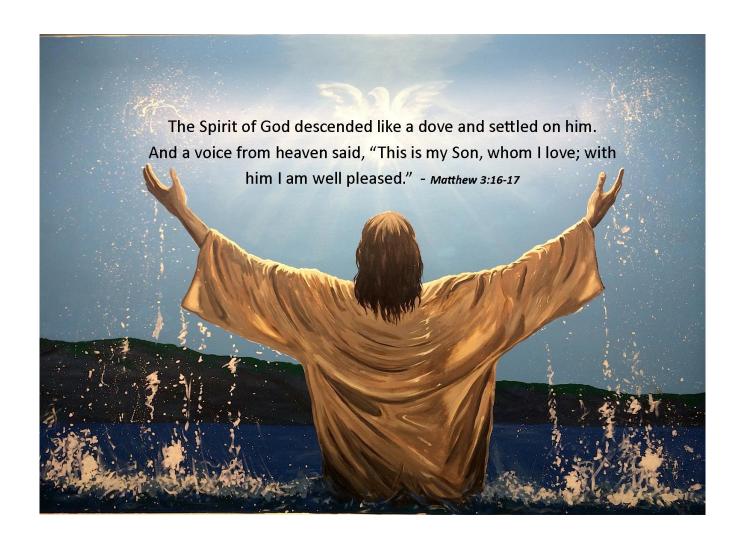
First Sunday after the Epiphany— The Baptism of Our Lord



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, AZ
January 14, 2018



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.

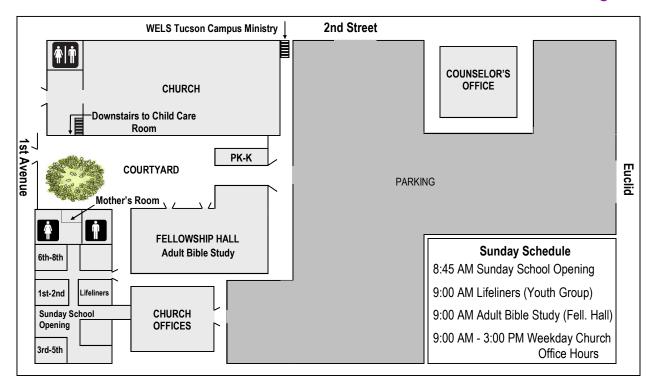
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



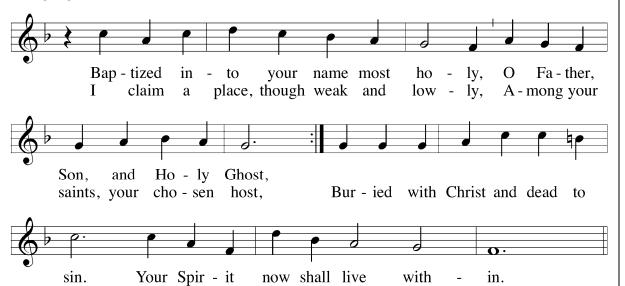
During the weeks following The Festival of Epiphany, the Church celebrates the season of Epiphany. During these weeks the focus is on events in the life of Christ, who has appeared as the Light of the World and Savior of all people.

GATHERING RITE ON HOLY BAPTISM

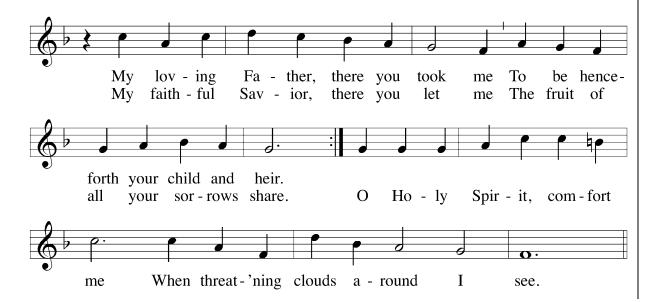
Christian Worship Supplement

Please stand

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit. Congregation: Amen.



