

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 18, 2011

Psalm 34

Psalm 34 is an "acrostic" song of praise written by King David. The first line begins with "A" (aleph) and each successive line begins with the next letter of the alphabet. Notice that Hebrew reads from right to left so the beginning letter is on the right.

אַבְרָכָה אֶת־יְהוָה בְּכָל־עֵת תִּמְיֹד תִּהְלֹתוֹ בְּפִי:	Aleph
בִּיהוָה תִּתְהַלֵּל נַפְשִׁי יִשְׁמְעוּ עֲנֻיִם וְיִשְׁמְחוּ:	Beit
גִּדְלוּ לַיהוָה אֹתִי וּנְרוֹמְמָה שְׁמוֹ יִחְדָּד:	Gimel
דַּרְשֵׁתִי אֶת־יְהוָה וְעֲנֵנִי וּמִכָּל־מַגּוּרֹתַי הַצִּלֵּנִי:	Dalet
הִבִּיטוּ אֵלָיו וְנִהְרֹוּ וּפְנִיָּהֶם אֶל־יִחְפְּרוּ:	Hei
וְהָיָה עֲנִי קָרָא וַיהוָה שָׁמַע וּמִכָּל־צָרוֹתָיו הוֹשִׁיעַ:	Zayin
חָנָה מִלְּאֹד־יְהוָה סָבִיב לִירְאָיו וַיַּחֲלֹצֵם:	Cheit
טַעֲמוּ וּרְאוּ כִי־טוֹב יְהוָה אֲשֶׁר־יִחְסֶה־בוֹ:	Teit
יֵרָאוּ אֶת־יְהוָה קִדְּשׁוּ בִּי־אֵין מִחְסוֹר לִירְאָיו:	Yod
כִּפְּיִרִים רָשׁוּ וְרַעְבּוֹ וּדְרָשִׁי יְהוָה לֹא־יִחְסְרוּ כָל־טוֹב:	Kaf
לְכוֹבָנִים שָׁמְעוּ־לִי יִרְאֵת יְהוָה אֲלֻמְדָּכֶם:	Lamed
מִי־הָאִישׁ הַחֲפִץ חַיִּים אֲהֵב יָמִים לְרֵאוֹת טוֹב:	Mem
נִצַּר לְשׁוֹנֵד מֵרַע וּשְׁפָתָיו מִדְּבַר מֶרֶם:	Nun
סוֹר מֵרַע וְעָשָׂה־טוֹב בִּקְשׁ שְׁלוֹם וְרִדְּפֵהוּ:	Samech
עֵינֵי יְהוָה אֶל־צַדִּיקִים וְאֹזְנוֹ אֶל־שׁוֹעֲתִים:	Ayin
פִּנִּי יְהוָה בַּעֲשֵׂי רָע לְהַכְרִית מֵאֶרֶץ זָכָרִם:	Pei
צַעֲקוּ וַיהוָה שָׁמַע וּמִכָּל־צָרוֹתֶם הַצִּלֵּם:	Tzadei
קָרֹב יְהוָה לְגִשְׁבְּרִי־לֵב וְאֶת־דְּבַאי־רוּחַ יוֹשִׁיעַ:	Qof
רַבּוֹת רַעוֹת צַדִּיק וּמִכָּל־יָצִילָנוּ יְהוָה:	Reish
שֹׁמֵר כָּל־עֲצָמוֹתָיו אַחַת מֵהֵנָּה לֹא נִשְׁבְּרָה:	Shin
תָּמוּתָת רָשָׁע רָעָה וְשֹׁנְאֵי צַדִּיק יֶאֱשָׁמוּ:	Tav

פֹּדֶה יְהוָה נַפְשׁ עֲבָדָיו וְלֹא יֶאֱשָׁמוּ כָל־הַחֲסִים בּוֹ:

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From the fullness of his GRACE we have all received one blessing after another.
John 1:16

SERVICE OF WORD AND SACRAMENT*Christian Worship***WELCOME****HYMN****From All that Dwell below the Skies***Christian Worship #250***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.

