

Summer Worship Series



WEEK 11: Theology of the Cross

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

August 27, 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.

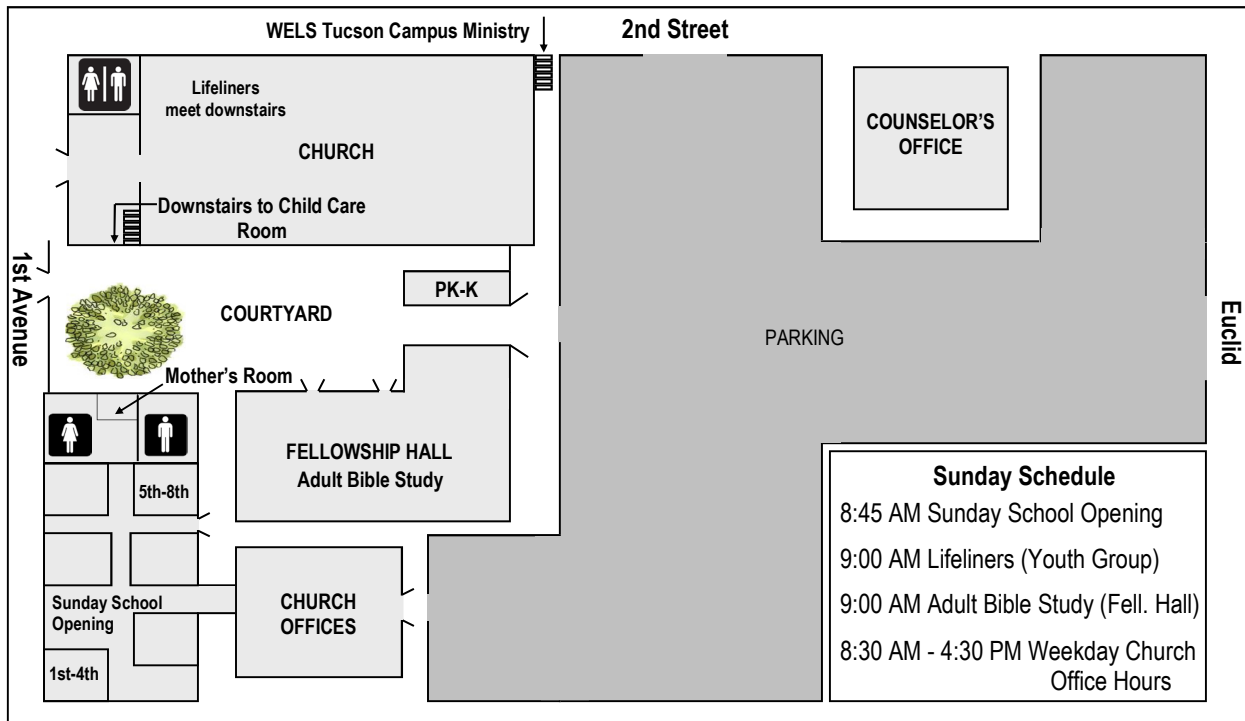
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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

I Walk in Danger All the Way
Christian Worship #431

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.

PRESERVICE MUSIC:

10:00 AM—

Drawn to the Cross
Setting by Benjamin
M. Culli

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.

Lord Jesus Christ, we praise you for offering yourself for us on the cross as a sacrifice to pay for our sins. As you have called us to follow you through all things, including suffering, pain, and self-denial, grant us the grace to respond with lives of commitment and service until at last you welcome us into your glory; 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

Job 42:1-6 (NIV)

Then Job replied to the LORD: “I know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my counsel without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. You said,

‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you but now my eyes have seen you. Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 27

The vocalist will sing the verses. The congregation may join in the refrains and verse 7.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Hear my voice when I / call, O LORD;* be merciful to me and / answer me.
2. Do not hide your / face from me,*
do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my / helper.
3. Do not reject me or for- / sake me,* O God my / Savior.

