

Third Sunday of Easter



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 30, 2017



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

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

Worship Notes

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

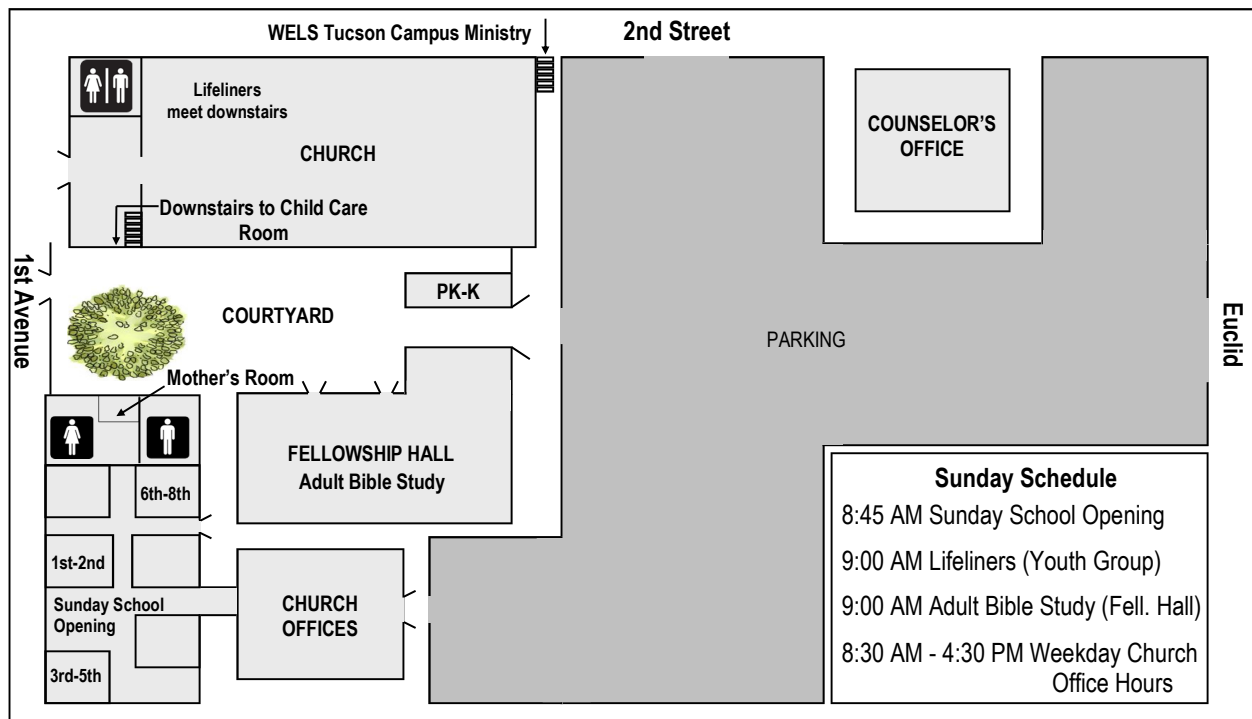
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

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

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

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



DIVINE SERVICE II
Christian Worship Supplement

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Jesu
Arr. by Jim
Brickman

10:00 AM—
*Christ the Lord Is
Risen Today*
Words by Charles
Wesley
Setting by Joel
Raney

WELCOME

HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In
Christian Worship #184

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

Congregation: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

C: Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.
For faithless worrying and selfish pride,
For sins of habit and sins of choice,
For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,
You should cast me away from your presence forever.
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me, for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

M: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant:

I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

LORD, HAVE MERCY—Kyrie

Mark 10:47

M: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

M: For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

C: Christ, have mercy.

M: For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

Kyrie is the Greek word for Lord. The expression "Lord, have mercy" is one of the oldest worship responses in the Christian Church.

M: Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

C: Amen.

Christians praise God by proclaiming the great things he has done to accomplish our rescue from sin. "Glory to God in the Highest" has been a Christian song of worship since the fourth century.

GLORY BE TO GOD *Gloria in Excelsis*

Luke 2:14

Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.
(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)



1. All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O
2. Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great
3. O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all
4. You, Christ, are ho - ly Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's



Lord, we glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and
glo - ry, heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have
hu - man sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our
glo - ry you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -



grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.
gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

THE WORD

SALUTATION

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world from the despair of death. By his resurrection to life, grant your faithful people gladness of heart and the hope of eternal joys; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

FIRST LESSON

Acts 24:10-21 (NIV)