- M: I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit.
- C: Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.
- M: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time our mothers conceived us.
- C: But we were washed, we were sanctified, we were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.



PRESERVICE MUSIC

7:45: Come. Holy Spirit, Dove Divine Arranged by Cindy Berry

10:00 Once in the Blest Baptismal Waters Arranged by Thomas E. Lock

John 3:5,6

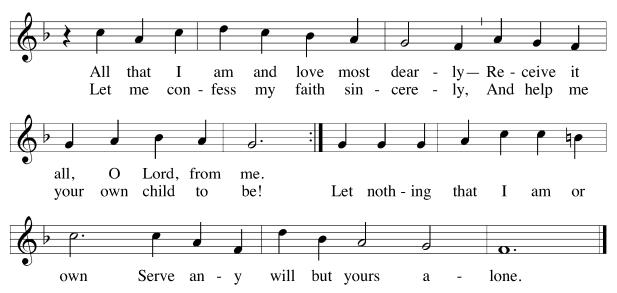
Psalm 51:5

1 Corinthians 6:11

- M: As baptized children of God, we confess our sins.
- 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 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: Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless (*Ephesians 5:25-27*). 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 OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Keep us who are baptized into Christ faithful in our calling as your children and make us heirs with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 49:1-6

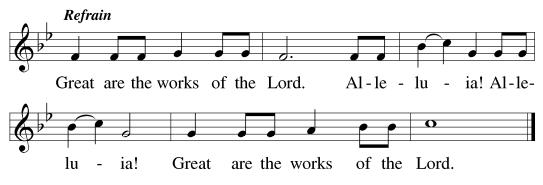
Listen to me, you islands; hear this, you distant nations: Before I was born the LORD called me; from my mother's womb he has spoken my name. He made my mouth like a sharpened sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me into a polished arrow and concealed me in his quiver. He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will display my splendor." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing at all. Yet what is due me is in the LORD's hand, and my

reward is with my God." And now the LORD says—he who formed me in the womb to be his servant to bring Jacob back to him and gather Israel to himself, for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD and my God has been my strength—he says: "It is too small a thing for you to be my servant to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back those of Israel I have kept. I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth."

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 2





Why do the nations <u>con</u>spire* and the peoples <u>plot</u> in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD* and against his Anointed One.

Refrain

The One enthroned in <u>heav</u>en laughs;*
the Lord scoffs at them.

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, <u>say</u>ing,*
"I have installed my King on Zion, my <u>holy</u> hill."

I will proclaim the decree of the LORD:*

He said to me, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father."

Glory be to the Father and <u>to</u> the Son*
and to the Holy <u>Spir</u>it,
as it was in the be<u>gin</u>ning,*
is now, and will be forever. <u>A</u>men.

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SECOND LESSON Acts 16:25-34

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, "Don't harm yourself! We are all here!" The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before

Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" They replied, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved—you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God—he and his whole household.

The Verse of the Day is a familiar or significant Scripture text framed with alleluias. **VERSE OF THE DAY**

Mark 1:11b

M: Alleluia. You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Mark 1:4-11

After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:

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



And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptized by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of

whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



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.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

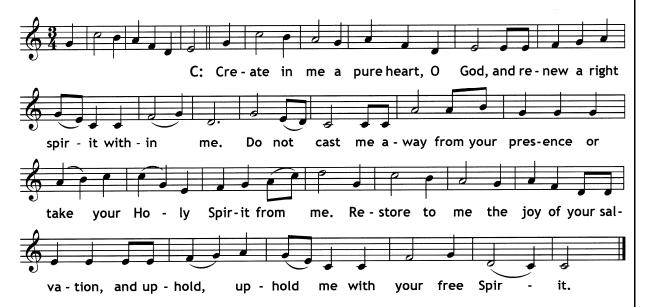
To Jordan's River Came Our Lord Christian Worship #89

SERMON

Mark 1:4-11
Our Baptism and Christ's

Please stand

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



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



OFFERTORY MUSIC

7:45: BEACH SPRING Arranged by Michael Larkin

10:00: Jesus, Once with Sinners Numbered (CWS 710) By Stephen Starke & William Roberts

Jesus, once with sinners numbered. Had no blemish of his own, In the waters of the Jordan His true worth and work were shown: Heaven opened and the Spirit There descended like a dove. As the Father's voice resounded. "Hear my Son, the One I love."

