

Summer Worship Series



WEEK 6: Christian Education

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

July 23, 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.

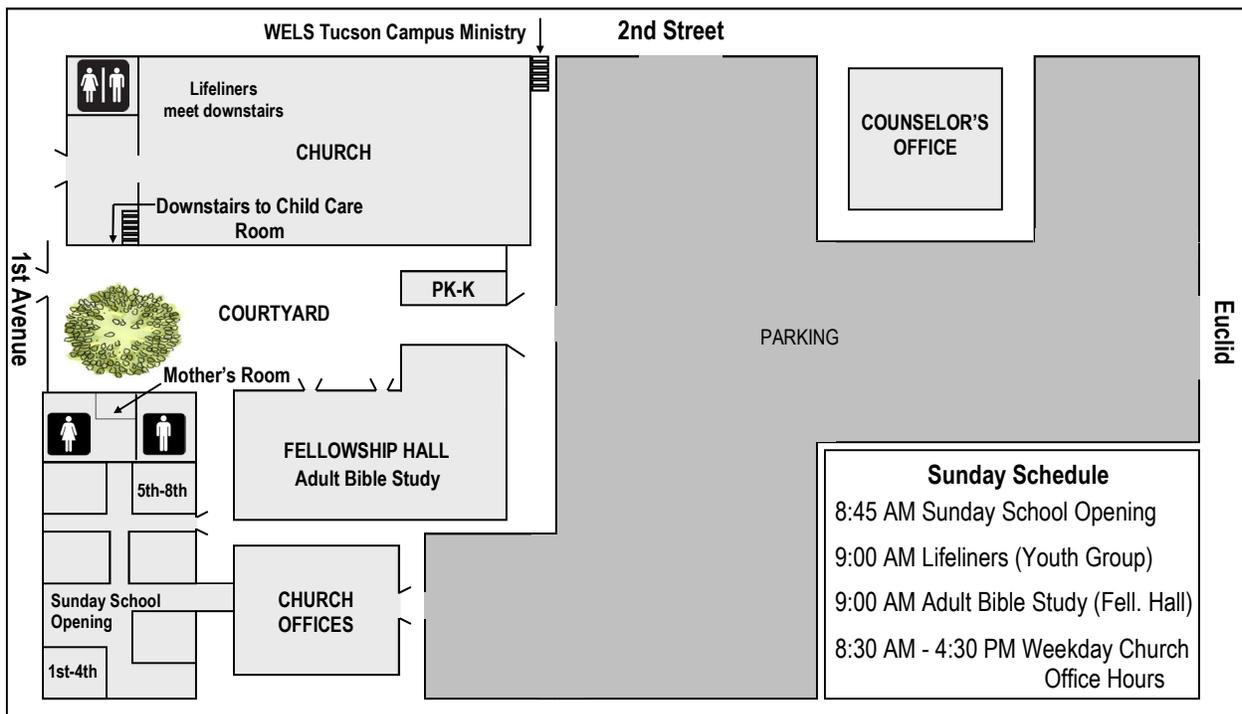
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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



SERVICE OF THE WORD

Christian Worship

WELCOME

HYMN

Lord, Help Us Ever to Retain
Christian Worship #514

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.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

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

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.

The banner in front of church features several major themes from our Summer Worship Series. It also includes a Luther's Seal, a visual representation of the theology that he learned from the Bible. The parts of the seal include a black cross that represents Christ's death for our sins inside a red heart representing faith that holds to Christ and brings spiritual life. The white rose signifies joy, comfort, and peace. The sky-blue field signifies the beginning of heavenly joy, as does the gold ring which indicates that this joy is eternal.

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have committed to your Church the task of making disciples of all nations. Enlighten with your wisdom those who teach and those who learn, that, rejoicing in the knowledge of your truth, they may worship and serve you from generation to generation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



C: A - men.

Please be seated

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.

