

# First Sunday after Christmas



And Jesus  
grew in  
wisdom  
and  
stature,  
and in  
favor with  
God and  
men.

-Luke 2:52

Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church  
December 30, 2012



Our mission at Grace is to teach the inspired and inerrant Word of God, to proclaim that Jesus Christ is the crucified and risen Savior of the world and to nurture believers for lives of Christian service.

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today at Grace-University! We pray that this time will be a blessing for you as God comes to you with his Word and promises and as you offer him your thanks and praise.

## Worship Notes

The **order of service** we follow is printed out in this worship folder. You'll notice that the service is a dialogue between God and us, his people. The pastor speaks to God along with the congregation and also speaks the Word of God to the people.

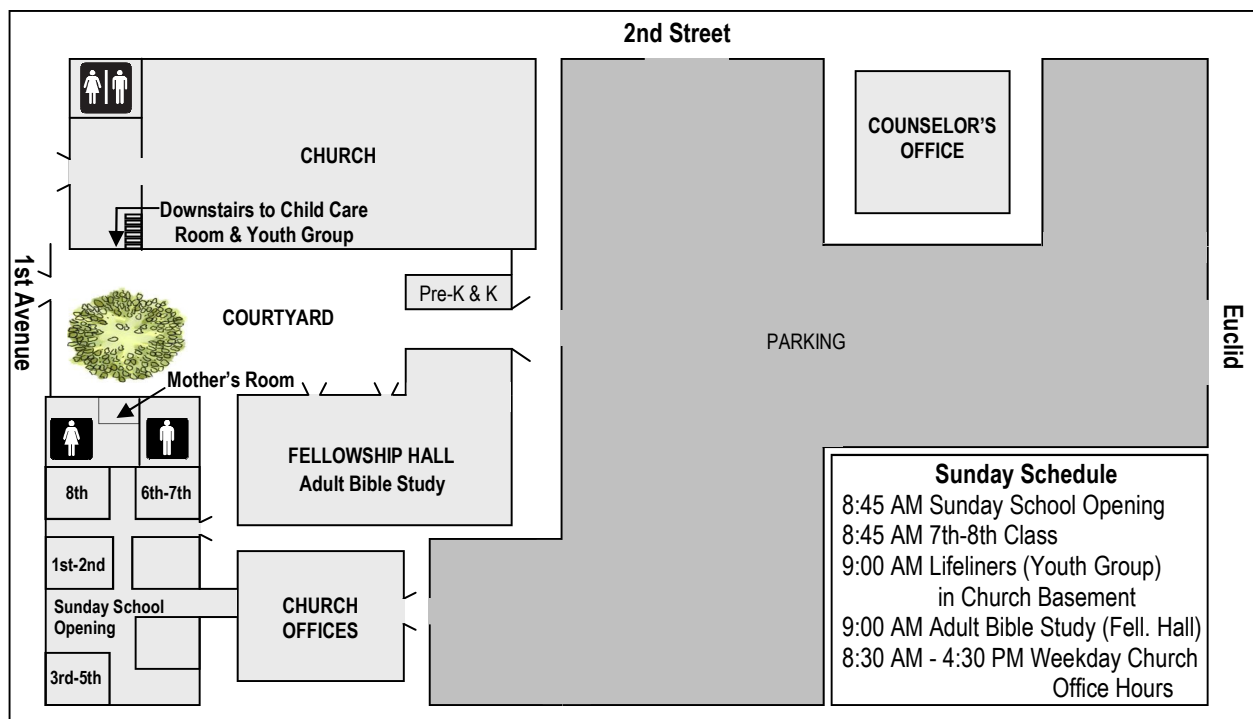
**Hymns** are found in our hymnal, *Christian Worship*, which is the red book in the pew rack in front of you.

**Large print** worship folders are available in the entryway. You may also ask an usher or greeter to get one for you.

We believe that many blessings come from having families worship together and we love to have **children in worship!** If you need to calm a restless child, you may:

- stand for a few moments in the entryway, sometimes that's all that's needed
- go down the stairs to the left in the entryway—they will lead down to the Child Care Room where you will still be able to hear the service
- visit the private Mother's Room across the courtyard in the women's restroom—you will be able to hear the service there also

Printed copies of the sermon are available in the entryway. CDs of the entire worship service will be made upon request from the sound technician in the balcony. It only takes a few minutes to copy. You may also find sermons and services in print, audio and video on our website: [www.GraceTucsonWELS.com](http://www.GraceTucsonWELS.com)



# DIVINE SERVICE I

## Christian Worship Supplement

### WELCOME

### HYMN

Let All Together Praise Our God  
Christian Worship #41

*Please stand*

Minister: In the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.  
Congregation: Amen.

### CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord: let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

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.

### PRESERVICE:

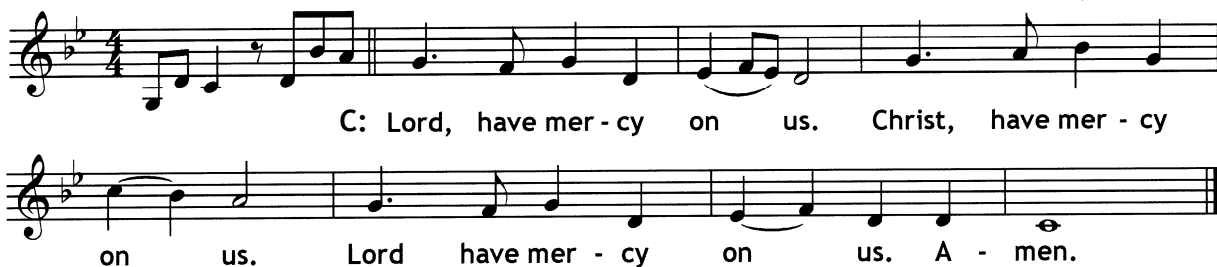
7:45 AM—  
Stable Lamp  
Setting by Rebecca  
R. Kramer

10:00 AM—  
Two Christmas  
Preludes  
Played by the Brass  
Trio

*We come before the true God only because of his mercy and not because we deserve to come. We confess our unworthiness and rejoice to hear the assurance of forgiveness.*

### LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Kyrie*



*Kyrie—We sing our penitential confession to our Triune God—Father, Son and Holy Spirit, asking for his mercy. The name Kyrie is shortened from the Greek Kyrie Eleison, which means “Lord have mercy.”*

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

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

The text of Gloria in Excelsis (Latin for "Glory in the highest") is an ancient song that echoes the song of the angels in Luke 2:14. It offers praise and thanks to our triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

## GLORY TO GOD

Gloria in Excelsis

Please join in singing the response below following a brief intro:

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God,  
 heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks we praise you for your glo - ry! Glo - ry to God in the  
 high - est and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
 sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. You are seat - ed at the  
 right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our  
 prayer. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

M: Let us pray.

M: Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

*Please be seated*

## THE WORD

### FIRST LESSON

But Samuel was ministering before the LORD—a boy wearing a linen ephod. Each year his mother made him a little robe and took it to him when she went up with her husband to offer the annual sacrifice. Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, saying, “May the

### 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26 (NIV)

LORD give you children by this woman to take the place of the one she prayed for and gave to the LORD.” Then they would go home.

And the boy Samuel continued to grow in stature and in favor with the LORD and with men.

*The First Lesson is frequently a reading from the Old Testament. It shares a common theme with the Second Lesson (often from one of the epistles) and the Gospel.*

### PSALM OF THE DAY

### PSALM 111

#### Refrain



#### Psalm Tone



1. Great are the works / of the Lord;\* they are pondered by all who de- / light in them.
2. Glorious and majestic / are his deeds,\* and his righteousness endures for- / ever.
3. He has caused his wonders to be re- / membered;\* the Lord is gracious and  
com- / passionate.

#### Refrain

4. The works of his hands are faith- / ful and just;\* all his precepts are trust- / worthy.
5. He provided redemption for his / people;\* he ordained his covenant for- / ever.
6. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of / wisdom;\* all who follow his precepts have  
good under- / standing.
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

In bringing many sons to glory, it was fitting that God, for whom and through whom everything exists, should make the author of their salvation perfect through suffering. Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers. He says, "I will declare your name to my brothers; in the presence of the congregation I will sing your praises." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again he says, "Here am I, and the children God has given me." Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity

Hebrews 2:10-18 (NIV)

so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death. For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham's descendants. For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

## VERSE OF THE DAY

Colossians 3:15a (NIV)

M: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia.