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!

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL

Those being installed stand before the altar.

M: Dear friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Body, the Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. You have now been selected for positions of service to our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you with an office which you are to carry out as his servants and according to his Word. St. Paul writes concerning service in the Church: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."

The Lord seeks faithfulness from all who serve, as Scripture says, "It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful." The Lord does not seek from us what he has not given to us. But when he does give a gift, his will is that we use it faithfully to his glory and for the benefit of his people.

You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, to set for your own families and the whole Church the example of a Christian life. Make the Word of God your foundation and guide. Search it daily for comfort and instruction.

PROMISE

- M: So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you, in the presence of God and this congregation: Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the office entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.
- R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as Church Council members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

The ministers shake the hands of those installed, addressing each by name.

M: May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties, to his glory and for the good of his people.

EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Members of Grace, I urge you to regard all your fellow believers being installed as Church Council members as servants of Jesus Christ and God's gifts to his Church. Pray for them, support them in their service, and help them so that through the gospel ministry of this congregation more people will be reached for Christ and his Kingdom.

PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Merciful and gracious God, our lives are open before you, and you hear our promises. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of those being installed today, that they may be your servants, and may carry out their duties with diligence, boldness, and wisdom.

Give them a spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may present their requests to you. Help them be examples of what is good, that by their lives they may build up your congregation and give the enemies of the Church no cause for complaint. Make them a blessing to your believers; help them to work with their pastors and with one another; and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation may be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom enlarged, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

The minister thanks those leaving office with these words:

M: M: In the name of the congregation we sincerely thank *Bryan Guenther*, *Mark Christianson*, *Dave Breitkreitz*, *Jon Dins*, and *Chris Stuhr* who have served the Lord and his Church in positions of leadership on the Church Council. May the Lord, our God, graciously reward them for all they have done to his glory and for the benefit of his Church.

BLESSING

M: Go, then, and give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you. Go in peace.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

- M: Lord Jesus, at your baptism you revealed yourself as the obedient Son of Man, fulfilling all righteousness. Your heavenly Father revealed you as his beloved Son, in whom he is well pleased. The Holy Spirit revealed you as the Christ, anointed and armed to destroy the work of the devil.
- C: We thank you, beloved Son of God, that you took on yourself the nature of a servant, became like us, and were obedient to the will of your heavenly Father.
- M: Lord Jesus, eternal Word of God, you have connected your mighty Word and gracious promises to the water of Holy Baptism. In Baptism you cleaned us from sin, redeemed us from death, and clothed us in your perfect righteousness. We praise you for the promise and treasure of Baptism.
- C: Encourage us to remember our baptisms daily as we die to sin and rise to new life with you.

Special prayers of thanksgiving or intercession may be spoken here.

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

Silent prayer.

- M: Baptized into your name most holy, O Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, We claim a place, though weak and lowly, among your saints, your chosen host, Buried with Christ and dead to sin. Your Spirit now shall live within.
- C: All that I am and love most dearly—receive it all, O Lord, from me. Let me confess my faith sincerely, and help me your own child to be! Let nothing that I am or own serve any will but yours alone. Amen.