CONFESSIONS OF SINS

M: God invites us to come into his presence and worship him with humble and penitent hearts. Therefore, let us acknowledge our sinfulness and ask him to forgive us.

C: **Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

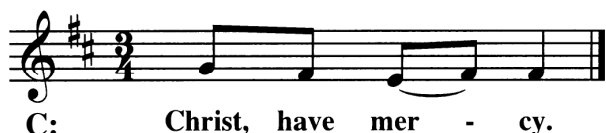
C: **Amen.**

PRAYER AND PRAISE**LORD, HAVE MERCY***Kyrie*

M: For all that we need in life and for the wisdom to use all your gifts with gratitude and joy, hear our prayer, O Lord.



M: For the steadfast assurance that nothing can separate us from your love and for the courage to stand firm against the assaults of Satan and every evil, hear our prayer, O Christ.



M: For the well-being of your holy Church in all the world and for those who offer here their worship and praise, hear our prayer, O Lord.



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

M: Merciful God, maker and preserver of life, uphold us by your power and keep us in your tender care:



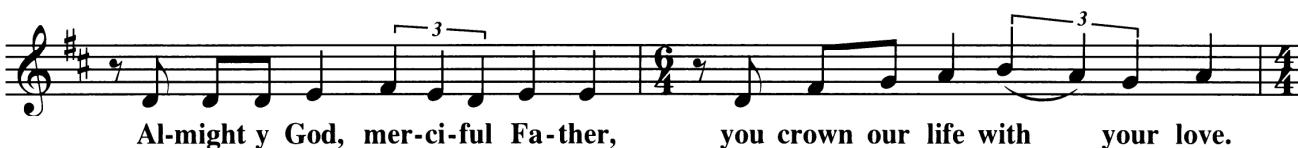
C: A - men.

M: The works of the Lord are great and glorious; his name is worthy of praise.

O LORD, OUR LORD



C: O Lord, our Lord, how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



Al-might y God, mer-ci-ful Fa-ther, you crown our life with your love.



You take a-way our sin; you com-fort our spir-it; you make us pure and



ho - ly in your sight. You did not spare your on - ly Son,



but gave him up for us all. O Lord, our Lord,



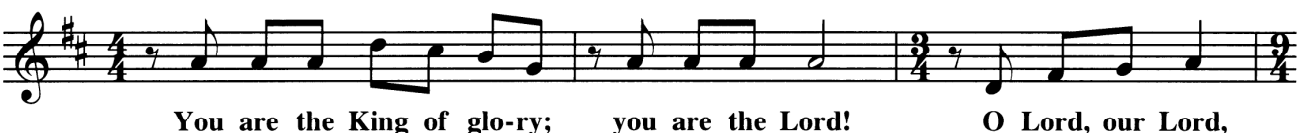
how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.



O Son of God, e-ter-nal Word of the Fa-ther, you came to live with us;



you made your Father known; you washed us from our sins in your own blood.



You are the King of glo-ry; you are the Lord! O Lord, our Lord,



how glo - rious is your name in all the earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



BE SEATED

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Joshua 4:1-9

When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, “Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan from right where the priests stood and to carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight.” So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, “Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, ‘What do these

stones mean?’ tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever.” So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:1-8

After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth to prevent any wind from blowing on the land or on the sea or on any tree. Then I saw another angel coming up from the east, having the seal of the living God. He called out in a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm the land and the sea: “Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.” Then I heard the number of

those who were sealed: 144,000 from all the tribes of Israel. From the tribe of Judah 12,000 were sealed, from the tribe of Reuben 12,000, from the tribe of Gad 12,000, from the tribe of Asher 12,000, from the tribe of Naphtali 12,000, from the tribe of Manasseh 12,000, from the tribe of Simeon 12,000, from the tribe of Levi 12,000, from the tribe of Issachar 12,000, from the tribe of Zebulun 12,000, from the tribe of Joseph 12,000, from the tribe of Benjamin 12,000.

VERSE OF THE DAY

C: Al - 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!

