

Fifth Sunday of Easter

LOVE

is patient
is kind
it does not envy
it does not boast
it is not proud
it is not rude
it is not self-seeking
it is not easily angered
keeps no record of wrongs
does not delight in evil
rejoices with the truth
always protects
always trusts
always hopes
always perseveres
never fails

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

10:00 AM Worship

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
May 3, 2015



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

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

Worship Notes

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

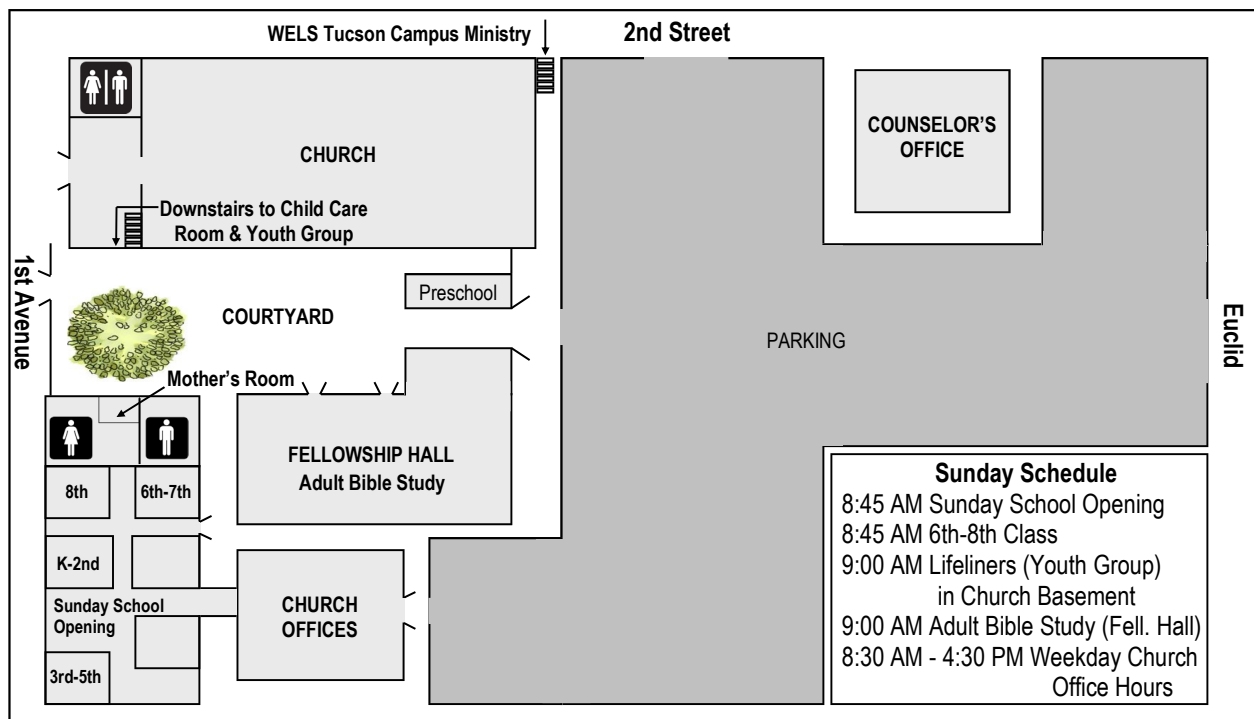
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

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

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

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



PRESERVICE MUSIC

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
By Jeffrey Blersch

YOUTH CONFIRMATION SERVICE

WELCOME

HYMN

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won
Christian Worship #145

Please stand

INVOCATION

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

CONGREGATION: Amen.

CONFESSION

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: O God, you form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that among the many changes of this world, our hearts may ever yearn for the lasting joys of heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Please be seated

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 20:12-17 (NIV)

Then Jonathan said to David: “By the LORD, the God of Israel, I will surely sound out my father by this time the day after tomorrow! If he is favorably disposed toward you, will I not send you word and let you know? But if my father is inclined to harm you, may the LORD deal with me, be it ever so severely, if I do not let you know and send you away safely. May the LORD be with you as he has been with my father. But show me unfailing kindness like that of the

LORD as long as I live, so that I may not be killed, and do not ever cut off your kindness from my family—not even when the LORD has cut off every one of David’s enemies from the face of the earth.” So Jonathan made a covenant with the house of David, saying, “May the LORD call David’s enemies to account.” And Jonathan had David reaffirm his oath out of love for him, because he loved him as he loved himself.

