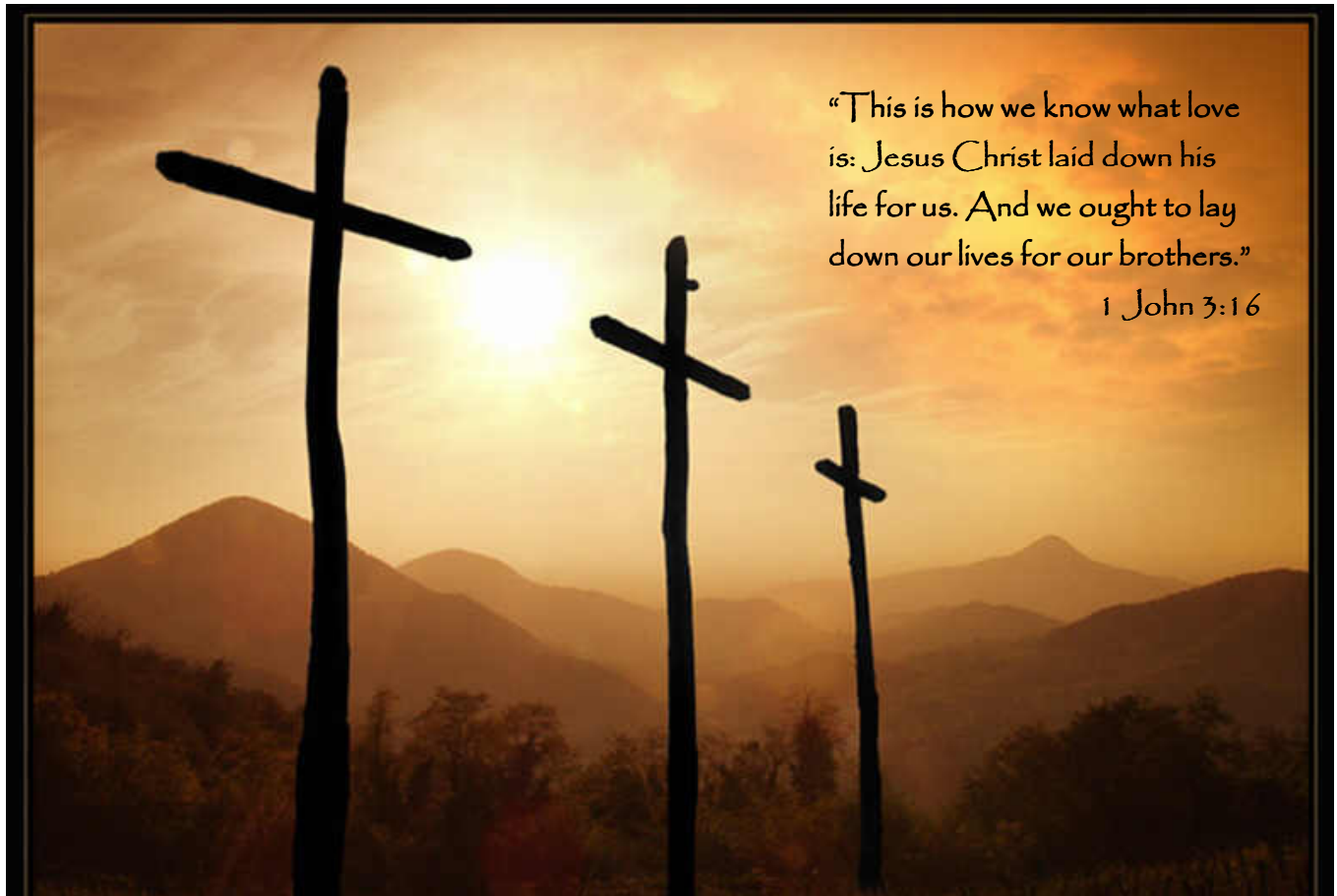


# Sixth Sunday of Easter

## May 29, 2011



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

*John 1:16*

# PRESERVICE MUSIC

**O God of Every Nation (10:00 AM)**

*By Anne Krentz Organ*

## DIVINE SERVICE II

*Christian Worship Supplement*

**WELCOME**

**HYMN**

**Jesus, Your Boundless Love to Me**

*Christian Worship #479*

**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

### *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. Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from you. Inspire us to think those things that are true and long for those things that are good, that we may always make our petitions according to your gracious will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**BE SEATED**

## FIRST LESSON

## Genesis 4:1-16

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to

Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth." Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." But the LORD said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the LORD's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

### Psalm 66

#### Refrain



#### Psalm Tone



1. Shout with joy to God, / all the earth!\*
- Sing the glory of his name; make his praise / glorious!
2. Praise our God, O / peoples,\*
- let the sound of his / praise be heard.
3. He has pre- / served our lives\*
- and kept our feet from / slipping.

