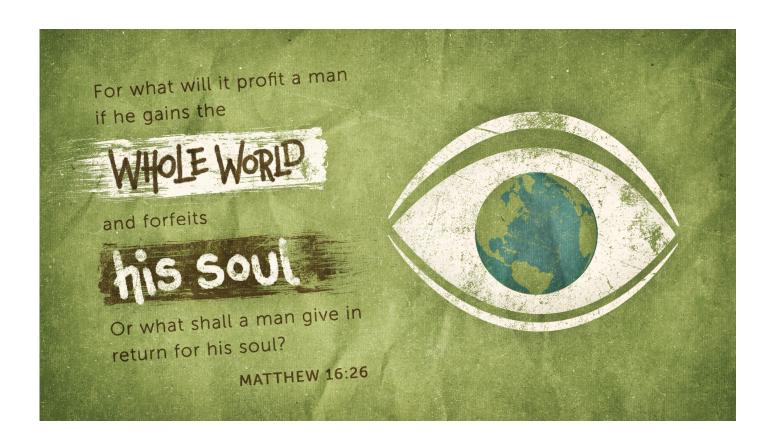
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church Tucson, Arizona

September 17, 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.

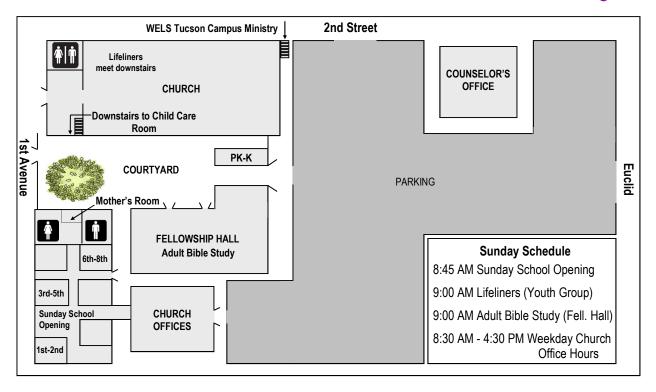
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 entryways. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: www.GraceLutheranSAZ.org



SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus Christian Worship #452 PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM— Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus Arr. by Kathy Parra

10:00 AM—Come, Follow Me
By Samuel McBurney

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.



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.



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."

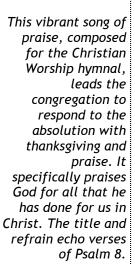
M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



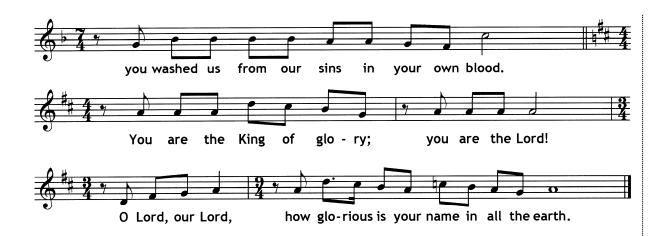
M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



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







PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, preserve the congregation of believers with your neverfailing mercy. Help us avoid whatever is wicked and harmful, and guide us in the way that leads to our salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

But the hair on his head began to grow again after it had been shaved. Now the rulers of the Philistines assembled to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god and to celebrate, saying, "Our god has delivered Samson, our enemy, into our hands." When the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, "Our god has delivered our enemy into our hands, the one who laid waste our land and multiplied our slain." While they were in high spirits, they shouted, "Bring out Samson to entertain us." So they called Samson out of the prison, and he performed for them. When they stood him among the pillars, Samson said to the servant who held his hand. "Put me where I can feel the pillars that support the temple, so that I may lean against them." Now the temple was crowded with men and women: all the rulers of the Philistines were there, and on the roof were about Judges 16:22-31 (NIV)

three thousand men and women watching Samson perform. Then Samson prayed to the LORD, Sovereign LORD, remember me. O God, please strengthen me just once more, and let me with one blow get revenge on the Philistines for my two eyes." Then Samson reached toward the two central pillars on which the temple stood. Bracing himself against them, his right hand on the one and his left hand on the other, Samson said, "Let me die with the Philistines!" Then he pushed with all his might, and down came the temple on the rulers and all the people in it. Thus he killed many more when he died than while he lived. Then his brothers and his father's whole family went down to get him. They brought him back and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of Manoah his father. He had led Israel twenty years.

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.

SECOND LESSON

Those who want to make a good impression outwardly are trying to compel you to be circumcised. The only reason they do this is to avoid being persecuted for the cross of Christ. Not even those who are circumcised obey the law, yet they want you to be circumcised that they may boast about your flesh. May I

Galatians 6:12-16 (NIV)

never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, even to the Israel of God.

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



Please stand

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

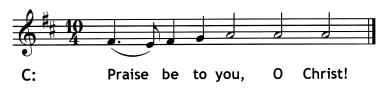
GOSPEL

From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do

Matthew 16:21-26 (NIV)

not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it. What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul?"