FIRST LESSON

Love the LORD your God and keep his requirements, his decrees, his laws and his commands always. Remember today that your children were not the ones who saw and experienced the discipline of the LORD your God: his majesty, his mighty hand, his outstretched arm; the signs he performed and the things he did in the heart of Egypt, both to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his whole country; what he did to the Egyptian army, to its horses and chariots, how he overwhelmed them with the waters of the Red Sea as they were pursuing you, and how the LORD brought lasting ruin on them. It was not your children who saw what he did for you in the desert until you arrived at this place, and what he did to Dathan and Abiram, sons of Eliab the Reubenite, when the earth opened its mouth right in the middle of all Israel and swallowed them up with their households, their tents and every

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21 (NIV)

living thing that belonged to them. But it was your own eyes that saw all these great things the LORD has done.

Be careful, or you will be enticed to turn away and worship other gods and bow down to them. Then the LORD's anger will burn against you, and he will shut the heavens so that it will not rain and the ground will yield no produce, and you will soon perish from the good land the LORD is giving you. Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates, so that your days and the days of your children may be many in the land that the LORD swore to give your forefathers, as many as the days that the heavens are above the earth.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. O my people, hear my / teaching;* listen to the words / of my mouth.
2. I will utter things / from of old,*
what we have heard and what our fathers have / told us.
3. We will not hide them from our / children;*
we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds / of the LORD.

Refrain

4. The LORD decreed statutes for / Jacob* and established the law in / Israel,
5. so the next generation would / know them,*
and they in turn would tell their / children.
6. Then they would put their / trust in God*
and would not forget his deeds but would keep / his commands.
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

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in

2 Timothy 3:14-17 (NIV)

Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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

C: A - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! These words are
writ - ten that we may be - lieve that Je - sus is the Christ, the
Son of God. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 7:24-27 (NIV)

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone

who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds
Christian Worship #512

SERMON

Deuteronomy 11:1-7, 16-21
Christian Education

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!

7:45 AM—Please remain seated

10:00 AM—Please stand and turn to the Prayer of the Church on page 7.

ADULT CONFIRMATION (7:45 AM) of *Axel Angel*

Minister: Having been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and having been instructed in the basic teachings of the Bible, you are here to make a public profession of your Christian faith. The apostle Paul, writing to the Romans, said: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Therefore, lift up your heart to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

M: Do you this day, in the presence of God and of this congregation, acknowledge that in Baptism, God gave you forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation?

New Member: I do.

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.

M: Do you reject the devil along with all his lies and empty promises?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe all the canonical books of the Bible to be the inspired Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned it in the Grow in Grace Class, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

NM: I do.

M: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this teaching and to endure all things, even death, rather than fall away from it?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

M: Do you intend faithfully to conform all your life to the teachings of God's Word, to be faithful in the use of the Word and sacrament, and in faith and action remain true to God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—as long as you live?

NM: I do, and I ask God to help me.

The Pastor blesses the confirmand and hands him a confirmation certificate.

M: Your church now welcomes you into communicant membership, with all the rights, benefits, and responsibilities that this entails, and invites you to receive the Sacrament of the Lord's body and blood. Accept this invitation with deep reverence and holy joy. Regard your communing at the Lord's Table as a precious privilege given you by God through his Church; receive this Sacrament thankfully and often. The almighty and most merciful God—Father, Son (†), and Holy Spirit—bless and keep you.

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Let us pray to the God of all knowledge and wisdom that the church may be renewed and strengthened for her mission.

Silent prayer.

M: O Lord, you have revealed your good and gracious will to your people on earth. Forgive us for pursuing that knowledge that serves only our selfish desires and for using what we have learned to exploit and hurt others. Cleanse our guilty hearts of the apathy we feel for searching out the deeper truths of your Word.

C: **Holy Spirit, hear our prayer that we may put self aside and rejoice in the truth that builds up.**

M: Heavenly Father, send the Spirit of Jesus into our hearts so that like the Bereans of old we eagerly learn of you. As the deer pants for streams of water, may we be instilled with a longing to explore the mysteries of your grace.

C: **Holy Spirit, increase in us the knowledge of your truth.**

M: As you sent your Son among us as the Word made flesh, so bless the efforts of schools, colleges, and seminaries to train those who proclaim your presence among us in Word and sacrament.

