

Third Sunday in Lent



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
March 8, 2015



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.

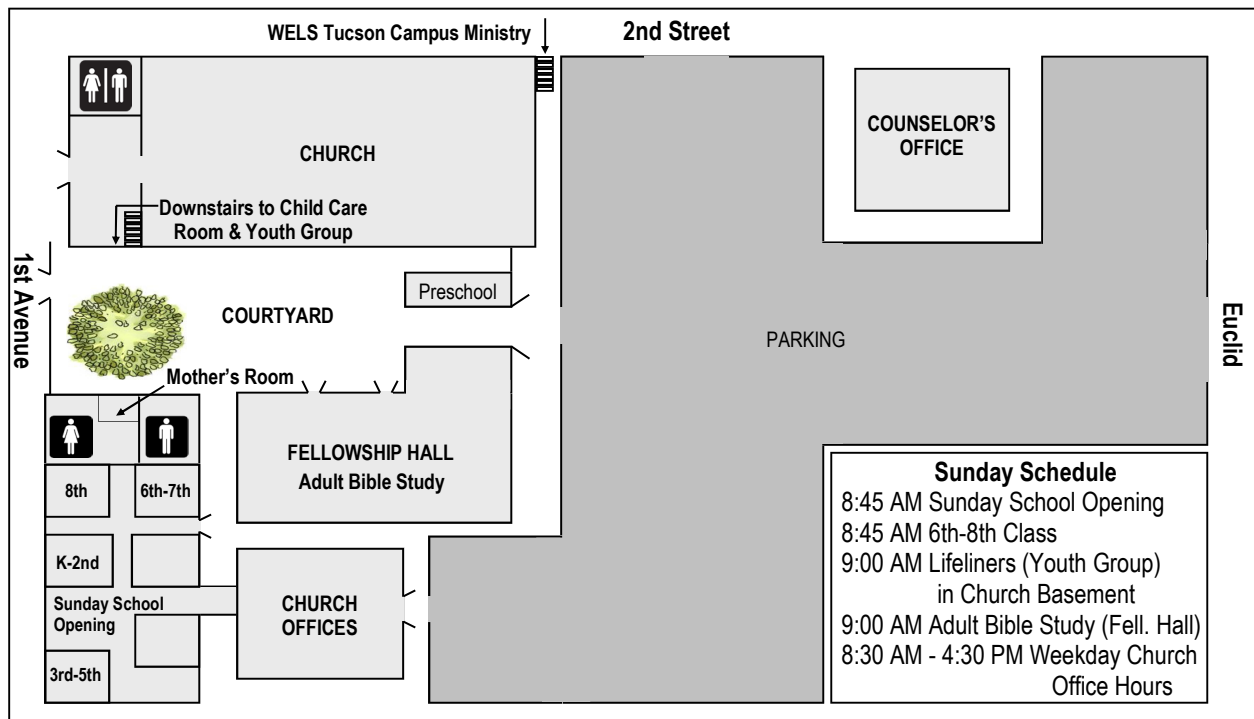
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



DIVINE SERVICE II
Christian Worship Supplement

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

*Come, Ye Sinners,
Poor and Needy*
By William Waller,
Arr. by Cindy Berry

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

Enslaved by Sin and Bound in Chains
Christian Worship #102

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

RESPONSIVE READING

Minister: “This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: ‘In repentance and rest is your salvation...’”

Isaiah 30:15

Congregation: “He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.”

Proverbs 28:13

M: “Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord...”

Acts 3:19

C: He sent his one and only Son Jesus, who came not “to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

Luke 5:32

M: “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.”

2 Peter 3:9

C: “Help us, O God our Savior, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive our sins for your name’s sake.”

Psalms 79:9

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

M: Because we are all sons and daughters of the Lord, we are called by him to repent of our sins. Let us go before our God and ask for his forgiveness.

Acts 17:29-30

Congregation sings:

CW #398 (tune of CW #493)

1. Lord, we con-fess our num'-rous faults, How great our guilt has been,
How vain and fool-ish all our thoughts, How deep-ly stained with sin.

Our Confession and Absolution with music and hymn stanzas is an arrangement by WELS musicians Branches Band.

1 John 1:9

M: The Apostle John declares, "If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." Together, we confess our sins.

Psalm 51

C: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Cleanse me, and I will be clean. Wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Silent Confession

Congregation sings:

CW #398 (tune of CW #493)

2. It's not by works of right - eous - ness Which our own hands have done,
But we are saved by God's free grace A - bound - ing through his Son.

1 John 1:7, 2:12,
5:11

M: Having confessed your sins, hear the good news of our salvation, "the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. Dear children, your sins have been forgiven on account of his name. God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son."

Congregation Sings:

CW #398 (tune of CW #493)

3. It's from the mer - cy of our God That all our hopes be - gin;
4. Raised from the dead we live a - new; And, jus - ti - fied by grace,
It's by the wa - ter and the blood Our souls are washed from sin.
We shall ap - pear in glo - ry, too, And see our Fa - ther's face.