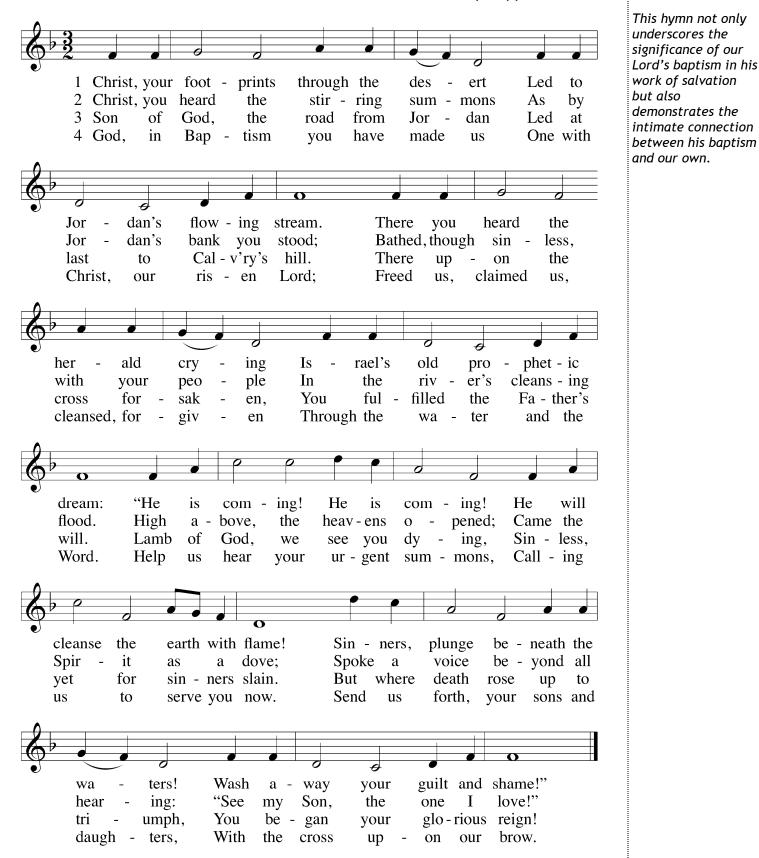
Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.

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

Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert Christian Worship Supplement #709



Please stand

PRAYER

M: Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

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."

M: 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: Amen.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

All Who Believe and Are Baptized Christian Worship #299

POSTLUDE

7:45: TIDINGS Arranged by Cindy Berry

10:00: Christ, Your Footprints Through the Desert Arranged by John Carter

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher	Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader	Pastor Tim Patoka (10:00 AM)
Accompanists	Kathy Parra (7:45 AM), Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Offering	Dylan and Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Greeters	Bill and Lisa Toben (10:00 AM)
Ushers	Vic Thornton, Rusty King (7:45 AM)
Ed	Ethington, Jonathan Ganster, Lucas Guenther (10:00 AM)
	Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jonathan Miller (10:00AM)
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God's blessings to our newly installed church council!

2018 CHURCH COUNCIL

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Vice President	Craig Lipke
Recording Secretary	Jeremy Snavely
Financial Secretary	² Daniel Kapellusch
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Elder of Member Ministry (Tucson Site Elder)	Boz Lomasney
Elder of Outreach (Vail Site Elder)	² Ron Silver
Elder of Spiritual Needs (Tucson Site Elder)	⁴ Jacob Kassulke
Grace-Benson Site Elder	³ Bill Warskow

¹Installed at Grace-Sahuarita this morning.

2017 Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a yearend offering statement envelope with their name on it in the courtyard. Please pick yours up today. We hope you'll appreciate the opportunity to check for any recording errors we may have made and perhaps use it to review your gifts of love to your Savior. This statement may be useful if you choose to itemize tax deductions. Offerings to Grace Lutheran Church are considered charitable donations.

Divine Call Extended

On December 4, our congregation extended a Divine Call for Pastor Matt Westra from Morristown, TN to serve as our pastor at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail. Over the past few weeks, he has spent time in prayer and discussions with leaders at Grace and with his members in Morristown as he considers whether to accept the Call to Grace or to remain in Tennessee. Please keep Pastor Westra in your prayers along with his wife Rachel, their two children, and his congregation, Living Promise Lutheran Church.

