

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

September 24, 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.

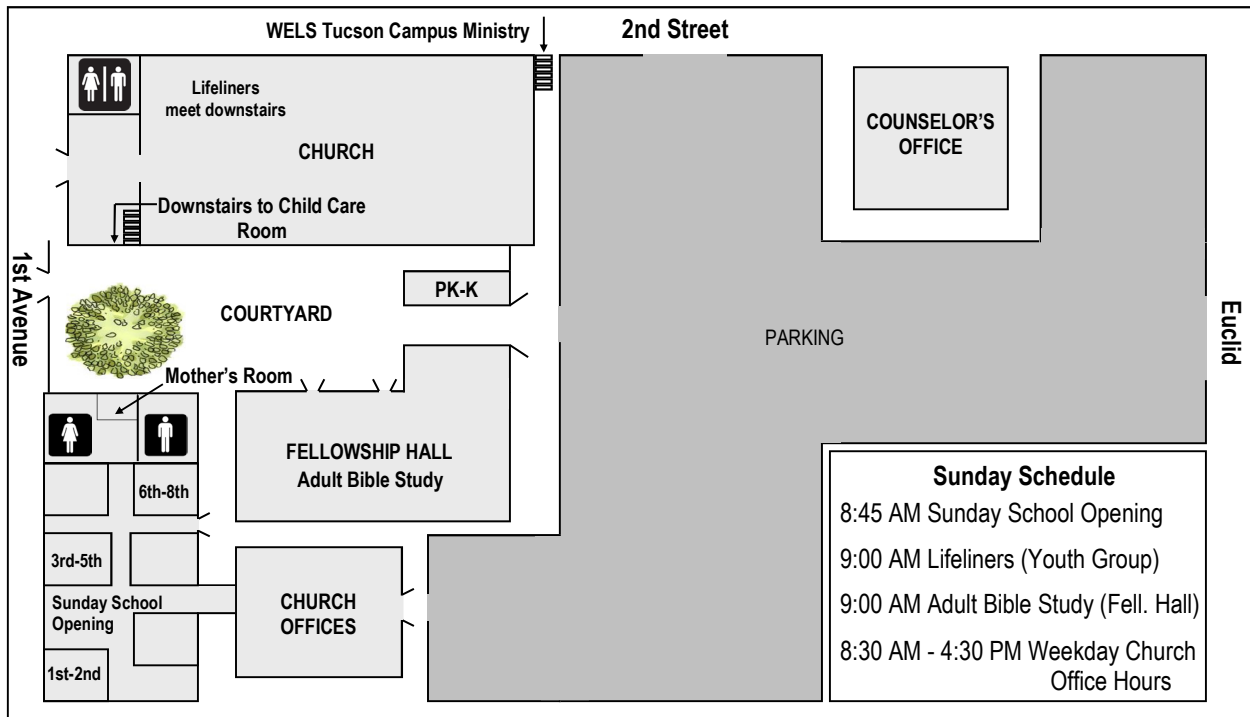
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 entryways. 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 of My Life, Whose Tender Care

Christian Worship #232

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Blest Are They
By David Haas
Arr. by Jeanne Cotter

10:00 AM—
The Only Son from Heaven and All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall
Setting by Kevin Hildebrand

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.

Let your continued mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



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

“Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the house of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them warning from me. When I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked man, you will surely die,’ and you do not speak out to dissuade him from his ways, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man to turn from his ways and he does not do so, he will die for his sin, but

Ezekiel 33:7-11 (NIV)

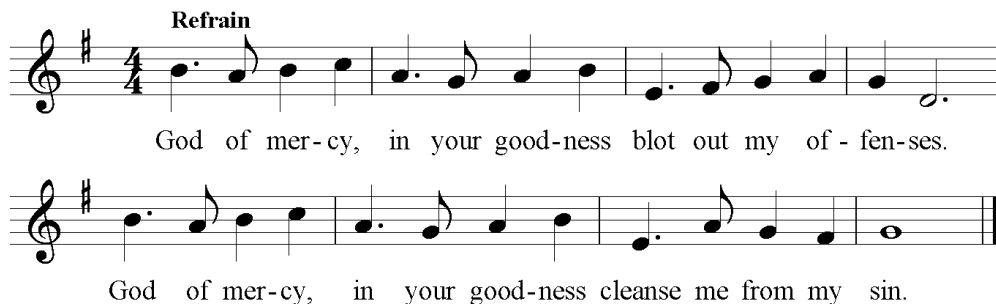
you will have saved yourself. Son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what you are saying: Our offenses and sins weigh us down, and we are wasting away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, ‘As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, O house of Israel?’”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 51