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, look with favor on your humble servants and stretch out the right hand of your power to defend us against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Say to the assembly, ‘Move away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram.’” Moses got up and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him. He warned the assembly, “Move back from the tents of these wicked men! Do not touch anything belonging to them, or you will be swept away because of all their sins.” So they moved away from the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram. Dathan and Abiram had come out and were standing with their wives, children and little ones at the entrances to their tents. Then Moses said, “This is how you will know that the LORD has sent me to do all these things and that it was not my idea: If these men die a natural death and experience only what usually happens to men, then the LORD has not sent me. But if the LORD brings about something totally new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them, with everything that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the grave, then you will know that these men have treated the LORD with contempt.” As soon as he finished saying all this, the ground under them split apart and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, with their

Numbers 16:23-40 (NIV)

households and all Korah’s men and all their possessions. They went down alive into the grave, with everything they owned; the earth closed over them, and they perished and were gone from the community. At their cries, all the Israelites around them fled, shouting, “The earth is going to swallow us too!” And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense. The LORD said to Moses, “Tell Eleazar son of Aaron, the priest, to take the censers out of the smoldering remains and scatter the coals some distance away, for the censers are holy—the censers of the men who sinned at the cost of their lives. Hammer the censers into sheets to overlay the altar, for they were presented before the LORD and have become holy. Let them be a sign to the Israelites.” So Eleazar the priest collected the bronze censers brought by those who had been burned up, and he had them hammered out to overlay the altar, as the LORD directed him through Moses. This was to remind the Israelites that no one except a descendant of Aaron should come to burn incense before the LORD, or he would become like Korah and his followers.

The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.

Refrain

The Psalms were the hymnbook of the Old Testament. These poems, inspired by God, have been set to music and used in the worship lives of God's people for thousands of years. We give praise to God and encouragement to one another as we incorporate the singing of Psalms or selected verses of Psalms into our worship services.



Psalm Tone



1. O LORD, do not rebuke me in your / anger* or discipline me / in your wrath.
2. For your arrows have / pierced me,* and your hand has come down up- / on me.
3. My guilt has over- / whelmed me* like a burden too heav- / y to bear.

Refrain

4. All my longings lie open before / you, O LORD;* my sighing is not hid- / den from you.
5. I wait for / you, O LORD;* you will answer, O / Lord my God.
6. Come quickly to / help me,* O Lord my / Savior.
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

For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers, that our forefathers were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. They all ate the same spiritual food and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered over the desert. Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: "The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in pagan revelry." We should

1 Corinthians 10:1-13 (NIV)

not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. We should not test the Lord, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel. These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come. So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 3:14, 15 (NIV)

M: 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.

Please stand

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9 (NIV)

Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. Jesus answered, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? I tell you, no! But unless

you repent, you too will all perish." Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree, planted in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it, but did not find any. So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, 'For three years now I've been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven't found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'leave it alone for one more year, and I'll dig around it and fertilize it. If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.'"

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

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, to You I Make Confession
Christian Worship #302

SERMON

Numbers 16:23-40
Where Do We Find Deliverance?

Please stand

The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.

APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Please be seated



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

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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
*Just as I Am,
Without One Plea
By William
Bradbury, Arr. by
Cindy Berry*

10:00 AM—
*Jesus Refuge of the
Weary
Text by Girolamo
Savanarola,
Tune by Tracy
Fedke,
Arr. by Koiné*

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—LENT

M: Heavenly Father, you loved the world and gave your Son to liberate us from sin and death by his obedient death on the cross.

C: **We confess that without your love we are lost.**

M: Lord of the Church, we thank you for the treasure of the gospel. By your Spirit, keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.

C: **Strengthen our determination to do what pleases you, no matter what the danger or the cost.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry a cross in the name of Christ and face ridicule and persecution for the sake of the kingdom: missionaries and chaplains, young people who stand up for what is right in the face of pressure to do what is wrong, and all who pay a high price for their faith and their values as Christians.

C: **By your Spirit, O Lord, grant them patience and endurance.**

M: Let us pray for those who carry heavy burdens in life: the sick and the chronically ill, the depressed and the lonely, those torn by conflict in personal relationships, those victimized by war and injustice, and all who face the terrors of life with a heavy heart.

C: **Grant them peace, O Lord, and in your mercy, be their guardian and friend, their comfort and hope.**

- M:** Let us pray for those who care for others: pastors and counselors; physicians and nurses; social workers and caring friends; all who feed the hungry, comfort the hurting, and stand beside the dying.
- C:** **Strengthen them in their work, O Lord, and do not let them become weary in doing good.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

- M:** Help us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Keep us faithful even to the point of death, that we may receive the crown of life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C:** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Please be seated

HYMN

Not in Anger, Mighty God
Christian Worship #423

Please stand

- M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C:** **Amen.**

- 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

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

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

POSTLUDE:
*When I Survey the
Wondrous Cross*
By Lowell Mason,
Arr. by Cindy Berry

- Preacher** Pastor Nathan Kassulke
 - Worship Leader** Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)
 - Accompanist** Teri Guenther
 - Vocalist** Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM)
 - Duet** Dylan & Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
 - Guitar** Daniel Valdez (10:00 AM)
 - Ushers** Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster (10:00 AM)
Danny Koehler, Jon Miller, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street (10:00 AM)
 - Sound & Recording Tech** Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)
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Call Meeting Today

The next Call Meeting is this afternoon at 2:00 PM at Grace-Tucson. We will be extending a Divine Call for a Pastor to serve at Grace-Sahuarita. All members are welcome to join us for this meeting and to offer appropriate input to the voters.

