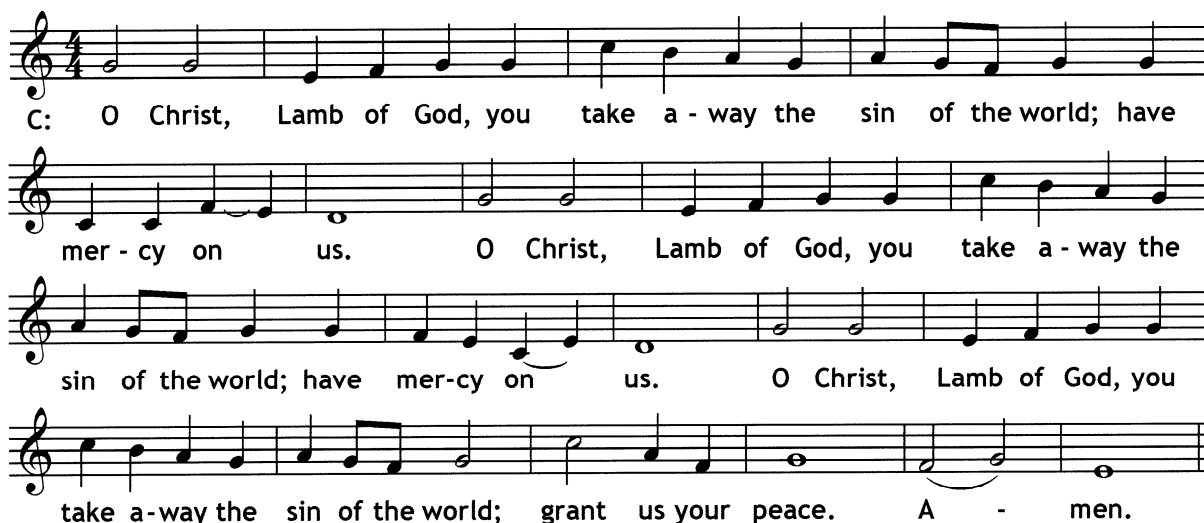
The peace of the Lord be with you always.



C: A - men.

## O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*



*Please be seated*

## DISTRIBUTION

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

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

*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.*

*We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are "bread" as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.*

*Grape juice is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.*

Please stand

## THANK THE LORD

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

## PRAYER

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

C: A - men.

## BLESSING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (†) give you peace.

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

Please be seated

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

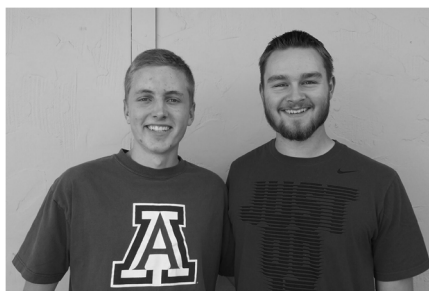
*The blessing of Aaron has been spoken over God's people for over 3,500 years. The Lord said, "So I will put my name on [them], and I will bless them." Numbers 6:27*

<b>Preacher</b>	Pastor Nathan Kassulke
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
<b>Communion Assistants</b>	Outreach Elder Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM) Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney (10:00 AM)
<b>Accompanists</b>	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
<b>Soloist</b>	Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)
<b>Ushers</b>	Rusty King, Rick Street (7:45 AM) Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM) Dustin Pauley, James Pauley, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
<b>Greeters</b>	Jay & Beth Pauley (10:00 AM)
<b>Sound &amp; Recording Tech</b>	Jeremy Snively (10:00 AM)
<b>Altar Prep Team</b>	Cindi Breitreitz, Terry Kosanke, Sally Littau
<b>Banner Committee</b>	Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

There will be a special Voters' Meeting this afternoon 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.

Come see Tucson Campus Ministry's newly renovated Student Center today! It will be open this morning 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!

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! at the TCM Student Center, located in the basement. please speak to one of the pastors or introduce to our TCM Assistants, Dylan Guenther and Danny Koehler. A space for you is available in either entryway of church.



Dylan Guenther &amp; Danny Koehler

**10:00 AM—**  
*Saving Grace*  
Arr. by Bryce Inman

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## 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 Vic and Lois Thornton to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lois's father, Elroy Moll.

### 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 Rudd and Rentschler families. 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*

Job 42:1-6  
1 Peter 4:12-19  
Mark 8:31-38

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Mark 8:31-38  
*Theology of the Cross*

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

### Pastor Patoka Open House Next Sunday

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 next Sunday, August 27 from 2:00-5:00 PM. Their address is 1853 W Waterleaf Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704.

### Redeemer's Great Exchange Starts Tomorrow

Do you hate to yard sale your own items? Then you will love the Great Exchange! This is a two and one-half day adventure that has proven to delight all ages. Bring your no-longer used or never-used items which includes, but is not limited to, clothes, books, videos, office supplies, kids toys, household items, linens, jewelry, etc. You do not need to bring items to be able to choose items to take home and enjoy. All items are FREE of charge! We serve food throughout so you can shop and eat or sit at a table and enjoy the company of fellow Christians. **The Great Exchange is open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on August 28 & 29 and from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on August 30 in Redeemer's Ministry Center located at 8845 N. Silverbell Rd, Tucson.** Please join us! For questions call Ruth Schaller at 572-6686.

### ESL Volunteers Needed

English as a Second Language is in need of childcare volunteers, a teacher for the beginner's class, 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.*



**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 20-Aug 27**

**TUCSON**

**Today**

Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
Children's Sunday School ..... 8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Romans 1-8* ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):  
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* ..... 9:00a  
**Special Voters' Meeting in the Fellowship Hall** ..... 2:00p  
**WELS TCM Welcome Back Party** ..... 7:00p

**SAHUARITA**

**Today**

Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Christians in Conflict* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service/Communion ..... 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
**Special Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 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 .....

**BENSON**

**Today**

Worship Service/Communion ..... 7:30a  
**Special Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 2:00p

**Sunday**

Worship Service ..... 7:30a

**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 ..... 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  
**Patoka Open House (All Sites Invited)** ..... 2:00-5:00p  
WELS TCM Bible Study: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God...* 7:00p

**VAIL**

**Today**

Children's Sunday School ..... 9:00a  
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith* ..... 9:00a  
Worship Service/Communion ..... 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following worship .....  
**Special Voters' Meeting at Grace-Tucson** ..... 2:00p

**Wednesday**

Ministry Center Office Hours ..... 3:00p-6:00p  
Bible Study at Ministry Center: *Key Bible Words* ..... 6:30p

**Saturday**

**Vail Kids' Carnival at Esmond Station** ..... 1:00p-4:00p

**Sunday**

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

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## **Kids Carnival at Grace-Vail this Saturday!**

This Saturday, August 26, from 1:00-4:00 PM, Grace-Vail will be hosting an Indoor Kids' 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).

## **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: log into your Thrivent account, go to Direct Choice Dollars and you will find the \$50 dollars there along with any Choice Dollars you have accumulated. 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. 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.

## **Reformation 500 Service**

In honor of the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, the WELS churches of the Tucson area are planning a special worship service. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 5 at 10:00 AM. This service will replace the regular Sunday morning services at all Grace sites and will bring together WELS members and friends from our sister churches. To accommodate a large congregation, the service will be held in the auditorium of Tucson High School, located at 400 N 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705. Please also watch for more information and ways that you can volunteer to help with this celebration!

## **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



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