STAND

GOSPEL

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” “But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but

by my Father in heaven. And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he warned his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

BE SEATED

HYMN OF THE DAY

Oh, Bless the Lord, My Soul
Christian Worship #238

SERMON

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips. My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice. Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles. The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them. Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing. The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD. Whoever of you loves life and

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Taste and See that the Lord is Good

desires to see many good days, keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it. The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry; the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth. The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit. A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all; he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken. Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned. The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

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 it along. Thank You!

OFFERTORY MUSIC

10:00 AM

The Ash Grove
By Wilbur Held

STAND

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

M: Gracious God and Father, we praise you for the countless blessings, which we receive from your hand: the beauties of creation and the bounties of the earth, the joy of life and the pleasure of friendship, the good of work and the gift of rest, the privilege to share happiness and sorrow with one another. Above all we praise and thank you for your saving Word and for your Son's body and blood, which you give us to eat and to drink in the sacrament. Through these means of grace, you send the Holy Spirit into our hearts and unite us to Jesus and to the whole Christian Church on earth.

C: **Strengthen us through this heavenly food; increase our trust in Christ and our love for one another.**

M: Great God and Lord, without your continuing help we easily waver in our faith, lose courage, and grow careless in our watchfulness. The times and days are perilous. Give us strength to face the evils of each day with fresh confidence. Open our lips to speak of your grace, and move us to use the gifts that you give us to share your Word of salvation with all people. Protect and prosper the family, the school, the government, and all good institutions that you have established for the benefit of society. Remember in mercy those who are sick and suffering, and bring your healing to troubled homes and lives.

C: **Move us to pray for those in need and to help them with deeds of kindness.**

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

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

Silent prayer.

M: Now, eternal God and Father, keep us in the saving faith and so enable us to overcome all things through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C: **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.**

7:45 AM - Please continue on page 7 with the Words of Institution.

THE SACRAMENT

M: The Lord be with you.



C: And al - so 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 right to give him thanks and praise.

M: Praise to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In love he has blessed us with every spiritual blessing. He sends the Holy Spirit to testify that we are his children and to strengthen us when we are weak. Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ. To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and thanks and honor and glory for ever and ever.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Sanctus

C: Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is
full of your glo-ry. You are my God, and I will ex-alt you.
I will give you thanks for you have be-come my sal-va-tion.
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly is the Lord of hosts. The whole earth is
full of your glo-ry.

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."

The peace of the Lord be with you always.



O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD

Agnus Dei

C: O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. O Christ, 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)

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Arranged by John W. Schaum

Pianist: Sarah Oberhofer

DISTRIBUTION HYMN (10:00 AM—see page 9)

Draw Near

Christian Worship Supplement #740

STAND

7:45 AM - Please continue on page 10 with Thank the Lord.

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Draw Near

Refrain

Draw near, draw near! Take the bod - y
of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!

1-4

Drink the blood for you out-poured!

To verses *Last time*

Verses

1 Draw near and take the bod - y of your Lord,
2 Christ our Re - deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3 Let us ap - proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
4 With heav'n - ly bread he makes the hun - gry whole,

And drink the ho - ly blood for you out-poured.
Has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.
And take the pledg - es of sal - va - tion here.
Gives liv - ing wa - ters to the thirst - ing soul.

Saved by his bod - y and his ho - ly blood, With
He gave his life for great - est and for least, Him -
Christ, who in this life all the saints de - fends, Gives
Lord of the na - tions, to whom all must bow, In

To Refrain

souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.
self the of - f'ring and him - self the Priest.
all be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.
this great feast of love be with us now.

This paraphrase of an ancient Communion hymn is set in responsorial fashion.

Text: *Sancti, venite, Christi corpus sumite*, 7th century hymn; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.
Tune: DRAW NEAR (10 10 10 10 and Refrain) Steven R. Janco, b. 1961 © 1992 World Library Publications.
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THANKSGIVING

THANK THE LORD

C: Thank the Lord and sing his praise. Tell ev - 'ry-one what he has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name.
He re - news his prom - is - es and leads his peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

M: Hear the prayer of your people, O Lord, that the lips which have praised you here may glorify you in the world, that the eyes which have seen the coming of your Son may long for his coming again, and that all who have received in his true body and blood the pledge of your forgiveness may be restored to live a new and holy life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: A - men.