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35 (NIV)

When he was gone, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified and God is glorified in him. If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once. My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the

Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come. A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

HYMN

Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me
Christian Worship #479

SERMON

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NIV)
Love Never Fails

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never

fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known. And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

(Please remain seated after the sermon)

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 pew and pass it along. Thank You!



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

VOICES OF GRACE

A Loving Heart
Based on 1 Cor. 13

*A loving heart is kind and patient. It will not boast or envy be.
It will bear all things without complaint, for it endures, hopes and believes.*

*Though I may speak with the sound of angels, and if I give all that I possess,
Without love I am as a sounding gong. I have no gain but the gift of love.*

*Love never ends, love is forever. Though mortal flesh may soon be gone,
And the stars fall from the heavens, Love never ends; it will live on.*

*To live in faith is to live in God's pure light, and all who hope will not be denied.
But to love is to touch the face of God and taste of heav'n here in this life.*

*Faith and hope and love abide, these three,
And still the best of all is love, the best of all is a loving heart.*

Please stand

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER

M: God of all grace, we thank you for the gift of eternal life in your Son. By the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and by the faithful testimony of the apostles, you have assured us that our faith stands on a sure and solid foundation.

Though we do not see Jesus with our physical eyes, help us see him with the eyes of faith. Through your Holy Spirit, breathe on your Church that it may faithfully proclaim the gospel of our risen Savior with courage and diligence in all lands and to all people. Grant that we also may be illumined by the heavenly light of your Word, and so keep us in the one and only true faith.

Preserve us from all assaults on our souls, deliver us from doubt and despair, and preserve us from worldly wisdom and false teaching.

Forgive the sins of your people. Strengthen the doubting and faithless. Bring back the forgetful and wayward, and comfort the anxious and the distressed.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: As we go from this holy place today, grant peace and rest to us all. We pray this in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

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

Please be seated

RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND CONFESSIONS OF FAITH

Each confirmand will read a brief essay that he or she has prepared.

The confirmands' essays serve as an expression of their knowledge of and faith in God and His Word, and they also benefit us all as a review of some fundamental truths of Scripture. Please join in singing the hymn stanzas as indicated (to the tune of hymn #597, "May God the Father of Our Lord").

Jeffrey Jacob Hock
**"Why the Ten Commandments
Are Important to Me"**

(sing)1. May God the Father of our Lord,
Who called you by his holy Word,
Perfect, establish, settle you,
Keep you through faith forever true.

John Eldon Pikyavit
**"Why the Apostles' Creed
Is Important to Me"**

2. In Jesus Christ may you be blessed
And brought to his eternal rest.
The work he has in you begun,
He will perform till all is done.

Isaac Edward Walshaw
"Why the Lord's Prayer Is Important to Me"

3. The Holy Spirit give you pow'r,
The strength of prayer in ev'ry hour,
The wisdom, knowledge, fear of God,
That lifts above his chast'ning rod.

Nicole Leigh McNamara
**"Why the Use of the Keys and Confession
Are Important to Me"**

4. May God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, Three in One,
Preserve you blameless till in Grace
You stand before his holy face.

Demarco Dino Tsosie
"Why Holy Baptism Is Important to Me"

5. Make your confession and be bold,
To share the Savior as we're told,
That those who hear may also be
With Christ and us eternally.

Alicia Marie Shanklin
"Why Holy Communion Is Important to Me"

6. Lord, keep us steadfast, keep us true;
Give zeal your glorious work to do.
Until we join in heaven's song,
Your boundless grace to us prolong!

CONFIRMANDS' CONFESSION AND PROMISE

MINISTER: Brothers in Christ, our Lord Jesus said to his disciples: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

In obedience to the Lord's command, you have been baptized in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. You have been taught the precious truths of the Christian faith as confessed by the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod. You know what God has given you by his grace and what he expects of you as his dear child. You now have the privilege of receiving the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

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 hearts to the God of all grace and joyfully answer these questions.