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult Christian Worship #463

SERMON

Judges 16:22-31 Losing Your Life For Your Lord

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!

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— He Leadeth Me Arr. by Penny Rodriguez

10:00 AM— From God Can Nothing Move Me Setting by Sandra Eithun

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.
- C: Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.
- M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.
- C: Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

7:45 AM — Please continue on page 9 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



Matthew 6 and Luke
11 record how Jesus
taught his disciples
to pray. We use his
example prayer as
part of our public
worship, trusting
that he will hear
and answer our
prayers.

M: Lift up your hearts.



C: We lift them up to the Lord.

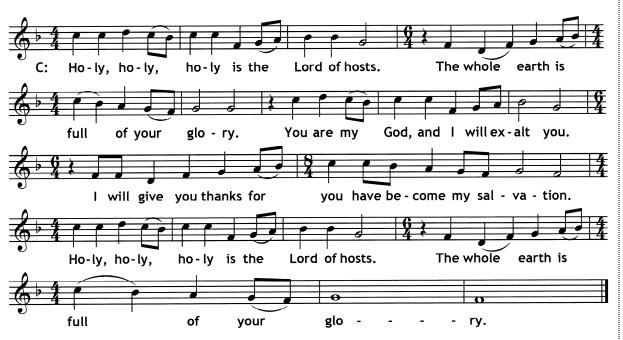
M: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



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.

As he speaks the Words of Institution, the pastor both proclaims the words of Jesus to the congregation and sets apart the bread and wine for this special use. The sign of the cross reminds us of Christ's death.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

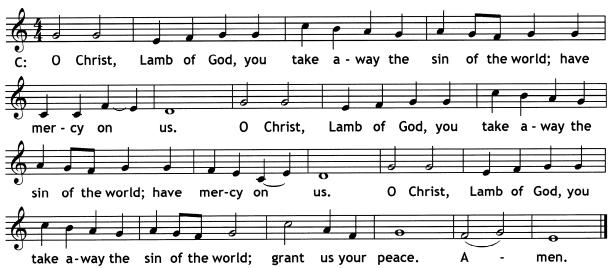
M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD Agnus Dei



Please be seated

We provide glutenfree communion wafers for those

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

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.

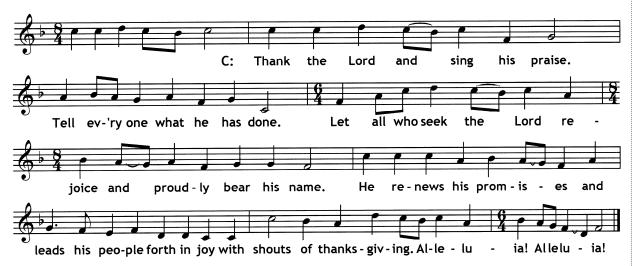
distribution.

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.

THANK THE LORD



PRAYER

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



BLESSING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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."

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE: 7:45 AM— Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus CW #474

10:00 AM—
Take My Life with
Take My Life and Let
It be Consecrated
Words & Music by
Scott Underwood
Arr. By Carol
Tornquist

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Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for this Saturday, September 23 at 8:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Because of this early start time breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:00 AM. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found at both entrances of church and in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

Divine Call Extended

On September 10, our congregation extended a Divine Call for Pastor Matthew Hennig from North St. Paul, 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 North St. Paul and Hugo as he considers whether to accept the Call to Grace or to remain in Minnesota. Please keep Pastor Hennig in your prayers along with his wife Karen, their three children, and his congregation, Christ Lutheran Church in North St. Paul and Hugo, MN.

English as a Second Language Starts Tomorrow

English as a Second Language program begins their 17th year tomorrow, September 18 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. If you know of anyone who might be interested in participating in the program or if you would like to volunteer, please contact the church office (623-6633) or Joyce Long (795-6456).

Grace Team Trivia Night

The next Grace Team Trivia Night is happening on Saturday, September 30 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. This event is open for everyone to attend so invite a friend to join you! Teams will be formed that evening and the trivia will commence. Questions will come from a wide range of topics for all ages. Snacks will also be provided. Questions? Call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. We hope you will join us!

LWMS Fall Rally: October 7

Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 AM, Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, Tucson) is hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuit East's Fall Rally. All women of Grace are *encouraged* to attend. **Registration is \$10** and includes lunch. Registration forms can be found at all the Grace locations. There is also a poster at each site with more information. The rally registration and Mission Money donation deadline has passed, but late registrations are welcome. They need to be mailed to Rose Pedersen (1154 Turkey Knob, Las Cruces, NM, 88012). Please contact Diane Kramm if you have any guestions at 440-8564.

Choir and Handbells

Grace-Tucson's Handbell Choir and the Worship Choir began rehearsals last Thursday, but it's not too late to join. The Handbell Choir meets in the sanctuary at **5:30 PM** and Worship Choir meets following handbells at **6:30 PM** in the balcony. All members age 12 and up are welcome to join us for either or both groups! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Kassulke (260-3649, music@gracelutheransaz.org).