Divine Call Declined

Pastor Kassulke, after prayerful consideration and deliberation, has declined the call to serve at Grace Lutheran Church in St. Joseph, Michigan. He will continue to serve in his role as one of the pastors here at Grace in Southern Arizona. He would like to thank all those who shared their thoughts with him during the deliberation and who prayed for him and his family. Please continue to pray that God would bless the gospel ministry wherever it is conducted!

²Installed at Grace-Vail this morning.

³Installed at Grace-Benson this morning.

⁴Working this morning.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

> 1 Kings 19:19-21 Acts 13:1-5 Mark 1:14-20

> > Sermon Text Mark 1:14-20

Women of Grace Valentine Tea

The Women of Grace will have their annual Valentine's Tea at Grace-Tucson on February 10 at 11:30 AM. Female members from all sites are encouraged to participate in this popular event, which will include a luncheon and presentation by Mary Clemons on John 15:17 under the theme "Love My People." Women are needed to host tables, provide food, set-up and clean-up, and to invite other women to attend. Sign-up sheets will be available at each site soon. Please indicate how you can help. If you have questions, please contact Diane Kramm (520-440-8564).

Adult Bible Studies

Join us for Bible Studies in January!

Church-Mission-Ministry meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Church History is currently studying the Reformation and meets on Wednesdays at 10:00AM and 7:00PM in the Fellowship Hall.

Women's Bible Study on *Key Bible Words* meets on Thursdays 9:00AM in the east wing of the Fellowship Hall. Join Pastor Koehler for a study that looks at individual words found in Scripture which will deepen your understanding of God and his message of salvation. Whether the Bible is new to you or you are a Bible study veteran, you will appreciate this study that includes words like *mercy, righteousness, peace, justification, hope, sin,* and much more! New words are studied each week, so you can jump in and out of this class as your weekly schedule permits!

Baby Shower for Laura Heiman

There will be a baby shower for Laura Heiman at Grace-Sahuarita on Sunday, January 21 at 1:30 PM. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided. **Please RSVP to Pat Dent at 245-9056 if you plan to attend.** Laura is registered at Target and is having a boy.

Benson Chili Cook-Off

Grace-Benson will hold a Chili Cook-Off this Saturday, January 20 at 12:00 PM. All Grace members and friends are welcome to attend. No official judging will take place, but the most popular chili will have bragging rights. Please bring a side dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Guest Musicians Coming to Grace

WELS singer/song-writer Chris Driesbach will lead a special song service during worship at Grace-Vail on Sunday, February 4. He will also share his personal story and additional music during Bible Class on that day.

Branches Band will join us for worship on Wednesday, February 28 at Grace-Tucson for both the 10:00 AM and 7:00 PM midweek Lenten services. They will also lead worship music on Sunday, March 4 at Grace-Sahuarita for both the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM worship services.

Lifeliners Chupala Lunch—January 28

Grace's high school youth group, the Lifeliners, invite you to join them following the 10:00 worship service on Sunday, January 28 here at Grace-Tucson for their annual Chupala Lunch. The Chupala Lunch is also one of the ways that the Lifeliners raise funds for their activities. Donations are appreciated (checks may be made out to Grace), but you are welcome to eat even if you are unable to contribute. The funding for this event is sponsored by a Thrivent Action Team Grant.



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 • Jan 14 - Jan 21

Wednesday

Worship Services/Church Council Installation7:45 & 10:00a Coffee Fellowship following both services	Thursday Women's Bible Study: Key Bible Words
SAHUARITA	WELS TCM: Who Is Matthew?7:00p
Today Children's Sunday School	
Children's Sunday School	VAIL Today Children's Sunday School
Adult Bible Study: <i>Means of Grace</i>	Ministry Center Office Hours
BENSON Today Worship Service/Church Council Installation	Children's Sunday School

Midweek Bible Study: Church History 10	:00a & 7:00p
Thursday Women's Bible Study: Key Bible Words NO Handbell or Choir Practice	
Sunday	·
Worship Services with Communion	
Children's Sunday School	8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class	8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): <i>Treasures in Hea</i> Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):	aven9:00a
Church-Mission-Ministry	9:00a

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