MINISTER: 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?

CONFIRMANDS: *I do.*

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

C: *I do.*

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

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.

M: Do you desire to become a communicant member of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod and of this congregation?

C: *I do.*

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

C: *I do.*

M: Do you believe that the teaching of the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod, as you have learned to know it from Luther's Small Catechism, is faithful and true to the Word of God?

C: *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?

C: *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?

C: *I do, and I ask God to help me.*

M: Now give your hand at the Lord’s altar as a pledge of your promise and receive his blessing.

Confirmation Blessings

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.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

M: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **Amen.**

The confirmands and their family members who are communicant members will receive the Lord’s Supper prior to distribution to the congregation.

DISTRIBUTION

Our church practices “Member Communion.” If you are a guest today and are a confirmed member of another WELS church, we invite you to the Lord’s Table with us. If you are a guest today and are not a member of one of our Wisconsin Synod churches, we ask that you would speak to one of the pastors after church today or at some other time to discuss receiving the Lord’s Supper with us in the future.

*We provide **gluten-free communion wafers** for those with wheat allergy, gluten-sensitivity or celiac disease. These wafers are stored and handled separately to avoid cross-contamination. They are “bread” as Scripture requires and are consecrated along with the rest of the bread. For those requiring gluten-free wafers, please take one from the container on the stand located at the front rail as you approach for communion. Simply hold it so that the pastor can see it at the time of distribution.*

***Grape juice** is available for those who for health or medical reason require it instead of wine. Please speak with a pastor about providing grape juice for you on future Sundays.*

WORSHIP CHOIR

Nunc Dimittis

Based on Luke 2:29-32, the Song of Simeon

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace according to Thy word.

*And now, let Your servant, Lord, depart in heav'nly peace.
We have heard Your Holy Word, seen Your redeeming grace.
This salvation is a Light to light the Gentiles' way,
Lord of Glory, King Almighty with us here today.*

*REFRAIN: Thank the Lord and sing His praise; proudly let your voices raise.
Forth we go into the world, strengthened by His Holy Word,
Sins forgiven, our faith restored. Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

*As we go our sep'rate ways, united by Your love,
Fed and nourished by Your grace for life in heav'n above.
Bless us with desire to serve, great things You've done for us,
Took the death that we deserve: Your Son upon the cross. REFRAIN*

*Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Glory be unto the Father, glory to the Son,
Glory be unto the Spirit, Holy Three in One.
As it was in the beginning, from eternity,
Our God is among us now and evermore shall be.*

*So all who seek the Lord rejoice! Let us make a joyful noise! REFRAIN
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Please stand

PRAYER

M: We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us with this holy supper. We pray that through it you will strengthen our faith in you and increase our love for one another. We ask this in the name of 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

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living
Christian Worship #490

POSTLUDE

May the Peace
Christian Worship Supplement #745

*May the peace of God our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.
And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

*May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his Communion
Make us one in spirit and in heart.
And to him be praise for his glorious reign
From the depths of earth to the heights of heav'n.
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Communion Assistants Pastor Ron Koehler, Pastor Sam Clemons, Pastor Mark Hallemeier
Accompanist & Worship Choir Director Teri Guenther
Voices of Grace Director Beth Kassulke
Violin Maya Parra
Ushers Mark Christianson, Jon Dongoske, Jonathan Ganster
Danny Koehler, Jon Miller, Dustin Pauley, Rick Street
Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavelly
Altar Prep Team Elaine Goldie, Karen Grorud, Gisela Kittel

Copyright Info:

Divine Service II: Music for *Lamb of God* by Dale Witte. Words for *Glory Be to God* and *Holy, Holy, Holy* and by Stephen P. Starke. © 2005 Northwestern Publishing House.

A Loving Heart: By Timothy G. Bushong. © 2009 GlorySound, a div. of Shawnee Press, Inc.

Nunc Dimittis: By Peter S. Klemp. © 2013 Concordia Publishing House.

May the Peace of God: By Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. © 2005 Thankyou Music; admin. EMI CMG Publishing.