Refrain

4. Though my father and mother for- / sake me,* the LORD will re- / ceive me.
5. I am still confi- / dent of this:*
- I will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the / living.
6. Wait / for the LORD;* be strong and take heart and wait / for the LORD.
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

1 Peter 4:12-19 (NIV)

Dear friends, do not be surprised at the painful trial you are suffering, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice that you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a

Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And, "If it is hard for the righteous to be saved, what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?" So then, those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves to their faithful Creator and continue to do good.

VERSE OF THE DAY

John 20:31

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!

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

Mark 8:31-38 (NIV)

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men." Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said:

"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spoke
Christian Worship #453

SERMON

Mark 8:31-38
Take Up Your Cross

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, our refuge and strength, we gather to worship and praise you for your ongoing work of reformation in your Church.

C: Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: God of grace, in unfathomable love you pitied us sinners and sent your Son as our substitute to deliver us from sin, guilt, death, darkness, and despair.

C: For your grace, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace you sent your Spirit to call us to repentance. Your powerful gospel rescued us from rebellion and fills us with faith in you, the true and living God.

C: For saving faith, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: By your grace we are heirs of your eternal Word and trustees of the inspired Scriptures, through which you proclaim your saving truth to every generation. By the Scriptures you overthrew the darkness of those who perverted your teachings and restored to your church the message of salvation by grace alone.

C: For the Holy Scriptures, Lord, to you alone be glory.

M: In these last days, Lord Jesus Christ, protect your little flock. We are like sheep living among fierce wolves. Satan stalks us like a roaring lion. Defend us from false teachers who twist your Word to satisfy the latest longing.

C: For wisdom and watchfulness under attack, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: Never in the history of the world has your Holy Word been so accessible. We lack only the zeal to treasure your restored truth with lives of faithful Bible study.

C: For the noble character to search the Scriptures daily, hear our prayer, O Lord.

M: As we continue to celebrate the Reformation that restored your pure gospel to your Church, we also celebrate our common confession of the pure gospel in Word and sacrament.

C: For this unity of faith, we give you thanks, O Lord.



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OFFERTORY

MUSIC:

10:00 AM—
The Tree of Life
Setting by Bruce W. Becker

M: We remember the faithful confessors of this and former generations, who have passed down to us your Word of Truth.

C: **For these faithful servants, we give you thanks, O Lord.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: In thanksgiving for the many and amazing blessings restored to your Church through the Reformation, we now commit ourselves to your care.

C: **Be our mighty fortress, our trusty shield and weapon, O Lord. 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

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken
Christian Worship #465

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.

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

Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me
Christian Worship #428

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Tim Patoka
Worship Leader Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)
Accompanists..... Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM), Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Vocalists..... Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM), Dylan Guenther (10:00 AM)
Ushers Rusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Chris Stuhr (10:00 AM)
Greeters..... Jeanette O'Donald & Nadine Rentschler (10:00 AM)
Banner Committee Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

POSTLUDE:

10:00 AM—
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Setting by Hal
Hopson

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Divine Call Declined

After much prayer and careful deliberation, Pastor Daniel Lindner 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 Minneapolis, MN. 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 is scheduled for Sunday, September 10 at 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.**

Pastor Patoka Open House Today

With the help of Grace Lutheran Church, Pastor Patoka and his wife Katie have purchased their first home! You're invited to come to their open house this afternoon from 2:00-5:00 PM. Their address is 1853 W Waterleaf Drive, Tucson, AZ 85704.

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

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 Lakeisha and Jonathan Ganster. 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

Leviticus 19:9-18
1 Corinthians 10:23-33
Luke 10:30-37

Sermon Text

Luke 10:30-37
Christian Vocation

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 worship service. Please mark your calendars for Sunday, November 5 at 10:00 AM. This service will replace the regular Sunday morning services at all Grace sites and will bring together WELS members and friends from our sister churches. To accommodate a large congregation, the service will be held in the auditorium of Tucson High School, located at 400 N 2nd Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705. Please also watch for more information and ways that you can volunteer to help with this celebration!

