

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost



The Healing of the Blind Bartimaeus by Harold Copping

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
October 23, 2016



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-Tucson! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

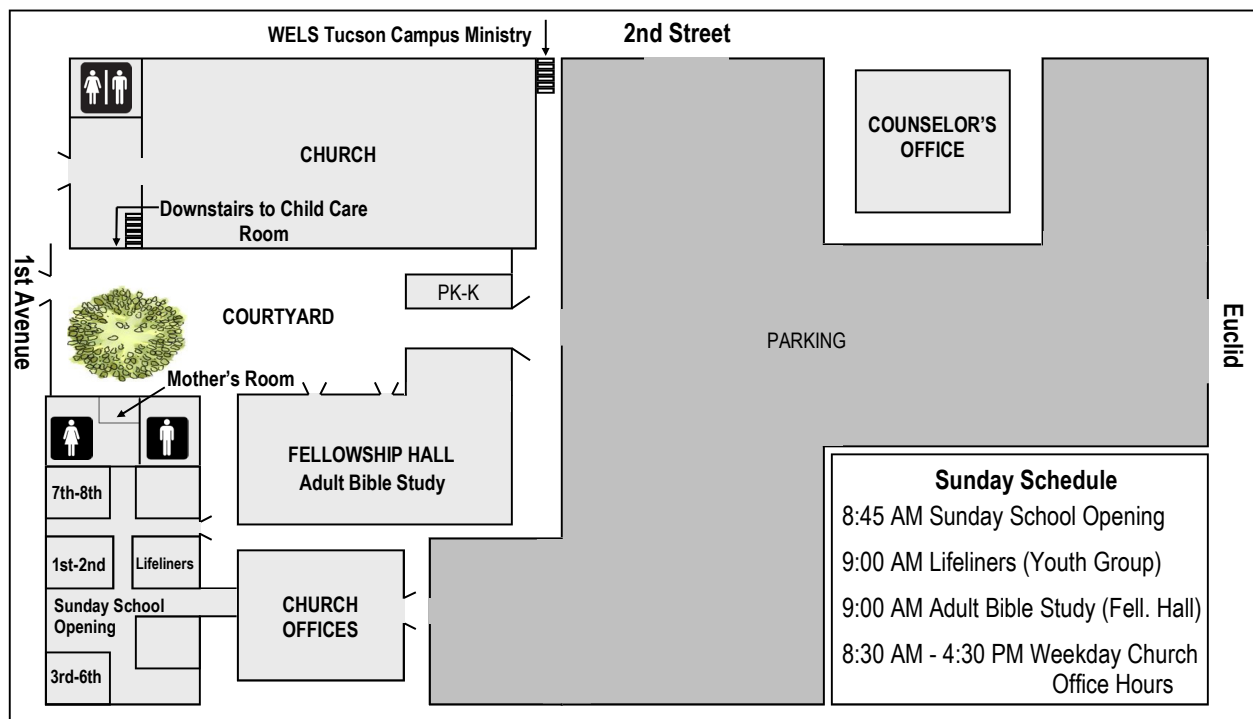
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

Large print hymn sheets are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed;
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service;
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also.

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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—

Allegro

By G. F. Handel

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHOIR (10:00 AM)

Father, I Adore You

*Father, I adore you, lay my life before you.
How I love you!*

*Jesus, I adore you, lay my life before you.
How I love you!*

*Spirit, I adore you, lay my life before you.
How I love you!*

10:00 AM—

Redeemer Music

Students:

Colby Heinz, Naomi

and Sam Kassulke

WELCOME

HYMN

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

Christian Worship #353

Please stand

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

Congregation: And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

C: **Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.**

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

C: **Amen.**

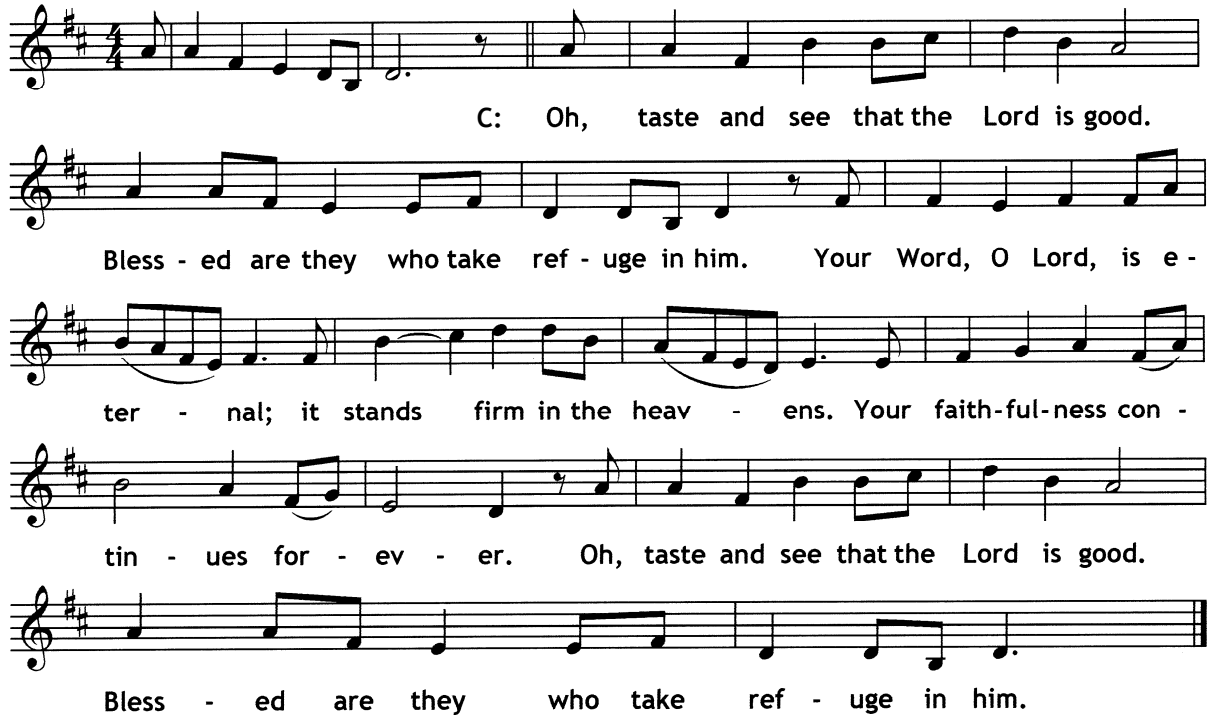
We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

The words of this song of praise are based on Psalm 34:8 and Psalm 119:89. It marks our thankfulness to have heard God's forgiveness of our sins and anticipates our listening to God's Word throughout our worship service.

OH, TASTE AND SEE



C: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
 ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav - ens. Your faith-ful-ness con -
 tin - ues for - ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
 Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

God, our refuge and strength, have mercy on your Church, as we come in prayer before you. Answer us not in judgment on our sins, but in peace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Moses answered, "What if they do not believe me or listen to me and say, 'The LORD did not appear to you?'" Then the LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?" "A staff," he replied. The LORD said, "Throw it on the ground." Moses threw it on the ground and it became a snake, and he ran from it. Then the LORD said to him, "Reach out your hand and take it by the tail." So Moses reached out and took hold of the snake and it turned back into a staff in his hand. "This," said the LORD, "is so that they may

Exodus 4:1-17 (NIV)

believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has appeared to you." Then the LORD said, "Put your hand inside your cloak." So Moses put his hand into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was leprous, like snow. "Now put it back into your cloak," he said. So Moses put his hand back into his cloak, and when he took it out, it was restored, like the rest of his flesh. Then the LORD said, "If they do not believe you or pay attention to the first miraculous sign, they may

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.

believe the second. But if they do not believe these two signs or listen to you, take some water from the Nile and pour it on the dry ground. The water you take from the river will become blood on the ground.” Moses said to the LORD, “O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.” The LORD said to him, “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the LORD? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say.” But Moses said, “O Lord,

please send someone else to do it.” Then the LORD’s anger burned against Moses and he said, “What about your brother, Aaron the Levite? I know he can speak well. He is already on his way to meet you, and his heart will be glad when he sees you. You shall speak to him and put words in his mouth; I will help both of you speak and will teach you what to do. He will speak to the people for you, and it will be as if he were your mouth and as if you were God to him. But take this staff in your hand so you can perform miraculous signs with it.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalms 142

*The vocalist will sing the verses.
The congregation may join to sing the refrains and verse 5.*

Refrain

I cry a-loud to the Lord; I raise my voice to God; I
cry a- loud to the Lord, my God; Lord, have mer- cy.

