

# The Ascension of Our Lord

June 5, 2011



*From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.*

*John 1:16*

<b>PRESERVICE MUSIC</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>Holy, Holy, Holy</b> <i>Arr. by Mark Hayes</i>	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor</b> <i>Setting by Paul Manz</i>
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## DIVINE SERVICE II

*Christian Worship Supplement*

**VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)**

## To Heaven Ascended Christ, Our King

*Arr. by Carl Hirsch*

# WELCOME

## HYMN

## Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise

*Christian Worship #175*

*STAND*

## INVOCATION

**M:** In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: 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.**

**LORD, HAVE MERCY**

*Mark 10:47*

*Kyrie*

**M:** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

For the well-being of all people everywhere, that they may receive from you all they need to sustain body and life, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

**M:** For the spread of your life-giving gospel throughout the world, that all who are lost in sin may be brought to faith in you, hear our prayer, O Christ.

**C: Christ, have mercy.**

**M:** For patience and perseverance in this life, that we may not lose the hope of heaven as we await your return, hear our prayer, O Lord.

**C:** Lord, have mercy.

**M:** Lord of life, live in us that we may live for you.

**C:** Amen.


## GLORY BE TO GOD

Luke 2:14

### *Gloria in Excelsis*

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*

*(Sung to the tune of "I Know that My Redeemer Lives," Christian Worship #152)*



1 All glo - ry be to God on high! Your name, O Lord, we  
2 Our grate - ful thanks to you we bring, For your great glo - ry,  
3 O Lamb of God, to you we pray. You take all hu - man  
4 You, Christ, are ho - ly — Lord a - lone; The Fa - ther's glo - ry

glo - ri - fy; We praise you for your peace and  
heav'n - ly King, For all, O Fa - ther, you have  
sin a - way. Have mer - cy, Lord; Re - ceive our  
you made known. We by your Spir - it sing a -

grace, Your fav - or toward our fall - en race.  
done Through Je - sus Christ, your on - ly Son.  
prayer; From God's right hand, your mer - cy share.  
gain: "All glo - ry be to God!" A - men.

## THE WORD

### SALUTATION

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. Lord Jesus, King of glory, you have ascended far above the heavens and at God's right hand you rule the nations. Leave us not alone, we pray, but grant us the Spirit of truth that at your command and by your power we may be your witnesses in all the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

### BE SEATED

## FIRST LESSON

## Esther 6

That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes. "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered. The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he had erected for him. His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court." "Bring him in," the king ordered. When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?" Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the

king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!'" "Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended." So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai and led him on horseback through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!" Afterward Mordecai returned to the king's gate. But Haman rushed home, with his head covered in grief, and told Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had happened to him. His advisers and his wife Zeresh said to him, "Since Mordecai, before whom your downfall has started, is of Jewish origin, you cannot stand against him—you will surely come to ruin!" While they were still talking with him, the king's eunuchs arrived and hurried Haman away to the banquet Esther had prepared.

## VOICES OF GRACE (10:00 AM)

## Sing Joyful Praise!

*Arr. by Patrick M. Liebergen*

## SECOND LESSON

## Colossians 3:1-4

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your

life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

*Romans 10:17*

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Faith comes from hear-ing the mes-sage, and the mes - sage is heard through the

Word of Christ. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia!

*STAND*

## **GOSPEL**

**Luke 24:44-53**

**M:** The Gospel according to Luke chapter twenty-four.

**C:** **Glory be to you, O Lord.**

He said to them, “This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms.” Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, “This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are

witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.” When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

**M:** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C:** **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

*BE SEATED*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph**  
*Christian Worship #174*

## **SERMON**

**Colossians 3:1-4**

**Where is the Christian’s Focus?**

**1. Eyes on Earth    2. Hearts on Heaven**

*STAND*

## **NICENE CREED**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



**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 pew and pass along. Thank You!*

**OFFERTORY MUSIC**

**7:45 AM**

**Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled**  
*Christian Worship Supplement #759*

**10:00 AM**

**Our Father, Who From Heaven Above**  
*Setting by Paul Manz*

**STAND**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD**

**M:** Father of Glory, your Son lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. We offer our prayers to you, confident that you hear them for the sake of our resurrected and ascended Savior, Jesus Christ.