When the governor motioned for him to speak, Paul replied: "I know that for a number of years you have been a judge over this nation; so I gladly make my defense. You can easily verify that no more than twelve days ago I went up to Jerusalem to worship. My accusers did not find me arguing with anyone at the temple, or stirring up a crowd in the synagogues or anywhere else in the city. And they cannot prove to you the charges they are now making against me. However, I admit that I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of the Way, which they call a sect. I believe everything that agrees with the Law and that is written in the Prophets, and I have the same hope in God as these men, that there will be a resurrection of both the righteous and the wicked. So I strive always to keep

my conscience clear before God and man. After an absence of several years, I came to Jerusalem to bring my people gifts for the poor and to present offerings. I was ceremonially clean when they found me in the temple courts doing this. There was no crowd with me, nor was I involved in any disturbance. But there are some Jews from the province of Asia, who ought to be here before you and bring charges if they have anything against me. Or these who are here should state what crime they found in me when I stood before the Sanhedrin—unless it was this one thing I shouted as I stood in their presence: 'It is concerning the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial before you today.'"

PSALM OF THE DAY

PSALM 67

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. May God be gracious to us and / bless us* and make his face shine up- / on us;
2. may your ways be / known on earth,* your salvation among all / nations.
3. May the nations be glad and / sing for joy,*
for you rule the peoples justly and guide the nations / of the earth.

Refrain

4. Then the land will yield its / harvest,* and God, our God, will / bless us.
5. God will / bless us,* and all the ends of the earth will / fear him.
6. 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

1 Peter 1:17-21 (NIV)

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the

precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

VERSE OF THE DAY

Luke 24:32

M: Alleluia. Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia. Our hearts were burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us. Alleluia.

Please stand

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35 (NIV)

M: The Gospel according to Luke chapter twenty-four.

C: Glory be to you, O Lord.

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

Now that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. They were talking with each other about everything that had happened. As they talked and discussed these things with each other, Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing together as you walk along?" They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, "Are you only a visitor to Jerusalem and do not know the things that have happened there in these days?" "What things?" he asked. "About Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel.

And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn't find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but him they did not see." He said to them, "How foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Christ have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself. As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus acted as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. When he

was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?" They got up and

returned at once to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, assembled together and saying, "It is true! The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon." Then the two told what had happened on the way, and how Jesus was recognized by them when he broke the bread.

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

This Joyful Eastertide
Christian Worship #160

SERMON

Luke 24:13-35
Still Talking About the Resurrection

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.

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



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
There is a Redeemer
CWS #747

10:00 AM—
The Day of
Resurrection!
Setting by Greg
Bottomley

The day of
resurrection!
Earth, tell it out
abroad;
The Passover of
gladness, the
Passover of God.
From death to life
eternal, from earth
unto the sky,
Our Christ hath
brought us over,
with hymns of
victory.

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.

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 God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

C: Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

M: In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

C: Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.

M: Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

C: Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.

M: Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

C: Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.

M: Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

C: Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Rise, Shine, You People
Christian Worship #556

Please stand

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

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

Lift High the Cross
Christian Worship #579

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Preacher** Pastor Ron Koehler
- Worship Leader** Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
- Accompanists**..... Kathy Parra (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
- Trumpet**..... Nathan Kassulke (7:45 AM)
- Ushers**Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech**..... Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)
- Greeters**..... Jeanette O’Donald and Nadine Rentschler

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

POSTLUDE:

7:45 AM—
May the Peace of God
CWS #745

10:00 AM—
The Strife Is O’er, the Battle Done
Arr. by Cindy Berry

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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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Jeanette O'Donald in loving memory of Bill O'Donald and in thankfulness for the blessings given to him during his life.

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 Nancy Miles and Katie Patoka. 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*

1 Samuel 17:34-37

Hebrews 13:20-21

John 10:1-10

Sermon Text

John 10:1-10

Enter Through the Gate of Life

Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes or *Simply Giving* for their giving to the Lord will find a quarterly offering statement envelope with their name on it on the table 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.

Grace Church Picnic (All Sites)—May 6

Grace-Sahuarita will be hosting the all-site Church Picnic this Saturday, May 6 at noon (Address: 17675 South La Cañada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). It's a Cinco de Mayo theme, so there will be fajitas, tacos, nachos, and non-alcoholic margaritas. Members are asked to bring a side dish. Games will include a piñata, horseshoes, bean-bag toss and water activities for the youth. There will be a dessert contest as well this year, so break out your most unique recipe. If you have any questions, please contact Member Ministry Elder Boz Lomasney at 440- 251-4704 or Pastor Heiman at 999-0245.

Confirmation Open House Invitation

This year's Youth Confirmation is next Sunday, May 7. Two eighth graders (Jacob Miller and Brandon Walshaw) will be confirmed in the 10:00 AM worship service. All are invited to congratulate the confirmands with a cake reception following the service.

The Grace congregation is also invited to an open house hosted by the Miller family from 3:00-5:00 PM that afternoon (May 7) in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Grace Team Trivia Night

The next Grace Team Trivia Night is happening on Friday, May 12 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. This event is open for everyone to attend. 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!