Lenten Services and Suppers at Grace-Tucson

Join us at Grace-Tucson on Wednesdays throughout Lent for our Midweek Lenten Worship Services at 10:00 AM and 6:30 PM. Supper will be served at 5:30 before the evening services. The theme for our services this Lent is “I Tell You the Truth,” based on several teachings of Jesus highlighted by that phrase. Please consider asking an unchurched friend to join you!

We need volunteers to host the meal March 18 (individuals, families, groups, or any combination). There is a sign-up sheet posted in the Fellowship Hall as well as an information sheet which explains how to host one of these meals. You may also contact the church office if you’re interested in helping.

Mexican Dinner at Grace-Tucson

The *Women of Grace* invite everyone to join them this Friday, March 13, between 4:00 and 6:30 PM for the annual Mexican Dinner at Grace-Tucson. *The menu includes:* Sour Cream Enchiladas, Beef Tacos, Refried Beans, Coffee, Tea, & Milk. Grace members are asked to bring a cake for dessert.

There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall if you’d like to help with the meal.

50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration

You are invited to a luncheon at Grace-Tucson celebrating Ferdie & Diane Kramm’s 50th wedding anniversary immediately following 10 AM worship next Sunday, March 15, hosted by Teri Guenther. No gifts please.

Baby Shower

You are invited to a baby shower for Erin Carrasco (maiden name Brearcliffe) on Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. The Carrascos are registered at Target (they are having a boy). The hostesses are Mary Brearcliffe, Teri Guenther, Jenn Miller and Katie White. If you have questions please contact Jenn Miller at 909-2115.



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 • Mar 8-Mar 15

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *How We Got the Books of the Bible (Clemons)*. 9:00a
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p
WELS TCM: *Who is Jesus?* 7:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice..... 4:30p
English a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Wednesday

Midweek Lenten Worship..... 10:00a
Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall 5:30-6:15p
Midweek Lenten Worship 6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

Wednesday

Lenten Devotional Service..... 10:00a

Sunday

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

BENSON

Today

Worship Service..... 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service..... 7:30a

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus*9:00a
Worship Choir Practice.....6:30a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup9:30-11:30a
Mexican Dinner & Recital at Grace-Tucson4:00-6:30p

Sunday

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days*9:00a
Kramm Anniversary Luncheon..... 11:00
NO WELS TCM—Spring Break

VAIL

Today

Bible Study: *Joshua*.....9:00a
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship..... 10:00a
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson.....2:00p

Monday

Bible Study at Rancho del Lago Golf Club.....9:00a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup 9:30-11:30a

Saturday

Canvassing in Vail..... 9:30-11:30a

Sunday

Bible Study: *Joshua*.....9:00a
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Worship Service/ Coffee Fellowship..... 10:00a

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Welcome Grace Guests!

If you are a guest at Grace today, we are very happy to have you worship with us! If you would like more information about Grace or have questions about becoming a member of our congregation, please visit the Welcome Table in the courtyard. If this is your first time at Grace, please stop there to pick up a gift just for being our guest this morning.

You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Terry Kosanke and Jenn Miller. 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

Judges 10:6-16
James 4:7-10
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Travel Canvass Witness Team

A ministry team from the Midwest is currently in Tucson (March 7-15) to assist with outreach at Grace. They are working primarily with Grace-Vail to promote upcoming activities and to do canvassing. The congregation is invited to join them this Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 AM (meet at Esmond Station) to canvass the Rita Ranch area. Lunch is provided for those who help canvass.

Bridal Shower

You are invited to a bridal shower for Ariana Grahn (maiden name Weinstein) on Sunday, March 29 at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Ari and Ryan are registered at Kohl's, Bed Bath & Beyond and Target. The hostesses are Debbie Koehler, Jenn Miller, Nicole Weinstein and Stephanie Weinstein. There will be snacks to enjoy. If you have any questions please contact Jenn Miller (909-2115) or Stephanie Weinstein (909-8022).

Grace's Old-Fashioned Church Picnic

It's time, once again, for Grace's old-fashioned church picnic Saturday, April 11, starting at noon. This year, our picnic will be held at the Grace-Sahuarita site (17675 S. La Canada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). Great food, great fellowship, and lots of fun for the whole family. It's a wonderful opportunity to see one of our newest sites and meet your fellow members. Members are asked to bring a side dish. There will be a dessert contest this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you are interested in bringing a dessert for the contest, please contact Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704.

Easter for Kids

Easter for Kids will be held at Grace-Tucson Saturday, March 28 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM. Children ages 2-12 are invited to join us for an Easter Bible lesson, singing, crafts, lunch, and hunting Easter eggs. Registrations forms will be available soon.



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.