C: **Holy Spirit, instill in us a desire to teach others the wisdom of your ways.**

M: God of light, give to the Church renewed wisdom and fresh understanding that the message of your salvation may shine ever brighter in this dark age.

C: **Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love so that others may see our good deeds and praise our Father in heaven.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Holy Spirit, renew the face of the earth so that at the name of Jesus every knee may bow.

C: **May your peace, which transcends all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. 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.**

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.

Please be seated

HYMN

Shepherd of Tender Youth
Christian Worship #515

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.

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

BLESSING

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

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



C: A - men. A - men. A - men.

Please be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

I Pray You, Dear Lord Jesus
Christian Worship #510

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler
Accompanists Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Rusty King, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Jon Dongoske, Dylan Guenther, Danny Koehler (10:00 AM)
Dustin Pauley, James Pauley, Colton Watson (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavely (10:00 AM)
Greeters Ron & Jean Husemann (10:00 AM)
Banner Committee Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

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Summer Worship Series

This year's Summer Worship Series is entitled "Our Great Heritage." Each week at all sites, we are considering an aspect of what makes a Lutheran a Lutheran. We'll consider bits of history from almost 500 years ago, but more importantly we'll consider the truths of Scripture that at times were hidden from the people. All sites will consider the same topic each week, so there is no issue if you join us at multiple sites throughout the summer.

Cover Picture

The picture on the front cover of our worship folder is the logo designed by Northwestern Publishing House (NPH) in recognition of the 500th Anniversary of the start of the Lutheran Reformation. NPH is the publication arm of our synod and provides a variety of biblical resources, devotional books, and more. NPH has a number of new items for sale relating to the Reformation 500 celebration. Visit their website at www.nph.net for more information or to place an order.

Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Vannieuwenhoven has announced his decision to decline the Call extended to him to serve as Grace's Mission Pastor to Benson and Vail. We wish him God's blessings as he continues his service in Tampa, FL. We also trust that God will continue to bless our congregation as we continue the calling process and await the man the Lord of the Church has in mind to serve us. **The next Call Meeting will take place next Sunday, July 30 at 2 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.**

Grace Team Trivia Night

The next Grace Team Trivia Night is happening this Saturday, July 29 at 6:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. This event is open for everyone to attend so invite a friend to join you! Teams will be formed that evening and the trivia will commence. Questions will come from a wide range of topics for all ages. Snacks will also be provided. Questions? Call Boz Lomasney at 440-251-4704. We hope you will join us!

Thank You

Thanks again to Jimmy John's for donating sandwiches for our Member Feedback Meeting this past Sunday. They are located near church at University and Park (749 N. Park Ave) if you'd like to try them again or try them for the first time!

Youth Cross Fitness Camp Wrap-Up

Thank you to all the helpers that made the Grace-Sahuarita Youth Summer Cross Fitness Camp a success. We had 27 total youth join us and averaged 21 in attendance each week supported by 15 different adult leaders. 80% of those youth were from non-member families. With the help of Thrivent Action Team grants and a number of community volunteers we were able to run the camp for 7 weeks. It was a great opportunity to share the gospel, teach some life skills and practice making healthy choices. We are already looking forward to the 2018 Youth Cross Fitness Camp.

Counseling Opportunities

Grace member Lakeisha Johnson Ganster will be volunteering her time to provide clinically-based counseling to church members seeking assistance in reaching goals and/or life changes. Lakeisha is a licensed counselor in the state of Arizona, who has received training in trauma informed care, substance abuse counseling, individual, group and/or couples therapy. Currently, she provides therapy to a variety of individuals at CODAC Health, Wellness, and Recovery to include, persons with disabilities, addictions, severe psychosis, general everyday occurrences and trauma. In counseling, we will work together to create goals that will help you understand your feelings, increase your skills in relationships, communication coping and problem solving. The main focus will be to replace ineffective behaviors and thought patterns with effective ones. There is no fee for these sessions. They are confidential and you are in complete control. If you are interested, please reach out to Lakeisha @ 719-232-1199 or email at lakeishag1986@yahoo.com. Please feel free to leave a message.