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.

BE SEATED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING HYMN

Let All Things Now Living
Christian Worship #260

POSTLUDE

10:00 AM

Trumpet Tune in D Major

By David N. Johnson

THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher Pastor Ron Koehler
Worship Leader Pastor Nathan Kassulke
Communion Assistants Pastor Sam Clemons
 Pastor Colin Rieke, *Grace's Mission Pastor to Vail*
Accompanist Stephanie Kania (7:45 AM)
 Tina Christianson (10:00 AM)
Trumpet Tyler Koehler (10:00 AM)
Ushers Vernon Neal, Vic Thornton (7:45 AM)
Sound & Recording Tech Jeff Weinstein (10:00 AM)

Pastor Clemons Called to be a Christian Giving Counselor

The Wisconsin Synod Conference of Presidents has issued a Divine Call to Pastor Clemons to serve as a Christian Giving Counselor for the Arizona-California and South Central Districts.

Christian Giving Counselors work for the WELS Ministry of Christian Giving. There are two types of Gift Planning Counselors in our Synod. Current Giving Counselors specialize in gifts that help fund the Synod immediately. Deferred Giving Counselors specialize in gifts that help the Synod in the future. Pastor Clemons' Call is to be a Current Giving Counselor.

Acceptance of the Call would necessitate a move to Phoenix in order to be closer to a major airport.

Until a decision is reached Pastor Clemons holds two calls—one to continue as the Visitation Pastor at Grace and one to be a Christian Giving Counselor. Please keep him and Mary in your prayers as he considers whether to continue to serve the Lord here at Grace or to accept the Call to serve the Synod as a Giving Counselor. As always, your thoughts or questions regarding this Call are welcome.

Men's Fellowship & Devotional Events!

On Thursday evenings (2nd, 3rd, and 4th Thursday of each month) we will be gathering to discuss the roles and responsibilities of a Christian man in today's world. We will also be doing various fellowship events to have fun and encourage each other. **Please join us in the Grace Fellowship Hall this Thursday, September 22 at 7:30 PM for a men's Bible Study.**



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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.

Read Ahead for Next Sunday:

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

Next Sun. Sermon Text & Theme:

Matthew 16:21-26
Keep in Mind the Things of God

You Are Invited

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

Women of Grace Fall Meeting is TODAY!

The WOG Fall Meeting is **TODAY after the 10:00 AM worship service in the sanctuary**. This will just be a business meeting. After enjoying some coffee and cookies at the coffee fellowship, please make your way back into the church for the meeting (please refrain from bringing food or drinks into the sanctuary).

Voters' Meeting & Information Booklet

The next voters' meeting is this Tuesday, September 20 at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. A booklet containing a description of what to expect at a Voters' Meeting, agenda for the meeting, along with reports from the pastors and councilmen can be found at both exits and in the Fellowship Hall. Please take a copy so that you have the latest information about the ministry here at Grace.

Support the Lifeliners

The Lifeliners, members of our high school youth group, are selling Entertainment Coupon Books (\$30) and Bible Verse Calendars (\$8 or 2 for \$15) beginning today. Visit their table in the Courtyard to make your purchase. All proceeds support Lifeliner activities, including the 2012 WELS International Youth Rally.

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: The Child Jesus* 9:00a
- Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study* 9:00a
- Coffee Fellowship Following 10 AM Worship.....
- Women of Grace Fall Meeting in the Sanctuary** ... 11:15a
- International Friends Reception in Fellowship Hall..... 3:00p
- WELS Tucson Campus Ministry 7:00p

Monday

- Financial Peace University in Vail..... 12:00p
- English as a Second Language Classes..... 6:30p

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- Voters' Meeting** 7:00p

Wednesday

- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 10:00a
- NEW!** Handbells Practice in the church basement 5:30p
- Wind Ensemble 5:30p
- Midweek Bible Class: *Church History* 6:45p
- NEW!** Bible Study in Vail..... 7:00p

Thursday

- Women's Bible Study: *Prayer*..... 9:00a
- Financial Peace University at Grace..... 6:30p
- Worship Choir 6:30p
- Men's Bible Study at Grace 7:30p

Friday

- ALA Varsity Football in Benson 7:00p
- Boy Pioneer District Campout North of Flagstaff (Fri-Sun)

Saturday

- Deer Valley Women's Retreat..... 8:30a

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NEW! Grow in Grace Class Starting TODAY!