There will be a Joint Choir for our Reformation 500 worship service on November 5. Members from all Grace sites are invited to participate. Those interested are encouraged to come to Worship Choir rehearsals at Grace-Tucson on Thursdays. We will begin these rehearsals at 6:30 PM with the Reformation music. After rehearsing the pieces for Reformation, only those who will be singing at Tucson need to remain for the rest of the rehearsal.

Reformation 500 Service

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, the WELS churches of the Tucson area are planning a special celebration for Sunday morning, November 5. The morning will include a Reformation concert that takes place before a special worship service. The concert will start no later than 9:30, but may be even earlier. The worship service, which will replace the regular worship services at all of Grace's sites (and those of all of the Tucson area WELS churches), will begin at 10:00 AM and will include guest preacher Professor Mark Paustian from Martin Luther College. To accommodate everyone, this service will take place in the auditorium of Tucson High School, located at 400 N 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705. Lunch will follow the service there at the high school campus. Watch for more details as the date approaches!

Hurricane Relief—You Can Help!

A number of Grace members have asked about assisting those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Below are three opportunities to help.

- 1) There are WELS Christian Aid and Relief offering envelopes available in the Fellowship Hall. Grace will pass those gifts on as you put them in offering plates on Sundays. Gifts may also be given directly to WELS Christian Aid and Relief by calling 1-800-827-5482 or by going to this link: https://community.wels.net/page.aspx?pid=394. You may view more information on their website: https://wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/.
- 2) You can make a personal donation on Thrivent.com to provide assistance to Texas hurricane victims. When you do, Thrivent will double the impact up to \$3 million. This opportunity will run until the \$3 million match is met or until December 31, 2017, whichever comes first. To donate, go to Thrivent.com and click on Hurricane Harvey Relief (*Help Now* button). The list of organizations you can donate to is listed and includes WELS Christian Aid and Relief!
- 3) Grace member, Trucynda Hawkins grew up in one of the areas hit hard by Harvey. She has family and close friends still living there. One family in particular was hit extremely hard, losing everything. She is planning to send a check to her friend to help them buy basic necessities and some furniture (mattresses). If you would like to help this family, please call Trucynda at 591-4858. She is accepting cash or checks made out to Trucynda Hawkins. Every little bit helps!

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. 9 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

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 Sally Littau, Nancy Miles and Lois Thornton. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> Ezekiel 33:7-11 Galatians 2:11-21 Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon Text & Theme

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Turn to the Lord

Kickball Invite

Children and adults are invited to play some kickball on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, 85743). This is an open invitation to all the WELS churches in Tucson. Plan to arrive at 9:00 AM if you'd like to play. You also can just come out to watch. There will be a break for lunch at 12:00 PM. Grace will provide the main meal, water and lemonade, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you plan to participate, we ask that you bring one can of food that will be donated to the local food bank. This is a great fellowship event that we hope you can make!

Lutheran Night at the Tucson Roadrunners

Come enjoy a night of hockey and fellowship on Friday, November 10 at 7:00 PM in the Tucson Arena (260 S. Church Street) as the Tucson Roadrunners celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The first 300 tickets purchased will receive a Martin Luther figurine. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$24 and should be paid by cash or check to Grace Lutheran Church ASAP. Money should be put in an envelope with your name on it and given to one of the pastors or mailed to the office. DO NOT put it in the offering plate. Please call the church office if you have any questions at 623-6633.

WELS TCM Alumni Reunion

Were you a part of Grace's campus ministry (ELF, Phase Two, or WELS TCM) during your college years? You're invited to reconnect with other alumni at the 25th Annual Luther Movie Night at Grace-Tucson (830 N. 1st Ave) on Sunday, October 29 starting at 5:30 PM! German style feast and Luther movie at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship and dessert in the Student Center (basement) movie. **RSVP** Facebook Pastor following the on the page or to (RevTLP@GraceLutheranSAZ.org or 623-6633) if you plan to attend. For more information, talk with Pastor Patoka or visit the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/welstcm and click on Events).



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 • Sept 17-Sept 24

SAHUARITA Today Children's Sunday School	TUCSON Today Worship Services/Communion	Wednesday10:00aMidweek Bible Study: Church History7:00pThursday9:00aWomen's Bible Study: Key Bible Words9:00aWELS TCM Lunch: Jimmy's Pita & Poke Bowl11:30aHandbell Practice5:30pWorship Choir Practice6:30pFridayBoy Pioneer Campout (Friday-Sunday)SaturdayVoters' Meeting in Fellowship Hall (Breakfast at 8:00)8:30a
Adult Bible Study: Christians in Conflict	Today	Sunday Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following both services
Bible Study: Proverbs	Adult Bible Study: Christians in Conflict	Lifeliners (High School Group): Creation vs. Evolution9:00a
Children's Sunday School	Bible Study: <i>Proverbs</i>	Today Children's Sunday School
Bible Study at Ministry Center: Key Bible Words	Children's Sunday School	Worship Service/Communion
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