Redeemer's Great Exchange Starts Tomorrow

Do you hate to yard sale your own items? Then you will love the Great Exchange! This is a two and one-half day adventure that has proven to delight all ages. Bring your no-longer used or never-used items which includes, but is not limited to, clothes, books, videos, office supplies, kids toys, household items, linens, jewelry, etc. You do not need to bring items to be able to choose items to take home and enjoy. All items are FREE of charge! We serve food throughout so you can shop and eat or sit at a table and enjoy the company of fellow Christians. **The Great Exchange is open from 7:00 AM to 6:00 PM on August 28 & 29 and from 7:00 AM to 1:00 PM on August 30 in Redeemer's Ministry Center located at 8845 N. Silverbell Rd, Tucson.** Please join us! For questions call Ruth Schaller at 572-6686.

Attention Thrivent Members—"Summer of Impact" FREE MONEY to Give!

If you are a Thrivent Financial member, **you have until this coming Thursday, August 31 (or whenever the allotted funds run out) to direct \$50 to the charity of your choice.** This is money Thrivent is giving you! The process is simple: log into your Thrivent account, go to Direct Choice Dollars and you will find the \$50 dollars there along with any Choice Dollars you have accumulated. Search for Grace among the list of charities and you should see the Grace logo, the address of our central office in Tucson, and our website listed. Grace has a fund set up to receive these dollars—it is a general fund of the congregation and not site-specific. Please consider the ministry the Lord has blessed us with at Grace as you direct this special gift.



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 • Aug 27-Sept 3

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services7:45 & 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
Patoka Open House (All Sites Invited) 2:00-5:00p
WELS TCM Bible Study: *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* 7:00p

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: *Illegal Pete's*..... 11:30a

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion 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
NO WELS TCM—Labor Day Weekend.....

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: *Luther: Return to Grace* 10:00a

Sunday

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

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

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

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

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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 September 18. 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.*

Boy Pioneers Campout

Join the Boy Pioneers for a campout on September 22-24 at Schnebly Hill Road, located 20 minutes south of Flagstaff. The campout is open to boys grades 1-8. Boys younger than 1st grade must have a parent come along. **Please RSVP by this Friday, September 1** to Teri Guenther: email (teriguen@msn.com) or text (520-235-1177). You may also direct any questions about the campout to her as well.

LWMS Grand Canyon East Circuit Fall Rally: October 7

Saturday, October 7 at 9:00 AM, Redeemer Lutheran Church (8845 N. Silverbell Rd, Tucson) is hosting the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society Grand Canyon Circuit East's Fall Rally. All women of Grace are *encouraged* to attend. **Registration is \$10** and includes lunch. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall and at all the Grace locations. There is also a poster in the courtyard and Fellowship Hall with more information. **The rally registration and Mission Money donation deadline is due on Saturday, September 16 and needs to be mailed to Rose Pedersen (1154 Turkey Knob, Las Cruces, NM, 88012).** Please contact Diane Kramm if you have any questions at 440-8564.

Special Voters' Meeting Result

An August 20th meeting was held to decide whether to move forward with the purchase of land for Grace-Sahuarita and plans for a new church building along with a Child Learning Center. In a brief, 22-minute meeting, the voters unanimously decided to proceed with the project and to engage Kingdom Workers as consultants for this land purchase and building project. We thank all those who participated in the three Member Feedback Meetings held this summer and all those who offered their thoughts and prayers during this time. We ask the Lord of the Church to bless our efforts as we go forward!

Our next step as a congregation will be to accumulate down payment funds for the land. We estimate the needed amount to be \$75,000. Grace has a specific fund for this project called the Grace-Sahuarita New Building Fund. You may begin giving to this fund immediately through the Grace website or by designating your gift for this fund through offering envelopes. If you use an envelope other than those pre-printed with your envelope number on them, please write your number on the outside of the envelope.

Grace Member Honored

Grace member Courtney Kuehl (Cashion) will be inducted into the University of Arizona Sports Hall of Fame in ceremonies held this week! Courtney was a world-ranked UA swimmer who currently lives with her husband Adam in Stuttgart, Germany. Congratulations, Courtney!



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