This counseling opportunity with Lakeisha is separate from the ongoing professional counseling ministry at Grace by our Bible-based Counselor Cinda Drescher. Cinda is on staff at Grace so there is no charge to consult with her. Her extensive training and experience with trauma, abuse, and attachment relationships, in addition to her comprehensive biblical instruction, has been a blessing to our members for over twenty years. Members and friends of our congregation may contact her directly at Cinda@GraceLutheranSAZ.org or 520-882-3773.

Please remember that these professional counseling opportunities do not replace the need for pastoral counseling. Your pastors are happy to meet with you regarding spiritual matters.

Member Feedback Meeting

The third and final Member Feedback Meeting will take place on Sunday, August 6 at 11:30 AM at Grace-Vail (9400 S. Atterbury Wash Way). Everyone is invited to attend, especially those at Grace-Benson and Grace-Vail. We would like to gather the input of members concerning plans to move forward with acquiring land and building new facilities in Sahuarita. The council recently heard a presentation by WELS Kingdom Workers about entering into their pilot program which offers consulting for this process. We've also been encouraged by the WELS Home Missions to make use of their services. There is a document in the Fellowship Hall and at the other sites that outlines a plan under consideration. It explains how we might accomplish this plan and how it would further our congregation's mission work in Sahuarita. Please join us to discuss the ministry and plans for Grace Lutheran Church Sahuarita.

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.

Adult Confirmation

Axel Angel will be confirmed during 7:45 AM worship this morning. We welcome him to Grace and ask God's blessings on him!

You Are Invited!

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

2 Kings 5:1-14
1 Peter 3:18-22
Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon Text
Matthew 28:16-20
Holy Baptism

ESL Volunteers Needed

English as a Second Language is in need of childcare volunteers, a teacher for the beginning class (level 1), and snack preparers beginning in September. If this is something you are interested in, please contact the church office (623-6633) or Joyce Long (795-6456). *ESL runs Mondays and Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM September through May.*

School Supplies Needed for Mission to the Children

July is here and it is once again time to think about school supplies for Mission to the Children. The following is a list of supplies needed:

Box of crayons (24 or more), colored pencils, pencils and pencil sharpeners, spiral notebooks (narrow line), rulers, protractors, glue sticks, 3-ring binders, filler paper (narrow line), construction paper, watercolor paints and brushes, graph paper, scissors, erasers, and good but inexpensive backpacks. Walmart gift cards are also appreciated and will be used to buy supplies.

The deadline is next **Sunday, July 30** since they will need time to sort and distribute the items to all the villages in August. Questions, please contact Ruth Schaller (572-6686) or Karen Manning (241-0909). Items can be brought to the Grace-Tucson office between 8:30-4:30 Monday through Friday.

Benson Site Elder Appointment

Bill Warskow has agreed to accept an appointment to the Church Council by Grace's president, Bryan Guenther. We appreciate Bill's willingness to serve as the Site Elder for Grace-Benson for the remainder of 2017. God's blessings on your service, Bill!



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 • July 23-July 30

TUCSON

Today
Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Romans 1-8* 9:00a
Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
• *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a

SAHUARITA

Today
NO Children's Sunday School
NO Adult Bible Study
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

NO Bible Study

Saturday

Team Trivia Night at Grace-Tucson 6:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Christians in Conflict* 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ... 2:00p

BENSON

Today
Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Saturday

Team Trivia Night at Grace-Tucson 6:00p

Sunday

Worship Service 7:30a
Call Meeting in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall ... 2:00p

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words* 9:00a

Saturday

Church Council Meeting 8:00a
Team Trivia Night in the Fellowship Hall 6:00p

Sunday

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following both services
Children's Sunday School 8:45a
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Romans 1-8* 9:00a
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Call Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 2:00p

VAIL

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith* 9:00a
Worship Service/Communion 10:00a
Coffee Fellowship following worship

Wednesday

Ministry Center Office Hours 3:00p-6:00p
Bible Study at Ministry Center: *Key Bible Words* 6:30p

Saturday

Team Trivia Night at Grace-Tucson 6:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith* 9:00a
Worship Service 10:00a
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For more information about our synod and what we believe visit: www.wels.net