

Summer Worship Series



WEEK 13: To God Alone Be the Glory

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church
Tucson, Arizona

September 10, 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.

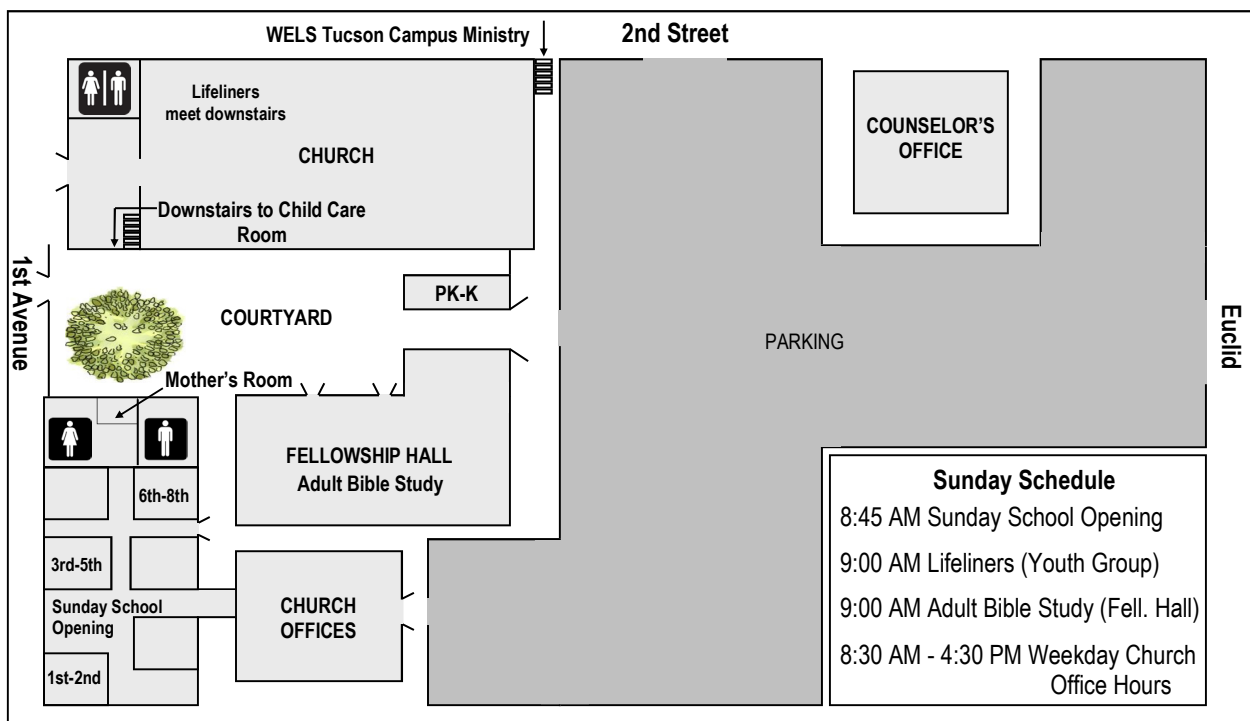
Hymns are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

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 (Vocalist: st. 1 & 4; Cong: 2 & 3)

Songs of Praise the Angels Sang
Christian Worship #222

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:

God of Grace and
God of Glory
By David Cherwien

Innocents
Arr. by Valerie
Floeter

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.

God of all power and might, you are the giver of all that is good. Help us love you with all our heart, strengthen us in true faith, provide us with all we need, and keep us safe in your care; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you 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

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy in his dwelling place. Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength, ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name. Bring an offering and come before him; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. Tremble before him, all the earth! The world is firmly established; it cannot be

1 Chronicles 16:23-36 (NIV)

moved. Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them! Then the trees of the forest will sing, they will sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name, that we may glory in your praise." Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. Then all the people said "Amen" and "Praise the LORD."

The vocalist will sing the verses. The congregation may join in the refrains and verse 5.

Refrain



Psalm Tone



1. Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us but to your name be the glory,
because of your love and faithfulness.
Why do the nations say, "Where is their God?"
Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.
2. The LORD remembers us and will bless us:
He will bless the house of Israel,
he will bless those who fear the LORD—
small and great alike.

Refrain

3. May the LORD make you increase,
both you and your children.
May you be blessed by the LORD,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
4. The highest heavens belong to the LORD,
but the earth he has given to man.
It is not the dead who praise the LORD,
it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.
5. **Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

SECOND LESSON

Romans 11:33-36 (NIV)

“Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who

has been his counselor? Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him? For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.”

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

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!

Please stand

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

GOSPEL

John 17:1-10 (NIV)

After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed: "Father, the time has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you. For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him. Now this is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do. And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began. I have revealed you to those whom you

gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them."

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Please be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY (Vocalist: st. 1; Cong: 2-4)

Not unto Us
Christian Worship #392

To God Alone Be the Glory

- 1) Only To God
- 2) Always To God

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!

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.

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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC:

*The Glory of God
By Edward
Broughton*

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.**

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.**

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

Glory Be to God the Father
Christian Worship #239

Please stand

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.