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you for taking on our flesh to bear our sin and to be our Savior. By your resurrection and ascension into heaven, you crushed sin, death, and Satan. Increase in us patient trust as we continue to wait for the fullness of your glory to be revealed on the Last Day. Fix our minds firmly on the day of our own resurrection and ascension victory. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

**M:** Eternal God, though your Son has ascended to sit at your right hand, he continues to rule over all things for the sake of his Church. Help us not to doubt his care and concern for our lives. By your Spirit, strengthen our faith to trust that Jesus does indeed live to silence our fears and to wipe away our tears by his comforting word of forgiveness. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Heavenly Father, your Son came from heaven to enact your plan for our salvation. Perfectly completing this plan to the point of death and burial, he returned to you as our Mighty Lord and sits above all rule and authority and power and dominion. Rejoicing in his victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from his ascension before you, where he ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with the angels and archangels and all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in his kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to you alone we give all glory, honor, and worship, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

# THE SACRAMENT

## PREFACE

**M:** The Lord be with you.

**C:** And also with you.

**M:** Lift up your hearts.

**C:** We lift them up to the Lord.

**M:** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C:** It is good and right so to do.

**M:** It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who rose from the dead in glorious triumph to bring forgiveness to the world and everlasting life to all who believe. Therefore with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

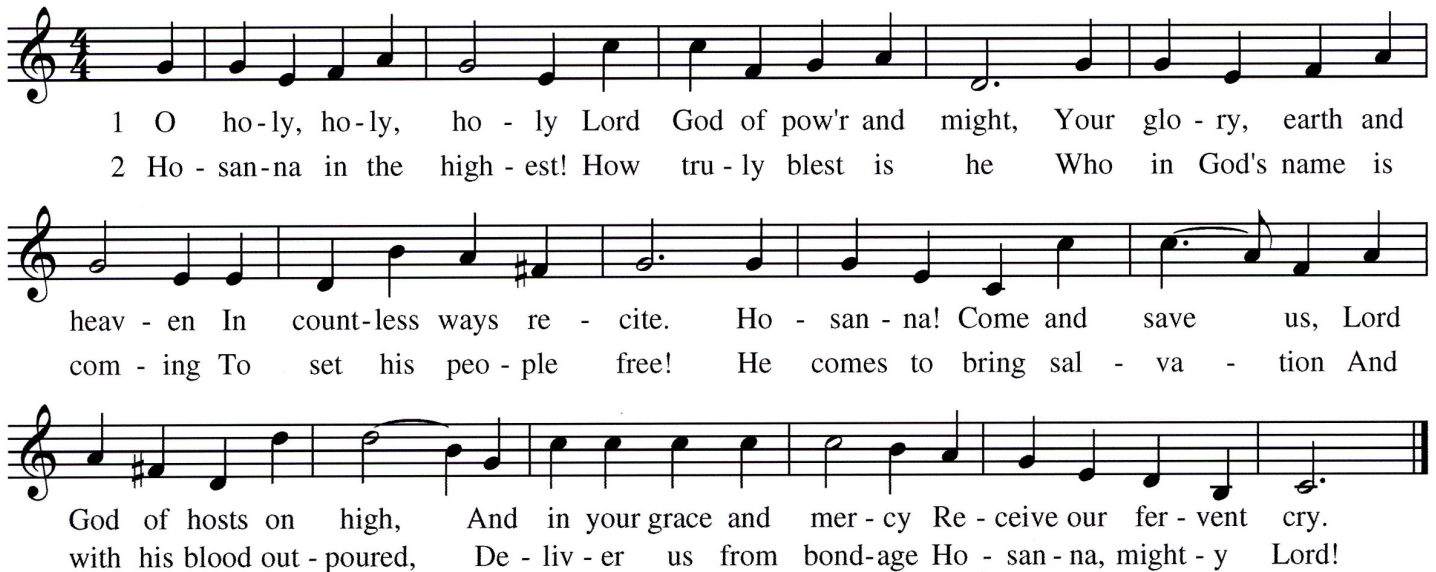
## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

*Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9*

### *Sanctus*

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*

*(Sung to the tune of "The Day of Resurrection," Christian Worship #166)*



1 O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of pow'r and might, Your glo - ry, earth and  
2 Ho - san-na in the high - est! How tru - ly blest is he Who in God's name is

heav - en In count-less ways re - cite. Ho - san - na! Come and save us, Lord  
com - ing To set his peo - ple free! He comes to bring sal - va - tion And

God of hosts on high, And in your grace and mer - cy Re - ceive our fer - vent cry.  
with his blood out - poured, De - liv - er us from bond-age Ho - san - na, might - y Lord!