*Please stand*

## GOSPEL

Luke 2:41-52 (NIV)

*After the announcement of the Gospel, the congregation sings:*



Every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up to the Feast, according to the custom. After the Feast was over, while his parents were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but they were unaware of it. Thinking he was in their company, they traveled on for a day. Then they began looking for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they went back to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking

them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously searching for you." "Why were you searching for me?" he asked. "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he was saying to them. Then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

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

After the Gospel, the congregation sings:



## APOSTLES' CREED

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Apostles' Creed developed in the Early Christian Church as a personal confession of faith. It is so named because it confesses the faith taught by the Apostles of Jesus.*

*Please be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

To Shepherds as They Watched by Night  
*Christian Worship #53*

## SERMON

Hebrews 2:10-18  
Jesus is not Ashamed to Call Us Brothers

*Please stand*

After the sermon, please join in singing the response below:



*Please be seated*



If you prefer, use  
your smart phone to  
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QR code.

**OFFERTORY  
MUSIC:**

**7:45 AM—**  
*How Great Our Joy*  
Setting by Jeffrey  
Blersch

**10:00 AM—**  
*He Whom Shepherd*  
*Men Came Praising*  
Setting by Paul  
Manz

**OFFERING**

*Members of Grace respond to their Savior's love with offerings that are given joyfully, generously, regularly, and in a way that is proportionate to how the Lord has blessed them. Their cheerful gifts support the mission and ministry of our congregation. If you are a guest today, please know that we do not expect you to contribute to our congregation's work. However, if you would like to give an offering to the Lord in response to his love to you, we are happy to receive it and put it to work in God's kingdom.*

*Please fill out the Friendship Register located in the red folder at the end of the row and pass it along. Thank You!*

*7:45 AM - Please stand and continue with the Prayer of the Church on page 9.*

**INSTALLATION OF CHURCH COUNCIL (10:00 AM)**

*Those being installed stand before the altar.*

**M:** Dear friends in Christ, in Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ liberated you from sin and death and made you members of his Body, the Church. Through Word and Sacrament you have been nurtured in faith. You have now been selected for positions of service to our Lord on behalf of this congregation. The Lord has entrusted you with an office which you are to carry out as his servants and according to his Word. St. Paul writes concerning service in the Church: *"We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully."*

The Lord seeks faithfulness from all who serve, as Scripture says, *"It is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful."* The Lord does not seek from us what he has not given to us. But when he does give a gift, his will is that we use it faithfully to his glory and for the benefit of his people.

You are also, as servants of Jesus Christ and workers in this congregation, to set for your own families and the whole Church the example of a Christian life. Make the Word of God your foundation and guide. Search it daily for comfort and instruction.

**PROMISE**

**M:** So that the congregation may be assured of your willingness to serve, I ask you, in the presence of God and this congregation:

Will you diligently and faithfully carry out the office entrusted to you, according to the ability which God gives you? If so, answer: I will, and I ask God to help me.

**R:** I will, and I ask God to help me.



## INSTALLATION

M: I now install you as Church Council members of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church in the name of the Father and of the Son (†) and of the Holy Spirit.

*The ministers shake the hand of those installed, addressing each by name.*

M: May God grant you his Holy Spirit and give you wisdom and strength to carry out your duties, to his glory and for the good of his people.

## EXHORTATION TO THE CONGREGATION

M: Members of Grace, I urge you to regard these fellow believers as servants of Jesus Christ and God's gifts to his Church. Pray for them, support them in their service, and help them so that through the gospel ministry of this congregation more people will be reached for Christ and his Kingdom.

## PRAYER

M: Let us pray.

Merciful and gracious God, our lives are open before you, and you hear our promises. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit into the hearts of your servants, that they may carry out their duties with diligence, boldness, and wisdom.

Give them a spirit of devotion and prayer, that in every time of need they may present their requests to you. Help them be examples of what is good, that by their lives they may build up your congregation and give the enemies of the Church no cause for complaint. Make them a blessing to your believers; help them to work with their pastors and with one another; and grant that by their service the unity of this congregation may be strengthened, your name be hallowed, your kingdom enlarged, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord.

C: Amen.

*The minister thanks those leaving office with these words:*

M: In the name of the congregation we sincerely thank *Ben Boschee and Mark Christianson* who in the past year have served the Lord and his Church in positions of leadership on the Church Council. May the Lord, our God, graciously reward them for all they have done to his glory and for the benefit of his Church.