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

To God Be the Glory
Christian Worship #399

POSTLUDE:

To God be the Glory
By Martha Sherrill
Kelsey

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

- Preacher Pastor Tim Patoka
- Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
- Accompanist.....Katie Patoka
- Vocalists..... Nicole Peterson (7:45 AM), Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)
- Trumpet..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke (10:00 AM)
- UshersRusty King, Rick Street, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Ed Ethington, Lucas Guenther, Ferdie Kramm, Jacob Miller, Jon Miller (10:00 AM)
- Sound & Recording Tech Jeremy Snavelly (10:00 AM)
- Greeters..... Jean & Ron Husemann (10:00 AM)
- Banner Committee Jeanette O'Donald, Nadine Rentschler, Sandy Weir

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Call Meeting Today

The next Call Meeting to call a Mission Pastor to Vail and Benson will take place this afternoon at 2:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

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 Pat Messer and Teddy Pittsinger. 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 Bryan and Teri Guenther in thanks to God for 23 years of marriage.

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

NEXT SUNDAY

Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week

Judges 16:22-31
Galatians 6:12-16
Matthew 16:21-26

Sermon Text

Judges 16:22-31
Losing Your Life For Your Lord

Upcoming Voters' Meeting

The next Voters' Meeting for our congregation is scheduled for Saturday, September 23 at 8:30 AM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall. Because of this early start time breakfast will be provided beginning at 8:00 AM. A booklet with Pastor and Council reports can be found at both entrances of church and in the Fellowship Hall. This keeps members up to date on Grace's ministry activities and helps voters prepare for the meeting.

Thank You

Bob and Audrey Nessinger would like to thank everyone for their cards, visits, prayers and phone calls while Bob has been hospitalized. Please continue to keep Bob in your prayers!

Martin Luther Movie on PBS

Many members of our congregation were able to view a screening of the Martin Luther Movie "A Return to Grace" in March of this year. A different version of that movie will be airing on PBS 6 Plus locally this Friday, September 15 at 1:00 PM. The PBS version of the movie, entitled "Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World," features more discussion of Luther's political and social influence and less about his theology. Both versions will be available on DVD later in the year. *Thrivent Financial exclusively sponsored these two Luther movies to recognize the 500th anniversary of the Reformation.*

LWMS 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 at all the Grace locations. There is also a poster at each site with more information. **The rally registration and Mission Money donation deadline is due this 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.



**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 10-Sept 17

TUCSON

Today

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
 Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Creation & Evolution* 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
Call Meeting in the Fellowship Hall 2:00p
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *Radical Grace* 7:00p

Monday

English as a Second Language Staff Meeting 7:00p

SAHUARITA

Today

Children's Sunday School..... 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study: *Christians in Conflict*..... 9:00a
 Worship Service 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following worship.....
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

Wednesday

Bible Study: *Proverbs* 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.....

BENSON

Today

Worship Service 7:30a
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

Sunday

Worship Service/Communion 7:30a

Tuesday

Saguaro Circuit Meeting at Grace-Tucson..... 1:00p

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: *Potbelly Sandwich Shop*..... 11:30a
 Handbell Choir Practice in Sanctuary 5:30p
 Worship Choir Practice in Sanctuary 6:30p

Sunday

Worship Services/Communion.....7:45 & 10:00a
 Coffee Fellowship following both services
 Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
 Lifeliners (High School Group): *Creation & Evolution* 9:00a
 Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall):
 • *Church-Mission-Ministry* 9:00a
 WELS TCM Bible Study: *The Luther Rose* 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.....
Call Meeting at Grace-Tucson 2:00p

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.....

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ESL Meeting Tomorrow

There will be an ESL meeting for all staff and volunteers tomorrow, September 11 at 7:00 PM in the Grace-Tucson Fellowship Hall.

Hurricane Relief—You Can Help!

A number of Grace members have asked about assisting those affected by Hurricane Harvey. Below are three opportunities to help.

- 1) There are WELS Christian Aid and Relief offering envelopes available in the Fellowship Hall. Grace will pass those gifts on as you put them in offering plates on Sundays. Gifts may also be given directly to WELS Christian Aid and Relief by calling 1-800-827-5482 or by going to this link: <https://community.wels.net/page.aspx?pid=394>. You may view more information on their website: <https://wels.net/serving-others/christian-aid-relief/>.
- 2) You can make a personal donation on Thrivent.com to provide assistance to Texas hurricane victims. When you do, Thrivent will double the impact - up to \$3 million. This opportunity will run until the \$3 million match is met or until December 31, 2017, whichever comes first. To donate, go to Thrivent.com and click on Hurricane Harvey Relief (*Help Now* button). The list of organizations you can donate to is listed and includes WELS Christian Aid and Relief!
- 3) Grace member, Trucynda Hawkins grew up in one of the areas hit hard by Harvey. She has family and close friends still living there. One family in particular was hit extremely hard, losing everything. She is planning to send a check to her friend to help them buy basic necessities and some furniture (mattresses). If you would like to help this family, please see Trucynda following 10:00 AM worship. She is accepting cash or checks made out to Trucynda Hawkins. You may also call her at 591-4858 if you do not find her this morning. Every little bit helps!

Choir and Handbells

Grace-Tucson's Handbell Choir and the Worship Choir will begin rehearsals on **Thursday, September 14**. The Handbell Choir will meet in the sanctuary at **5:30 PM** and Worship Choir will follow 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, beginning September 14. 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!

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 in the offering plate.** Please call the church office if you have any questions at 623-6633.