Pastor Clemons is starting a new Grow in Grace class this morning at 9:00 AM in the conference room in the Church Office. Contact Pastor Clemons if you have an interest in attending (623-6633).

New Bible Study in Vail

Pastor Rieke has just begun a new Bible study at the home of Eric & Julie Prigge (5391 S. Black Falls Dr, 85747) on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM. They are going through the book "Prepared to Answer." All are still welcome to join!

Women's Bible Study on Prayer

Join Pastor Koehler and your sisters in Christ Thursdays at 9:00 AM for a series of discussions on Prayer. We are using the People's Bible Teaching book *Prayer—An Audience with the King* as our guide. If you've ever wondered HOW to pray, WHY to pray, WHAT prayer is (and is not!), this is the class for you. Your prayer life is very important to God. Come hear him tell you why.

Prayer Partners

There is interest in starting a prayer chain at Grace. We are now seeking the names of members who would like to be Prayer Partners. Prayer Partners could be any member who would like to pray for the needs of others. People with prayer requests would be able to submit those requests to a coordinator who would notify the Prayer Partners of the request by e-mail or phone. If you're interested in being a Prayer Partner contact Pastor Clemons or call the church office (623-6633).

WANTED: Manly Men and Crafty Women! (or Handy Women and Creative Men!)

Go directly to the **Scrip** table in the courtyard and see Vic & Lois Thornton (after early service and after Bible Class) or Debbie Koehler (after late service) to purchase your Home Depot, Lowe's, JoAnn Fabrics, and Michael's **Scrip** gift cards! Get your projects done and support our church and Christian Education at the same time! Not sure what we're referring to? We can explain it!

A Simple and Convenient Way to Give

This Fall, consider signing up for electronic giving. Grace relies on the generous offerings of the Lord's people and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Please contact the church office for details, 623-6633.

Financial Peace University

Two new Financial Peace University classes started up last week. One is at Pastor Rieke's house in Vail (10596 E. Pleasant Pasture Dr, 85747) on Mondays from 12:00-2:00 PM. The other class is in the Fellowship Hall at Grace on Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 PM. It's not too late to sign up! For more information or to register, please contact the Church Office at 623-6633 or visit www.GraceTucsonWELS.com/fpu.

Handbell Choir

The handbell choir started last week, but it's not too late to join! Their next practice is this Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30 PM in the church basement. Please come out if you're at all interested in playing or learning to play the handbells. Call Jenna Denzler (299-5544) if you have any questions.

Deer Valley Lutheran Church Women's Retreat

Deer Valley Lutheran Church is hosting a Women's Retreat Saturday, September 24, from 8:30 AM-2:00 PM. The theme this year is "You Are What You Wear," and the guest speaker is our very own Mary Clemons! The DVLC Players will present "Festival of Fashion" — a special fashion show you'll have to see to believe! A continental breakfast and luncheon are also included in the day. The suggested door donation is \$5. You can register online at www.deervalley.org or call (623) 581-1198.

Anniversary Keepsakes

Several 100th Anniversary keepsakes are available for you to commemorate and celebrate this special occasion. A history of the Grace congregation is available for \$10 (which is our printing cost). Anniversary cookbooks (each comes with a dish cloth) and Christmas ornaments are also available for a suggested donation of \$10. Keepsakes are available in the Courtyard after worship services or from the Church Office.

Anniversary Service

Sunday, October 9 at 10:00 AM is our second special anniversary service. Our Synod President, Rev. Mark Schroeder, will preach that morning. The anniversary service will be our only scheduled worship service on October 9 (no 7:45 AM worship). The meal following the service will be catered by El Molinito.

It is important that you RSVP on the sign-up sheets in the Fellowship Hall if you plan to attend the October 9 catered lunch following the service!