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**M:** Blessed are you, O Lord of heaven and earth. We praise and thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, and we remember the great acts of love through which he has ransomed us from sin, death, and the devil's power.

By his incarnation, he became one with us.  
By his perfect life, he fulfilled your holy will.  
By his innocent death, he overcame hell.  
By his rising from the grave, he opened heaven.

Invited by your grace and instructed by your Word, we approach your table with repentant and joyful hearts. Strengthen us through Christ's body and blood, and preserve us in the true faith until we feast with him and all his ransomed people in glory everlasting.

**C:** Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

**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.

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Matthew 26:26-28  
1 Corinthians 11:24, 25

**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.

## LAMB OF GOD

*Agnus Dei*

John 1:29

Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; grant us your peace. A - - - men.

**BE SEATED**



## 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.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC (10:00 AM)

**Because He Lives**  
*By William & Gloria Gaither*

## DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM)

**With Broken Heart and Contrite Sigh**  
*Christian Worship #303*

STAND

## SONG OF SIMEON

*Luke 2:29-32*

*Nunc Dimittis*

*Please join in singing the response below following a brief introduction.*

*(Sung to the tune of "Come unto Me, Ye Weary," Christian Worship #336)*

1 O Lord, now let your ser - vant De - part in peace, as - sured: For  
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All glo - ry to the Son, All

I have seen your prom - ised in - car - nate, sav - ing Word — A Light that will en -  
glo - ry to the Spir - it, For - ev - er three in one; For as in the be -

light - en All gloom where Gen - tiles dwell; The bril - liant, crown - ing  
gin - ning, Is now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -

glo - - - ry Of those in Is - ra - el!  
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

**M:** We give you thanks, O Lord, for the foretaste of the heavenly banquet that you have given us to eat and to drink in this sacrament. Through this gift you have fed our faith, nourished our hope, and strengthened our love. By your Spirit help us to live as your holy people until that day when you will receive us as your guests at the wedding supper of the Lamb, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**BLESSING**

*Numbers 6:24-26*

**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.

*BE SEATED*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN**

**Christ High-Ascended**  
*Christian Worship #558*

**POSTLUDE**

**7:45 AM**

**Go Now in Peace**  
*By Don Besig*

**10:00 AM**

**Processional of Joy**  
*By Ludwig Van Beethoven*

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Preacher** .....Pastor Ron Koehler  
**Worship Leader** .....Pastor Sam Clemons (10:00 AM)  
**Communion Assistants** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke, Pastor Mark Hallemeyer (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanists**.....Elaine Goldie (7:45 AM)  
Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)  
**Voices of Grace Director** .....Beth Kassulke (10:00 AM)  
**Trumpet** ..... Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM)  
**Handbells** .....Grace Lifeliners (10:00 AM)  
**Distribution Music** ..... Sarah Oberhofer (10:00 AM)  
**Ushers**..... Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)  
Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Rick Street (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** .....Amy Breiling (10:00 AM)

**Sunday School Today**

This summer, students in Sunday School will be looking at different journeys taken by God’s people and how God used these journeys for His purposes. Today in Sunday School, students are studying “Journey with Adam and Eve” from Genesis 3. Students are learning why Adam and Eve had to journey out of the Garden of Eden. *Parents might ask their children, “Why did God send Adam and Eve out of the garden? How did God solve the problem?”*



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**To Aid You in Worship...**

- LARGE PRINT BULLETINS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. ASK A GREETER OR USHER FOR A COPY.
- *For those with young children:* A private Mother's Room is located across the courtyard in the Ladies' Restroom. Parents of young children may also use the Child Care Room in the basement at any time to quiet and care for them (the service can be heard in both locations).
- Sermon copies & service CDs are available in the narthex.