## BLESSING

M: Go, then, and give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. The almighty and merciful God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—bless and preserve you. Go in peace.

*Please stand*

*Christians stand for congregational prayer showing the freedom of God's children to come boldly into his presence. The Christian theologian Augustine (400 AD) adds, "We pray standing...as a sign of the Resurrection."*

## **PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**M:** Lord God, heavenly Father, Creator and Sustainer of the universe, we praise you for the special love you have shown us, your fallen and sinful creatures. You have kept your word and sent your Son to be born as the promised Savior and Redeemer.

Lord Jesus Christ, we marvel at your servantlike heart, which moved you to do your Father's will and take on our flesh. You became fully human so that you might live the holy and perfect life we could not live, endure the agony of the cross, and suffer death as our substitute.

O Holy Spirit, we thank you for your saving work of bringing us to faith in our newborn Savior, You have opened our eyes to see that, despite his humble appearance and lowly circumstances, this child who lies in Bethlehem's manger is the mighty God, the Redeemer of the world.

God of our salvation, as you have brought us to faith in the Christ Child, so we ask that you would work powerfully also in the hearts of those who do not yet know him or who do not know him in truth. Grant that the world's attention to the Christ Child may not be only a seasonal attraction or a sentimental novelty. Rather, bring sinners to faith that they may see him as the answer to life's problems here and the sure hope of life eternal in heaven with you.

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

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

*Silent prayer.*

**M:** Let the joyous message of Christmas be preached in all the world, and may it find ready acceptance in believing hearts, for the eternal benefit of lost souls, for the extension of your kingdom, and for the glory of your holy name.

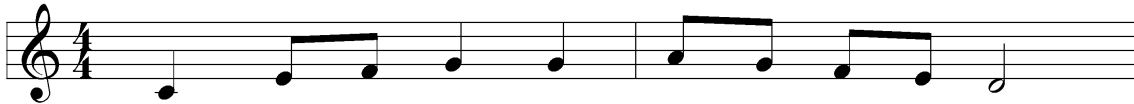
**C:** Amen.

## **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.

*Please be seated*

*Matthew 6 and Luke 11 record how Jesus taught his disciples to pray. We use his example prayer as part of our public worship, trusting that he will hear and answer our prayers.*



1 Peace came to earth at last that cho - sen night  
 2 And who could be the same for hav - ing held  
 3 You show the Fa - ther none has ev - er seen,  
 4 How else could I have known you, O my God!



When an - gels clove the sky with song and light And  
 The in - fant in their arms and lat - er felt The  
 In flesh and blood you bore our griefs and pain, In  
 How else could I have loved you, O my God! How



God em - bod - ied love and sheathed his might— Who could but  
 wound-ed hands and side, all doubts dis - pelled— Who could but  
 bread and wine you vis - it us a - gain— Who could but  
 else could I em - brace you, O my God! Who could but



gasp: Im - man - u - el! Who could but sing: Im - man - u - el!  
 sigh: Im - man - u - el! Who could but shout: Im - man - u - el!  
 see: Im - man - u - el! Who could but thrill: Im - man - u - el!  
 pray: Im - man - u - el! Who could but praise: Im - man - u - el!

*The picturesque language of this Jaroslav Vajda hymn vividly illustrates the weighty significance of God becoming man in Christ.*

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*Please stand*

**M:** Blessed Lord, you have given us your Holy Scriptures for our learning. May we so hear them, read, learn, and take them to heart, that being strengthened and comforted by your Holy Word, we may cling to the blessed hope of everlasting life, 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.

*Please be seated*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### POSTLUDE:

**7:45 AM—**  
*Beautiful One with*  
*O Come Let Us*  
*Adore Him*  
*Arr. by Carol*  
*Tornquist*

**10:00 AM—**  
*Puer Nobis*  
*Setting by Edward*  
*H. Meyer*

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### CLOSING HYMN

**Let Us All with Gladsome Voice**  
*Christian Worship #64*

## THOSE ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

**Preacher** ..... Pastor Nathan Kassulke  
**Worship Leader** ..... Ron Koehler (10:00 AM)  
**Accompanist** ..... Elaine Goldie  
**Brass Trio Director**.....Missy Wiechmann (10:00 AM)  
**Sound & Recording Tech** ..... Jay Pauley (10:00 AM)

God's blessings to our newly installed church council!