Psalm Tone

1. I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.
I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble.
2. When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way.
Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me.
I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

Refrain

3. I cry to you, O LORD; I say, “You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living.”
Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;
Rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.
4. Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.
Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.
5. **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

Acts 2:22-32 (NIV)

“Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God’s set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him. David said about him: ‘I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope, because

you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.’ Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact.”

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

VERSE OF THE DAY

2 Timothy 4:18 cf. NIV

M: Alleluia. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and will bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. Alleluia.

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52 (NIV)

Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (that is, the Son of Timaeus), was sitting by the roadside begging. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on

me!” Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. “What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him. The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.” “Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

SERMON

Mark 10:46-52
Serve the Savior You See

Please stand

APOSTLES' CREED

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

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

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

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: O Lord, our God, you are wise and powerful, good and gracious. Your mercies are new every morning. Each day you open your hand and provide for the needs of your children on earth.

C: We praise you for every grace and blessing.

M: Strengthen your Church in all the world. Let your comforting message of salvation in Christ Jesus be proclaimed to troubled souls everywhere.

C: Use our ministries and offerings to extend your healing and your hope.

M: We bring you our requests for the various structures of our society. Bless our national, state, and local governments.

C: Grant us civil servants who are worthy of honor and respect.

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



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

**OFFERTORY
MUSIC:**

7:45 AM—
*If You But Trust In
God To Guide You*
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter

M: Grant prosperity to our businesses and industries. Give employers a sense of fairness toward their workers, and employees a feeling of joy and pride in their workmanship.

C: **Help us find satisfaction in all work well done.**

M: Invigorate the schools of our land. Give success to every effort that helps students read, think, and communicate in ways that will promote an informed and responsible citizenry. Arouse curious minds to discover the wonders of your created order.

C: **Give us teachers and students who pursue excellence.**

M: Strengthen the families of our country. Give fathers and mothers a renewed commitment to be good parents. Give children and young people the wisdom to regard their parents as your representatives.

C: **Lead us to love one another as you have loved us.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, we pray boldly as Jesus taught, with confidence that you will hear and with faith that you will respond for our welfare.

C: **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

HYMN

By Grace I'm Saved
Christian Worship #384

Please stand

PRAYER

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation, and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: **A - men.**

TODAY

Welcome Grace Guests!

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

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Ron & Norma Stevens in celebration of Brian & Danielle's 3rd wedding anniversary as well as Danielle's birthday earlier this month.

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 Jeanette O'Donald & Nadine Rentschler. 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

Daniel 3:16-28
Revelation 14:6-7
Mark 13:5-11

Sermon Text

Mark 13:5-11
Paying the Price for Faith

Wedding Ceremony Invitation

The Grace congregation is invited to the wedding ceremony of Justine Huggins and Tyler Landrith this Saturday, October 29 at 3:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson sanctuary.



Tucson Area Reformation Service

The Reformation Service for the Tucson area is next Sunday, October 30 at 4:00 PM at Grace-Tucson. The Liturgist will be Pastor Matt Langebartels from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Tucson, and Pastor Wayne Mueller will be the guest preacher. A dessert fellowship will be provided following worship.

Multi-Site Conference—Opportunities to Serve!

Grace will be hosting the first WELS Multi-Site Conference on November 14-16, 2016 at Grace-Tucson. More than 120 WELS members, leaders, staff ministers and pastors will attend to learn more about the kind of ministry our congregation has undertaken for over five years and which other WELS churches are carrying out in their own ways. Ours is a congregation with the gift of hospitality—you have demonstrated that in many ways and often! We are thankful for the opportunity to serve others as they visit us. We are in need of volunteers to set up tables and chairs, serving food and cleaning up afterward. We need a number of "hosts" to give direction to our guests (location of workshops, rest rooms, church office, etc.). There are a few other ways to serve as well. You may make yourself available for an hour or two or for the entire conference. We do need to know that we have everything covered, so please contact Pastor Koehler if you would like to serve or have questions (RevRGK3@GraceLutheranSAZ.org, 623-6633). You may also see him in the courtyard this morning.



