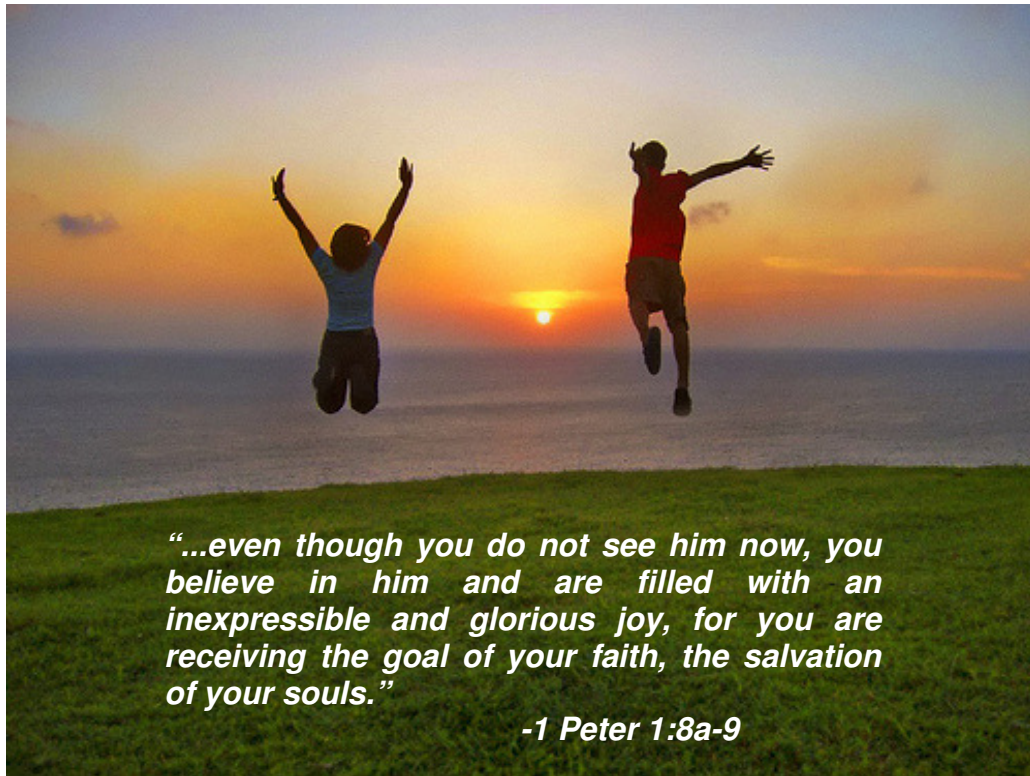


# Second Sunday of Easter

## May 1, 2011



*"...even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls."*

*-1 Peter 1:8a-9*

### 10:00 AM Worship



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

*John 1:16*

# PRESERVICE MUSIC

**At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

*By Michael Burkhardt*

## YOUTH CONFIRMATION SERVICE

### WELCOME

### HYMN

**Alleluia! Jesus Lives**  
*Christian Worship #153*

### 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.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**M:** Let us pray. O risen Lord, you came to your disciples and took away their fears with your word of peace. Come to us also by your Word and sacrament, and banish our fears with the comforting assurance of your abiding presence; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

*(PLEASE REMAIN STANDING)*

## SCRIPTURE LESSON

**John 20:19-31**

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.” Now Thomas (called Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand

into his side, I will not believe it.” A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus did many other miraculous signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**BE SEATED**

## HYMN

**Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense**  
*Christian Worship #167*

## SERMON

**1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Rejoice in Your Living Hope**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God’s power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so

that your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

**(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 along. Thank You!*

## OFFERTORY MUSIC

**Draw Us To You**  
*By Michael Burkhardt*

## **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.

## **BE SEATED**

### **RITE OF CONFIRMATION AND CONFESSIONS OF FAITH**

*Each confirmand will read a brief essay that he 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").*

**Darin Bradley Colton**

**"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.

**William Noel Brearcliffe**

**“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.

**Josiah William Weinstein**

**“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.

**Jacob Daniel Hansen**

**“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.

**Daniel James Koehler**

**“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.

**Christian Michael Watson**

**“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!

**Quinton Tyler Anzalone**

**“Why Being an Active Church Member is Important to Me”**

**DUET**

**Oh, that the Lord Would Guide My Ways**  
*Christian Worship #462*

## CONFIRMANDS' CONFESSION AND PROMISE

**M:** 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.

**M:** 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?

**R:** I do.

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

**R:** I do.

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

**R:** 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?

**R:** I do.

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

**R:** 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?

**R:** 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?

**R:** 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?

**R:** 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.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**

*The Confirmands and their family members from Grace will commune first.*

*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**

**Soul, Adorn Yourself With Gladness**  
*By Valerie Floeter*

## **DISTRIBUTION HYMN**

**Lord Jesus Christ, You Have Prepared**  
*Christian Worship #312*

**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 grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**C:** Amen.