# Welcome to Grace!

**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.

## Holy Communion

There are before-communion and after-communion prayers in our Christian Worship hymnal on p. 11, and a personal preparation guide on p.156 to help prepare you to receive the Lord's Supper. Guests and visitors, please see p. 8 in today's worship folder under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

**Altar flowers** have been given by Bob & Nadine Rentschler in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary.

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***Read Ahead for Next Sunday:***

Joel 2:28, 29  
Acts 2:1-21  
John 16:5-11

***Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:***

Acts 2:1-21  
*We Hear Them Declaring  
the Wonders of God*

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## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by Rick & Kristy Schmidt and Eric & Erika Hanson. Please join us in the courtyard.

## Piano Recital Today!

Five Grace children (Erich Dyjak, Grace Hansen, Naomi Kassulke, Alicia Shanklin, and Colton Watson), piano students of Beth Kassulke, will give a recital in the sanctuary today beginning about 11:30 AM. You are invited to attend and remain for a light reception following.

## Informational Meeting about the Greece and Rome Trip

There will be an informational meeting about the Footsteps of Paul Trip **TODAY** after the 10:00 AM worship service in the Fellowship Hall. The trip is scheduled for May 28-June 6, 2012 (optional extension through June 9). All who have an interest are encouraged to attend.

## 10-9-8-7...

Vacation Bible School starts tomorrow! Blast off with us to "Space Station Salvation" this week Monday-Friday from 9:00-11:30 AM. We'll explore the universe that God created and learn about many of the amazing things God has done. Invite your friends to join us for this fun, free, faith-building activity. Even if you haven't pre-registered, please plan to join us!

## Dishes in the Kitchen

There are a number of dishes waiting in the kitchen to be picked up by their rightful owners. They tend to take up a lot of space so if you have brought food to one of our many functions recently, please stop by the kitchen and pick up your dishware today. Thanks!

### Today

- Worship Services/Communion ..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Class: *The Life of Christ* ..... 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Greece/Rome Informational Meeting After 10:00 Service...
- Piano Recital ..... 11:30a
- ALA Choir at the D-Backs Game in Phoenix ..... 1:10p

### Monday

- Vacation Bible School (Mon-Fri this week)** .... 9:00-11:30a
- Financial Peace University ..... 6:30p

### Wednesday

- NO** Midweek Bible Classes.....
- Worship Planning Team Meeting..... 6:30p

### Sunday **FRIENDS & FAMILY SUNDAY**

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Class: *The Life of Christ* ..... 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Church Picnic Following 10 AM Worship**.....

### Church Picnic

Please plan to join us next Sunday, June 12 after the 10:00 AM worship service for our annual Church Picnic. The June 12 worship service will also serve as our VBS closing service. Members of Grace are asked to bring a side dish and a dessert to share. Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed—see the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall. Please speak to Eric Hanson (269-7602) if you have any questions or suggestions.

### Friends & Family Sunday is Coming Next Sunday!

Next Sunday, June 12, in addition to being the closing service for Vacation Bible School, will be our first Friends & Family Sunday. This is a great opportunity for you to invite an unchurched friend or family member—it is the Festival of Pentecost, the VBS children will sing in the 10:00 AM service, and the Church Picnic will be held right after the late service. Now is the time to invite your friends, family members, neighbors and co-workers. We would love to get to know them. Perhaps Grace is the church they've been looking for!

### Grace Emails

We are working to set up a way to easily email our members and friends to share important information, updates, and reminders. Don't miss out! Make sure that we have your current email address by writing it in the friendship register or by emailing Cora at [office@GraceTucsonWELS.com](mailto:office@GraceTucsonWELS.com). This is just one more way that we are doing our best to keep in touch with everyone and share information.

### Women of Grace Craft Fair

The Women of Grace will host a craft fair in conjunction with the roast beef dinner this Fall. Anyone interested in donating crafts please let Beth Kassulke (293-2935) or Debbie Koehler (293-5617) know. Don't forget, there are Scrip gift cards available for Michael's & Joann's Fabrics.

### Pastor Colin Rieke Called to Grace

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary graduate Colin Rieke was assigned to serve as Pastor at Grace's planned second site in Vail. Pastor Rieke and his wife, Kristin, are expecting their first child in September. Please watch for details about their arrival in Tucson and the upcoming Installation Service for Pastor Rieke on July 10.