**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 • Oct 23-Oct 30

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):
 • *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Last Days* 9:00a
 WELS TCM: *Luther Reformation Movie* 6:00p

Monday

Handbell Practice in the Sanctuary 4:30p
 English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

Church Council Meeting 6:15p
 English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study: *Digging into the Book of James* 9:00a
 Worship Service 10:00a
Heiman Open House 11:00a-2:00p

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Why All the Different Churches?* 10:00a
 Bible Study: *What Happens Next?* 7:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study: *Digging into the Book of James* 9:00a
 Worship Service 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship
Area Reformation Service at Grace-Tucson 4:00p

BENSON

Today

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a
 Financial Peace University 6:00p

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a
Area Reformation Service at Grace-Tucson 4:00p

Wednesday

Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 10:00a
 Midweek Bible Study: *Church History* 7:00p

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Digging for Insights* 9:00a

Friday

Huggins/Landrith Wedding Rehearsal 4:00p

Saturday

Huggins/Landrith Wedding 3:00p
 Lifeliner Game Night 6:00p

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Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
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Area Reformation Service 4:00p
NO TCM Bible Study

VAIL

Today

Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets* 9:15a
 Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Youth Confirmation Class 9:00a
 Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

Monday

Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Sermon Review* 9:00a

Wednesday

Bible Study at the Ministry Center: *Revelation* 7:00p

Saturday

Lifeliner Game Night at Grace-Tucson 6:00p

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Lifeliners Game Night

Are you in high school? Do you like to play new and exciting card and board games? Then come to the Lifeliners next fellowship event and have some fun! Play a variety of new and familiar card and board games. Enjoy some awesome snacks and drinks. Get to know other Christian teenagers in the Tucson area. You'll find all this and more on Saturday, October 29 at 6 PM in Grace-Tucson's fellowship hall. For more information, call Pastor Patoka at 623-6633 or email him at revtlp@gracelutheransaz.org.

Roast Beef Dinner—November 4

Come, bring a friend, and enjoy good food and fellowship on Friday, November 4 from 4:30-6:30 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds from the dinner, after covering costs, will go toward East Fork Lutheran School's tuition assistance. Less than half of the students get paid tuition, but there are still many out there who would like to attend East Fork but can't afford to. If you'd like to give a private donation, it may be sent to East Fork Lutheran School, P.O. Box 489, Whiteriver, AZ 85941.



The menu includes: Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Pies, Coffee, Tea, & Milk. **Members are asked to bring a pie for dessert.**

We definitely will need help with cooking, serving and clean-up. Sign-up sheets are available in the Fellowship Hall if you'd like to help.

Grace-Sahuarita Grand Opening

Grace-Sahuarita will be having their Grand Opening on Sunday, November 6 at 10 AM. The neighbors in the area will be invited to experience the new Grace Lutheran Church – Sahuarita. All Grace members are welcome to attend. If you'd like to help, please contact Pastor Heiman at 999-0245.

Calendars and Coupon Cards Available

The Lifeliners (our high school youth group) are conducting their annual sale of Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 each or 2 for \$15) and Coupon Cards (\$20). The Coupon Cards are new this year. They are being sold instead of Entertainment Books. The Coupon Cards have deals for a variety of restaurants and businesses. The card is good for continuous use until October 15, 2017. The Lifeliners will be available in the Courtyard on Sunday mornings for you to make your purchases. Proceeds help fund Lifeliner activities.



Grace Lutheran Church is a member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod (WELS), a group of nearly 400,000 men, women, and children in nearly 1,300 congregations across the United States and Canada united by a common faith in Christ's saving love. We are committed to a common calling—encouraging each other in our faith and sharing God's gift of a Savior with the rest of the world.

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