*BE SEATED*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CLOSING HYMN** **Let Me Be Yours Forever**  
*Christian Worship #596*

**POSTLUDE** **Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!**  
*By Michael Burkhardt*

**THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY**

**Worship Leader** .....Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
**Communion Assistants** .....Pastor Ron Koehler, Pastor Sam Clemons, Pastor Hallemeyer  
**Accompanist** .....Tina Christianson  
**Communion Music**.....Sarah Oberhofer  
**Vocalists** .....Ariana Weinstein & Jeff Weinstein  
**Ushers**..... Jon Dongoske, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Rick Street  
**Sound & Recording Tech** .....Jeremy Snavelly

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**Congratulations!**

Congratulations to our confirmands, Quinton Anzalone, Will Brearcliffe, Darin Colton, Jacob Hansen, Danny Koehler, Christian Watson, and Josiah Weinstein. 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.

**You Are Invited**

You are invited to a Confirmation Open House for Danny Koehler. The Open House is today from 2:00-6:00 PM. Address: 2664 W Lazybrook Dr, Phone: 293-5617.

**Guest Speaker next Sunday**

Pastor Robert Fleischmann, the National Director of Christian Life Resources, will be our guest preacher next Sunday, May 8. He will also be our presenter during the Bible Study time from 9:00-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall where he will review the differences between Christian and World approaches to life issues and look at foundational principles in making decisions.

**Financial Peace University**

A new Financial Peace University class is starting Monday, May 23 at 6:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall with a free preview May 15 at 11:15 AM. For more information log on to the Grace website at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/FPU](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/FPU).





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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. 6 in today's bulletin under "Distribution" for information about our practice of Member Communion.

**Altar flowers** have been given by the families of the confirmands.

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

Ruth 1:3-18  
Galatians 6:1-10  
Matthew 22:35-40

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

Proverbs 31:8-9  
*Things My Mother Taught Me*

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## Pastor Appreciation Sunday, May 22!

Sunday, May 22 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday here at Grace. Plan to join us as we thank God for the service of Pastor Koehler, Pastor Kassulke, and Pastor Clemons with a special brunch after the 10:00 AM worship service that day.

The special menu will consist of "breakfast in a pan" (bread/eggs/cheese sausage or ham, baked French toast, or Quiche) with a cup of fruit. Danish and bagels will be provided for those who cannot eat the pan breakfasts. There will also be coffee, orange juice, and milk available. There are sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall on the bulletin board if you'd like to bring food, help serve the meal, or clean up. Those who sign up for the pan breakfast are asked to bring them already baked in a 9 x 13 dish to be kept warm in the ovens.

## Milwaukee Students at Grace

We are again blessed to host a group of WELS 5-6th grade students from St. Marcus Lutheran Church, Milwaukee, WI May 6 & 7. They are traveling to Tucson through the program "Discover America" which rewards students based on their academic performance and behavior. The students also raised a portion of the expenses to come on the trip.

We are accepting donations to pay for the food that will be served to the students and chaperones while they are here. You can make a monetary donation by either putting cash or a check made out to Mary Clemons (she's doing the shopping) in the "St. Marcus Trip" box at the back of church.

**We will collect donations until May 4.**

## 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!

### Today **CONFIRMATION SUNDAY**

- 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
- Cake Reception Following 10 AM Worship.....
- Confirmation Open House @ the Koehlers**..... 2:00-6:00p
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: "Faith & Reason" ..... 7:00p

### Monday

- English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

### Tuesday

- Worship Choir..... 5:30p
- English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p
- Pastoral Conference in Mesa, AZ (Pastors Koehler, Kassulke & Clemons will be attending Tues & Wed) .....

### Wednesday

- Grace Extension Meeting ..... 11:00a
- NO** Midweek Bible Classes.....
- NO** Wind Ensemble.....

### Thursday

- Women's Bible Class..... 9:00a
- Pioneer Awards Night.....6:30p

### Sunday **LIFE OBSERVANCE SUNDAY**

- Worship Services..... 7:45 & 10:00a
- Children's Sunday School..... 8:45a
- Youth Confirmation Class ..... 8:45a
- Adult Bible Class:
  - *Pastor Fleischmann: "Basic Life Principles"* ..... 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*..... 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship .....
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry: *Finals Cookout!*.....6:00p

## 100th Anniversary Cookbooks Available

Celebrate our 100th anniversary with a new Grace cookbook! Cookbooks will be available in the courtyard after the 7:45 AM and 10:00 AM services today. Suggested donation for the books is \$10.

## Women of Grace Night Out!

Mark your calendar for the **Women of Grace Night Out** at 6:00 PM on Monday, May 23. This year's event will be at **Mimi's Cafe** at 4420 North Oracle Road, near the Tucson Mall. Their food is great and we will have a private room! RSVP by May 22 to Debbie Koehler 293-5617 or Teri Guenther 235-1177. If you plan to attend, there is Scrip available for the restaurant. Be sure to join us for an evening of Christian friendship. You don't want to miss this enjoyable event!