Vocalist: Refrain

Congregation: Refrain



Vocalist: *Lord, wash me clean; blot out my offenses.
I know my transgressions, I know my sin.
Your words of judgment are right and true.
I was born a sinner from my mother's womb.*

Congregation: Refrain

*Vocalist: You took for truth, Lord, yes, deep in my heart.
O teach me your wisdom, O teach me your truth.
Lord, purify me, and purge all my sin;
Then I shall be clean, yes, clean indeed.*

Congregation: Refrain

*Vocalist: Renew my spirit, bring joy to my heart.
O Lord, from your presence do not cast me away.
In your great mercy, now send your salvation.
Lord, open my lips, I will sing your praise.*

Congregation: Refrain

SECOND LESSON

When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he was clearly in the wrong. Before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray. When I saw that they were not acting in line with the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter in front of them all, "You are a Jew, yet you live like a Gentile and not like a Jew. How is it, then, that you force Gentiles to follow Jewish customs? We who are Jews by birth and not 'Gentile sinners' know that a man is not justified by observing the law, but by faith in

Galatians 2:11-21 (NIV)

Jesus Christ. So we, too, have put our faith in Christ Jesus that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by observing the law, because by observing the law no one will be justified. If, while we seek to be justified in Christ, it becomes evident that we ourselves are sinners, does that mean that Christ promotes sin? Absolutely not! If I rebuild what I destroyed, I prove that I am a lawbreaker. For through the law I died to the law so that I might live for God. I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not set aside the grace of God, for if righteousness could be gained through the law, Christ died for nothing!"

VERSE OF THE DAY (Sung by the vocalist)

Alleluia. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Alleluia.

Philippians 4:4

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

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

“If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that ‘every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.’ If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you

Matthew 18:15-20 (NIV)

would a pagan or a tax collector. I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

As Surely As I Live, God Said
Christian Worship #308 st. 1-4, 7

SERMON

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Keep Watch Over Souls

- 1) Speak God's Strong Message
- 2) Seek Their Salvation

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

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: Lord God, our maker and preserver, we praise and thank you for all that you give us day after day.

C: **We are not worthy of all the mercies you show us.**

M: You have given us your precious Word to nourish our souls and to protect us from the temptations of the devil, the world, and our sinful nature.

C: **We thank you for those who teach and preach your saving truth at this place and everywhere. Grant them a rich measure of patience, wisdom, and love.**

M: Heavenly Father, we pray that you shield us from every kind of danger: sudden catastrophe, terrors of crime, and the pain of disease. Watch over those who travel by land, sea, and air. Keep our loved ones from whatever perils may threaten them.

C: **Heal those who are sick, cheer those who are sad, calm those who are distressed, and comfort all who are old and infirm.**

M: Bless our land, our people, and those who hold offices of high trust. Keep our government and schools upright and strong for the advancement of good citizenship and useful vocations, that we may enjoy your gifts of peace, security, and well-being.

C: **Grant your blessing to every nation on earth. Where there are wars, may there be peace. Where there is hatred, let it be healed. Where there is poverty, danger, or disaster, come with your almighty power to help and restore.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.



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

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

7:45 AM—
Suantrai (This is My Will) Gaelic Melody
Setting by Rebecca Kramer

10:00 AM—
Three Variants on "In dir ist Freude" I.
Trio
By Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi

- M: We bring these requests before you in the name of Jesus our Lord, and ask you to hear us. Take all that we have, our bodies and minds, our time and skills, our ministries and offerings, and use them to your glory.
- C: We give ourselves to you that we may serve you in whatever way is pleasing in your sight. 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 (Vocalist will sing stanza 4)

Jesus Sinners Does Receive
Christian Worship #304

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.

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.

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 Jon & Sharon Guenther. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

Altar Flowers

The flowers beautifying our worship this morning have been given by Dorothy Lietha in thanks to God for allowing her to work at TMC for 43 years and in memory of loved ones.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Genesis 50:15-21
Ephesians 4:29-5:2
Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon Text

Genesis 50:15-21
Forgive As God Forgives

Kickball Invite

Children and adults are invited to play some kickball on Saturday, October 14, from 9:00 AM-1:00 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, 85743). This is an open invitation to all the WELS churches in Tucson. Plan to arrive at 9:00 AM if you'd like to play. You also can just come out to watch. There will be a break for lunch at 12:00 PM. Grace will provide the main meal, water and lemonade, but please bring a side dish or dessert to share. If you plan to participate, we ask that you bring one can of food that will be donated to the local food bank. This is a great fellowship event that we hope you can make!