#### Refrain

4. Come and listen, all you who / fear God;\*
- let me tell you what he has / done for me.

5. If I had cherished sin / in my heart,\*
- the Lord would not have / listened;
6. but God has surely / listened\*
- and heard my / voice in prayer.

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 John 3:11-18

This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. Anyone who

hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth.

### VERSE OF THE DAY

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

John 14:15-21

**M:** The Gospel according to John chapter fourteen.

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

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before

long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

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

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

*BE SEATED*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice  
*Christian Worship #377 st. 1, 6-10*

## SERMON

1 John 3:11-18  
Love with Actions and in Truth

*STAND*

## APOSTLES' CREED

**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.**

*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 (10:00 AM)

**The Star-Spangled Banner**  
*By John Stafford Smith, Arr. by Melody Bober*

*STAND*

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH—EASTER SEASON

**M:** O Lord God, our strength, our song, and our salvation, you fulfilled your promises by the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, from the dead.

**C:** **Thanks be to God! You give us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**M:** In your compassion you sent Christ, the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life to rescue the lost.

**C:** **Drive out all doubt and gloom that we may delight in your glorious triumph.**

**M:** Lift our eyes heavenward to see him who lives to make intercession for the saints, and grant us confidence in the greatness of his power. Keep before us the vision of your redeemed people standing before your throne and singing the song of victory.

**C:** **Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive wisdom and power and honor and glory and praise.**

**M:** Make us instruments of your peace as we bring the good news of hope and new life to those around us. Guide us in the use of all that you have entrusted to us: our time, our talents, and our treasures.

**C:** **Risen Lord, live in us that we may live for you.**

**M:** Merciful Lord Jesus, grant healing to the sick, and strengthen the faith of the suffering and the dying. Assure them of your abiding presence, and comfort them with the hope of eternal life.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Gracious Father, you have restored to us the joy of your salvation. With happy hearts, we come before you and say:

**C:** **Alleluia! Thanks be to God! 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*

## **HYMN**

**Glory Be to Jesus**  
*Christian Worship #103*

*STAND*

**M:** Almighty God, grant to your Church the Holy Spirit and the wisdom that comes from above. Let nothing hinder your Word from being freely proclaimed to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy people, so that we may serve you in steadfast faith and confess your name as long as we live, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** **Amen.**

**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. (spoken)**

*BE SEATED*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

POSTLUDE (10:00 AM)

America the Beautiful  
By Samuel Augustus Ward

God Bless America  
By Irving Berlin

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher .....Pastor Nathan Kassulke

Worship Leader ..... Pastor Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)

Accompanists.....Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)  
Teri Guenther (10:00 AM)

Ushers.....Vernon Neal, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)  
Jon Dongoske, Joe Dyjak, Nathanael Dyjak, Rick Street (10:00 AM)

Sound & Recording Tech .....Jeremy Snavelly

Thank You

Your pastors want to express their heartfelt thanks for the beautiful day we enjoyed with you on Sunday, May 22. We are humbled to serve such a wonderful group of believers that would plan a Pastor Appreciation Sunday complete with flowers and cards and an amazing brunch and fellowship time. We are so blessed to serve our Lord and to serve alongside you as we proclaim the saving gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank You so much!

I would like to offer special thanks to the members of Grace for the surprise celebration of my 20 years of service in the ministry. I was certainly not expecting that, as you could probably tell. It truly is a humbling thing to be able to serve the Lord in the public ministry at all, and that he would allow me to serve such an incredible congregation for 18 of those years is even more humbling. The words of Jesus to his disciples which I was searching for when Bryan handed me the microphone that morning were these: *So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, "We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty" (Luke 17:10).* I am most certainly not worthy of the Lord's blessings, but I am thankful to have the duty of serving both him and you. My family and I have so much to be thankful for here at Grace and are filled with appreciation and love for you, our family in Christ. Thank you for your generosity, the gifts you gave to us, for the brunch and the Christian fellowship that day—it truly was special. We pray that the Lord of the Church would grant us many more years with you!

Pastor Ron Koehler

Letter From Pastor Rieke

Dear Members of Grace Lutheran Church,

On May 19, 2011 I received the solemn call that you have extended to me through the Assignment Committee. With this letter I wish to announce my acceptance of this call. Looking to the Lord, who has called me, for strength and wisdom through his Word, I look forward with joy to serving Grace Lutheran Church.

I have spoken with Pastor Ron Koehler about a tentative date of Sunday, July 10 for the ordination and installation service. I will plan on moving out to Tucson, AZ according to this tentative date.

May our mutual prayer be that the Lord bring us safely into your midst and bless our labors together in his vineyard.

In His Service with You,  
Colin M. Rieke





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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.

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

Esther 6  
Colossians 3:1-4  
Luke 24:44-53

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

Colossians 3:1-4  
*Where is the Christian's Focus?*

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## **You Are Invited**

You are invited to a coffee fellowship following 10:00 AM worship today hosted by the Steinbach family. Please join us in the courtyard.