## Graduation Open House

The congregation is invited to an Open House hosted by the Lipkes on Saturday, May 28, from 1:00-6:00 PM to celebrate Travis Lipke's high school graduation. Address: 7531 N. Rasmussen Ave, Phone: 742-0211.

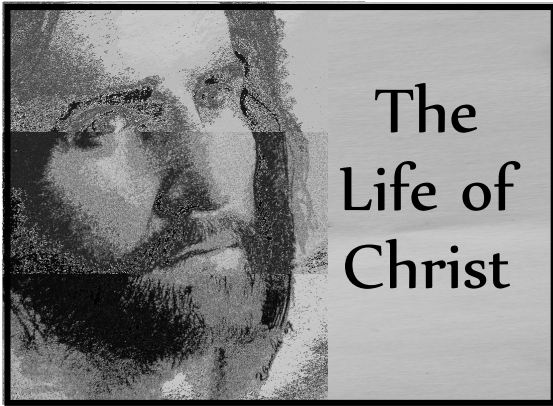
## Vacation Bible School

Blast off with us on an exciting journey into space and into God's Word! Along the way, we'll learn a bit about the universe God created and about God himself. Each day devotions, songs, and crafts reinforce the lessons. So, gather up your children, nieces, nephews and friends in the neighborhood and bring them to Grace for galactic fun! VBS is June 6-10, 9:00-11:30 AM. More information and registration forms are available online ([www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)) or in the Grace Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to volunteer to assist with VBS, please speak to our coordinator, Cindy Breitreitz (298-9758) or to Pastor Kassulke. Donations for Vacation Bible School are also appreciated.

## Church Picnic

Please plan to join us on 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 along with our grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed. Please speak to Eric Hanson (269-7602) if you have any questions or suggestions.



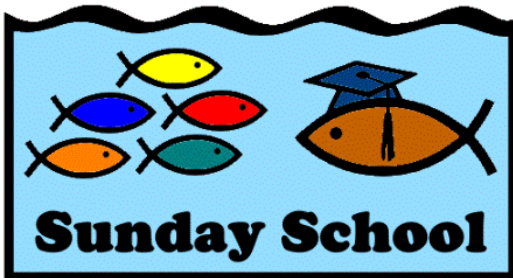
110 adults joined in our most recent Sunday Bible study on *The Life of Christ*. We're making room for you too. You are invited to join Pastor Koehler on Sundays between the services from 9:00-9:45 AM in the Fellowship Hall. We're really just getting started on this study, so please jump in!

If Bible Study is new for you, don't worry. You won't be asked to read or answer any questions unless you volunteer.

High School students join for Bible Study on Sundays from 9:00-9:45 AM also. They meet in the church basement and are led by Jake Kassulke. They study topics relevant to their lives and also plan service projects and fun events. Guests and friends are absolutely welcome!

## LIFELINERS

High School Youth Group

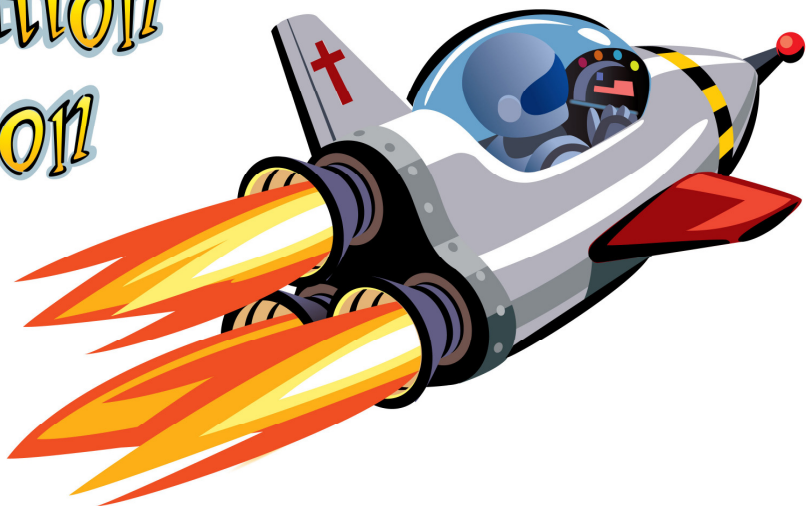


Grace has excellent Sunday School teachers and a safe environment for children Pre-K through 6th grade. They meet in the Education Building to the South of the Courtyard on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 AM. Devotion, singing, and Bible lessons geared for each grade level are provided each week. Every child ought to have this blessing!

Over 160 adults, teens, and children participated in Bible Study on April 17.  
Maybe you and your kids should give this a try too!

## Blast Off on a Vacation Bible School Adventure!

Space Station  
Salvation



**June 6-10 • 9 AM - 11:30 AM • Age 3 - Grade 8**  
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