Baby Shower for Katelyn Angel

There will be a baby shower for Katelyn Angel (née Lipke) in the Grace-Tucson fellowship hall on Sunday, October 15 at 1:00 PM. All women of the congregation are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided. Katelyn is registered at Amazon.com. She is having a boy. Instead of a card, please bring a new or used book for the baby. Please sign and write a message inside. For a chance to win a special prize, please bring a pack of diapers (any size).

Lutheran Night at the Tucson Roadrunners

Come enjoy a night of hockey and fellowship on Friday, November 10 at 7:00 PM in the Tucson Arena (260 S. Church Street) as the Tucson Roadrunners celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. The first 300 tickets purchased will receive a Martin Luther figurine. There is a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall. Tickets are \$24 and should be paid by cash or check to Grace Lutheran Church ASAP. **Money should be put in an envelope with your name on it and given to one of the pastors or mailed to the office. DO NOT put it in the offering plate.** Please call the church office if you have any questions at 623-6633.



**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 • Sept 24-Oct 1

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
 Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Creation vs. Evolution* 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Eegee's & Galatians* 7:00p

Monday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

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SAHUARITA

Today

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

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Proverbs* 10:00a

Saturday

Trivia Night in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall 6:00p

Sunday

Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study: *Christians in Conflict*..... 9:00a
 Worship Service/Communion 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Saturday

Trivia Night in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall 6:00p

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Wednesday

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

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Key Bible Words* 9:00a
 WELS TCM Lunch: *Cup It Up American Grill*..... 11:30a
 Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary 5:30p
 Worship Choir Practice in Sanctuary 6:30p

Friday

WELS TCM Movie Night..... 7:00p

Saturday

Trivia Night in the Fellowship Hall 6:00p

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
 Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Creation vs. Evolution* 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Who is Martin Luther?* 7:00p

VAIL

Today

Children's Sunday School 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study: *Hebrews 11: Heroes of Faith*..... 9:00a
 Worship Service 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

Trivia Night in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall 6:00p

Sunday

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.....

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Two Services at Grace-Sahuarita

Beginning next Sunday, October 1, Grace-Sahuarita will return to two services each Sunday. The first at 7:45 AM and the second at 10:00 AM with Bible Study in between at 9:00 AM.

Choir and Handbells

It's not too late to join Grace-Tucson's Handbell Choir and Worship Choir on Thursday evenings. The Handbell Choir meets in the sanctuary at **5:30 PM** and Worship Choir meets following handbells at **6:30 PM** in the balcony. All members age 12 and up are welcome to join us for either or both groups! If you have any questions, please contact Beth Kassulke (260-3649, music@gracelutheransaz.org).

There will be a Joint Choir for our Reformation 500 worship service on November 5. Members from all Grace sites are invited to participate. Those interested are encouraged to come to Worship Choir rehearsals at Grace-Tucson on Thursdays. We will begin these rehearsals at 6:30 PM with the Reformation music. After rehearsing the pieces for Reformation, only those who will be singing at Tucson need to remain for the rest of the rehearsal.

Reformation 500 Service

In honor of the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Lutheran Reformation, the WELS churches of the Tucson area are planning a special celebration for Sunday morning, November 5. The morning will include a Reformation concert that takes place before a special worship service. The concert will start no later than 9:30, but may be even earlier. The worship service, which will replace the regular worship services at all of Grace's sites (and those of all of the Tucson area WELS churches), will begin at 10:00 AM and will include guest preacher Professor Mark Paustian from Martin Luther College. To accommodate everyone, this service will take place in the auditorium of Tucson High School, located at 400 N 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705. Lunch will follow the service there at the high school campus. Watch for more details as the date approaches!

WELS TCM Alumni Reunion

Were you a part of Grace's campus ministry (ELF, Phase Two, or WELS TCM) during your college years? You're invited to reconnect with other alumni at the 25th Annual Luther Movie Night at Grace-Tucson (830 N. 1st Ave) on Sunday, October 29 starting at 5:30 PM! German style feast and Luther movie at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Fellowship and dessert in the Student Center (basement) following the movie. RSVP on the Facebook page or to Pastor Patoka (RevTLP@GraceLutheranSAZ.org or 623-6633) if you plan to attend. For more information, talk with Pastor Patoka or visit the Facebook page (www.facebook.com/welstcm and click on Events).

Teen Hike: October 21

Redeemer's teen group invites the teens from Grace to hike Picacho Peak on Saturday, October 21. We will meet at the base of the mountain at 7:30 AM (there is an entrance fee of \$7 per car). We will be hiking Hunter Trail which is 4 miles round trip. Please make sure that everyone brings at least 1/2 gallon of water, snacks, sunscreen, and a pair of gloves. Part of the hike has cables which you grab to help climb up. Please speak to Pastor Matt Langebartels (572-8136) if you have questions.



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.