## **Memorial Service**

Lydia Lange was called to her heavenly home Friday, May 20. There will be a memorial service at Grace this Tuesday, May 31 at 10:30 AM with a light meal to follow. The family has asked that memorials be written to Grace Lutheran Church and will go toward the Christian Education Fund.

## **Grace Vail Meeting**

Our District Mission Counselor, Rev. Peter Kruschel, will be her next Tuesday, May 31, to meet with us about our Grace Vail outreach effort. Members who are planning to be involved in worship at Grace Vail are encouraged to attend the meeting at 6:30 PM. Any interested members of the congregation are invited to attend to learn more and offer help in a variety of ways.

## **Piano Recital**

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 next Sunday, June 5, beginning about 11:30 AM. You are invited to attend and remain for a light reception following.

## **Footsteps of the Apostle Paul Greece and Rome Trip**

Speak to one of the pastors for more information about this trip scheduled for May 28-June 6, 2012 (optional extension through June 9). Brochures outlining the trip may be found in the Fellowship Hall. There will also be a meeting next Sunday, June 5 after the 10:00 worship service where you can receive more information and ask questions. All who have an interest are encouraged to attend.

## **ALA Day at the D'Backs Game**

The Arizona Lutheran Academy's A Cappella choir is singing the National Anthem at the Diamondback game next Sunday, June 5. \$10 tickets for the game are available from ALA. For more information see the flyer posted in the courtyard display case.

## This Week's Schedule (5/29/11 - 6/5/11)

### Today

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

### Monday

- NO** Financial Peace University .....
- Church Office Closed in Observance of Memorial Day** ...

### Tuesday

- Memorial Service for Lydia Lange @ Grace** ..... 10:30a
- Meeting with the Mission Counselor Re: Grace Vail... 6:30p

### Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*..... 10:00a
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History*..... 6:45p

### Thursday

- Women's Bible Class .....9:00a

### 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: The Birth of Jesus* .....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

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

We've already begun the countdown to our Vacation Bible School! Blast off with us to "Space Station Salvation" June 6-10, 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. Registration forms are available in the Fellowship Hall and online at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com).

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. Grace will provide grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. Volunteer help is also needed. Please speak to Eric Hanson (269-7602) if you have any questions or suggestions.

## Friends & Family Sunday is Coming!

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 AM service, and the Church Picnic will be held right after the late service. Start thinking now about whom you will invite. We would love to get to know them. Perhaps Grace is the church they've been looking for!

## 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.



## 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.

## **Arizona Tuition Tax Credit**

Students from Grace have received almost \$21,000 in tuition assistance through the Arizona Tuition Tax Credit program. These scholarships are available from donations made to the HELP Scholarship Foundation, the Institute for Better Education, and other School Tuition Organizations. Donations of up to \$500 per person or \$1000 for married couples may be claimed as a tax credit. Thank you to many members and friends of Grace who have contributed through this program. Donation forms are available in the Fellowship Hall if you would like to contribute. Please speak to one of the pastors if you would like more information.

## **ALA Scrip**

Purchase full-value gift cards through the Arizona Lutheran Academy Scrip program and a portion of your purchase is used in support of Lutheran education. Gift cards are available from a wide variety of retailers, from grocery stores and restaurants to home improvement and electronics stores. Using Scrip is another way you can support Lutheran education without even spending additional money (just use Scrip for purchases you are making anyway)!

From June 1, 2010 through April 24, customers at Grace have purchased over \$120,000 worth of Scrip gift cards. This has resulted in over \$6,000 of profits. About half of all profits benefit ALA directly, and the other half may be directed by the customers (to ALA, to Grace, or to the tuition account of a student at ALA or Redeemer).

If you are a qualifying Scrip customer, you will receive a profit report with the opportunity to direct your Scrip profits as you choose. Scrip profits that are directed to Grace will be used for our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration and Vail Outreach.

If you have questions about Scrip or would like to purchase, see Vic and Lois Thornton in the Courtyard after the 7:45 AM worship service, or Debbie Koehler after the 10:00 AM service. If you are not a current Scrip customer, please check it out!

## **Grace Website**

Be sure to check out our Grace website at [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com). We have added several new features recently. On the website, you can watch service videos and follow along with the service folder, hear audio sermons, work through some online Bible studies, and find current schedules and information. Friends of Grace can also now make donations online. Some website items are only available to Grace members through your personal login, so be sure to sign up if you have not done so already.

## **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.

## **Congratulations Redeemer Graduates**

Grace members Danny Koehler, Christian Watson, and Josiah Weinstein graduated from eighth grade at Redeemer Lutheran School. A special graduation service was this past Thursday. Congratulations, graduates, and God's blessings!