Lifeliners Paintball Outing

Lifeliners will welcome 2017's confirmands with a rousing round of paintball. On Saturday, May 13 we will meet at Disruptive Paintball (I-10 and Tangerine) at 9 AM. The outing will be free for 2017's confirmands and \$25 a person for everyone else. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant. More information will be emailed to Lifeliners. Questions can be directed to Pastor Patoka or Jake Kassulke (449-7122).

Donations for St. Marcus Students

Once again this year Grace is hosting a group of WELS 7th grade students from St. Marcus Lutheran School in Milwaukee. They are arriving in Tucson on May 18 through the program "Discover America" which rewards students based on their academic performance and behavior. Each student raised a portion of the expenses to come on the trip.

Starting today, we will be accepting donations to pay for the food that will be served to the students and teachers while they are here. You can make a cash donation or use a check made payable to *Grace Lutheran Church* (note St. Marcus on the bottom of the check). **Look for the donation box near the main entrance of church. Donations will be collected through May 14.**

Vacation Bible School: June 19-23

Before you've booked your summer vacation, be sure to mark down the dates for this summer's Vacation Bible School! It will be held here at Grace-Tucson on Monday, June 19 through Friday, June 23 from 9:00 AM-11:30 AM.

The VBS closing service will be on Sunday, June 25 at 10:00 AM at Grace-Tucson with the VBS picnic to follow on site. More picnic details will be available as it gets closer.

We are in need of volunteers to help with teaching, snacks, crafts and music. If you would like to volunteer to help with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindi Breitreitz (cell: 298-9758, home: 298-9758, email: mkcindib4u@yahoo.com) or to Pastor Patoka. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated and can be given to Cindi or Pastor Patoka.

Divine Call

On Sunday, April 2, Pastor Rieke was informed that Palos Lutheran Church in Palos Heights, Illinois had voted to extend to him a Divine Call to serve as their pastor. This means that he now holds two calls, one to Palos Lutheran and one to Grace. In the next few weeks, he will be working to make a decision whether to accept the new Call and to move his ministry to Illinois or to decline the Call and to continue serving in southern Arizona. He will strive to make that decision with prayer and careful consideration on the basis of where his particular gifts for ministry best fit the opportunities before him.

Pastor Rieke welcomes any input that the friends and members of Grace might wish to share with him. You can reach him by phone at 343-9881 or by email at RevCMR@GraceLutheranSAZ.org. He also appreciates prayers offered on behalf of him and his family during this deliberation as well as for both congregations as they consider the ministry before them.

Roast Beef Dinner & Craft Fair

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the roast beef dinner this November, so begin making your crafts now! Anyone interested in donating crafts, please let Debbie Koehler know at 293-5617 or email her at dbkhlr@aol.com. Proceeds from the craft fair will be used for the Women of Grace fall/Christmas mission project TBA.



**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 • Apr 30-May 7

TUCSON

Today
Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry*9:00a
Arizona Lutheran Academy: *Snow White Variety Show*.....3:00p
WELS TCM Bible Study: *What's Heaven Like?*7:00p

Monday
NO Handbell Practice.....
English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

Tuesday
English as a Second Language Classes.....6:30p

SAHUARITA

Today
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *How We Got the Bible*.....9:00a
Worship Services7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday
Bible Study: *Why All the Different Churches?*10:00a
Sahuarita Women of Grace Meeting.....11:30a

Saturday
All-Site Church Picnic.....12:00p

Sunday
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *How We Got the Bible*.....9:00a
Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today
Worship Service.....7:30a

Saturday
All-Site Church Picnic at Grace-Sahuarita.....12:00p

Sunday
Worship Service.....7:30a

Wednesday
Midweek Bible Study: *Church History*10:00a & 7:00p
Grow in Grace Class in Conference Room6:30p
Tucson Campus Ministry (TCM) Lunch at No Anchovies.....11:15a

Thursday
Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words*.....

Saturday
All-Site Church Picnic at Grace-Sahuarita.....12:00p

Sunday YOUTH CONFIRMATION
Worship Services/Communion7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
Children's Sunday School8:45a
Youth Confirmation Class8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Connecting Sinai to Calvary*....9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry*9:00a
Cake Reception following 10 AM Worship
Miller Confirmation Party in the Fellowship Hall3:00p
WELS TCM: *Ask The Pastor Finals Cookout*.....7:00p

VAIL
Today
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets*9:15a
Worship Service.....10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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

Saturday
All-Site Church Picnic at Grace-Sahuarita12:00p

Sunday
Children's Sunday School9:00a
Youth Confirmation Class9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Of Kings & Prophets*9:15a
Worship Service.....10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

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