Copyrighted material reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710199.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to our youth confirmands, Jeffrey Hock, Nicole McNamara, John Pikyavit, Alicia Shanklin, Demarco Tsosie and Isaac Walshaw. The congregation is invited to celebrate this special occasion in the lives of our young people with a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall following the service.

The congregation is also invited to an open house for Jeffrey Hock this afternoon from 1:00-3:00 PM. The address is 2956 N Mountain Ave.

The Grace congregation is also invited to an open house for confirmands Nicole McNamara and Alicia Shanklin starting at 2:00 PM this afternoon in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.



**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 • May 3-May 10

TUCSON

Today YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Worship Services/Communion.....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
 Cake Reception following 10 AM Worship.....
 Hock Confirmation Open House 1:00p
 McNamara/Shanklin Confirmation Open House 2:00p
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Ten Commandments*.. 7:00p

Monday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p

Tuesday

English as a Second Language Classes 6:30p
 Pastors' Conference in Ahwatukee, AZ (Tues-Wed)

Wednesday

NO Midweek Bible Studies

Thursday

Women's Bible Study: *Leviticus*9:00a

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup9:30a

Saturday

Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita10:00a

Sunday

Worship Services 7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services.....
 Children's Sunday School8:45a
 Youth Confirmation Class.....8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *Pastor Kassulke*9:00a
 WELS TCM Finals Stress-Relief Cookout.....6:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Worship Service/Coffee Fellowship 9:45a

Wednesday

NO Bible Study

Saturday

Call Meeting at Grace-Sahuarita..... 10:00a

Sunday

Worship, Fellowship and Bible Study..... 9:45a

VAIL

Today

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

Monday

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

Friday

Precious Lambs Playgroup..... 9:30a

Sunday

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

BENSON

Today

Worship Service..... 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service..... 7:30a

**Grace Evangelical
Lutheran Church**

**830 N. First Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85719**

**Phone 623-6633
Fax 623-1514**

Administrative Assistant

**Cora Stuhr
office@gracelutheransaz.org**

Pastors

At Grace-Tucson

Ronald G. Koehler, III revrgk3@gracelutheransaz.org

Nathan P. Kassulke revnpg@gracelutheransaz.org

Samuel M. Clemons revsmc@gracelutheransaz.org

At Grace-Vail & Grace-Benson

Colin M. Rieke revcmr@gracelutheransaz.org

At Grace-Sahuarita

Ronald G. Koehler, III revrgk3@gracelutheransaz.org

Bible-Based Counselor

Cinda Drescher
cinda@gracelutheransaz.org
Phone 882-3773

Music Coordinator

Beth Kassulke
music@gracelutheransaz.org
Phone 260-3649

Office Assistant

Debbie Koehler
assistant@gracelutheransaz.org
Phone 623-6633

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.

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

2 Kings 6:15-17
Revelation 3:14-22
John 14:23-29

Quarterly Offering Statements Available

Those who use the offering envelopes 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 Polo Shirts & T-Shirts

We are excited to announce that polo shirts and t-shirts with the Grace logo are offered for sale at all four Grace locations. Youth, Ladies, and Men sizes are available. Photos of the shirt styles and colors will be available to help you make your selection. Prices: Poly/Cotton polo - \$14.50-\$19.50; Polyester Cool/Wicking polo \$24.00-\$26.50; T-shirts \$11.00-\$21.50. (Prices are slightly higher for XX and larger sizes.) **Orders will be taken today and May 10.** Payment should be made when shirts are ordered. See Sally Littau in the courtyard if you'd like to place an order.

Call Meeting on May 9th

The next Call Meeting is scheduled for this Saturday, May 9 at 10:00 AM at Grace-Sahuarita (17675 South La Canada Dr, Sahuarita, AZ 85629). We will be extending a Divine Call for a Pastor to serve at our Sahuarita site. All members are welcome to join us for this meeting and to offer appropriate input to the voters. **David Farley will be providing lunch (pulled pork) for those in attendance.**

Grace-Tucson Parking Lot Re-Sealing

The Grace-Tucson parking lot will be re-sealed Tuesday, May 19 through Saturday, May 23. Parking will not be permitted until Sunday, May 24. All events at Grace-Tucson will be canceled that week. Thanks for your understanding!



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