## 2013 CHURCH COUNCIL

**President** ..... Bryan Guenther  
**Vice President** ..... Robert Parra  
**Recording Secretary** ..... Dallas Johnson  
**Financial Secretary** ..... Doug Lemke  
**Treasurer** ..... Chris Stuhr  
**Trustee** ..... Dave Breitzkreitz  
**Elder of Education** ..... DJ Miller  
**Elder of Member Ministry** ..... \*Jason Watson  
**Elder of Outreach** ..... \*Jeff Weinstein  
**Elder of Spiritual Needs** ..... Eric Hanson

\*These Church Council members are being installed at Grace-Vail this morning.



**Grace is one congregation  
at TWO places!**

**Enjoy worship, Bible study  
and activities at both  
Grace-University and Grace-Vail.**



## This Week at Grace • Dec 30-Jan 6

\*Unless otherwise noted, calendar events take place at Grace-University. Grace-Vail events are shown in red.

### TODAY

Worship Services.....7:45 & 10:00a  
Coffee Fellowship following both services .....  
Children's Sunday School.....8:45a  
Youth Confirmation Class .....8:45a  
Lifeliners (High School Group): *Bible Study*.....9:00a  
Adult Bible Study:  
• *The Life of Christ: Jesus' Miracles* (Fellowship Hall).....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Bible Study at Cottonwood Elementary** .....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Sunday School at Cottonwood Elem.** .....9:00a  
**Grace-Vail Worship at Cottonwood Elementary** ..... 10:00a  
Church Council Installation at both sites ..... 10:00a

### Monday

**New Year's Eve Worship** (with communion)..... 7:00p

### Wednesday

**NO** Grace Extension Group.....  
**NO** Midweek Bible Studies.....

### Thursday

**NO** Women's Bible Study .....

### Friday

Girl Pioneers/Sunbeams TCM Sleep-Over ..... 5:00p-9:00a  
Boy Pioneers/Buckaroos Garage Camping ..... 6:00p-9:00a

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## For Our Guests

If you are visiting Grace today, we are happy that you joined us for Worship. Please help yourself to a Guest Packet as you leave this morning. You'll find them in the church entryway.



During this time of year, the sun shines through the stained glass windows and directs its light on the church pews. Feel free to move during the service if the sun is bothering you. For more information about what the symbols and pictures in the windows represent, please take a pamphlet from the main entryway.

## Ordering Altar Flowers

If you would like to help beautify the Sunday worship services by signing up to order flowers, the flower binder is in the front entryway under the glass sign board. Information about ordering is located on the front cover.



## You Are Invited

You are invited to a coffee fellowship this morning in the courtyard following both services. Fellowship after 10:00 AM worship is hosted by Kevin, Sheryl and Sarah Oberhofer & Kenneth and Brandi Wheeler. We hope you'll take advantage of this opportunity to greet your brothers and sisters in Christ.

## NEXT SUNDAY

### *Next week's Scripture Lessons for Devotional Reading this Week*

1 Kings 10:1-9  
Ephesians 3:2-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

### *Sermon Text & Theme*

Ephesians 3:2-12  
*God's Mystery Revealed*

## Branches Band Next Sunday!

In our Epiphany worship services next Sunday, January 6, we will be joined by the WELS musical group Branches Band. They will lead us in singing hymns and will provide additional music for the services. A separate freewill offering will be received on their behalf to help offset their costs in joining us. Branches Band will also have CD's available for purchase.

## Christian Fellowship Group White Elephant Bingo Party

Get ready to mark your calendar for a noontime BINGO potluck here at Grace-University in the Fellowship Hall with the Christian Fellowship Group. Can you think of a better way to start the new year?! A fun time is assured—especially with all the white elephant prizes attendees will bring to share. So wrap 'em with care; don't bring 'em bare! See you Saturday, January 12 if you dare! And remember, you can't win unless you play. Also, age cards aren't required.

## Mission Festival Sunday—January 20

Join us at Grace-University for Mission Festival on Sunday, January 20. Our guest preacher will be Pastor Matt Vogt, who is the Chairman of our District Mission Board and serves as a pastor in Las Vegas. In the Bible study hour he will share with us information about WELS Home Missions. After the 10:00 Worship Service, the Lifeliners (our high school youth group) will host their annual Chupala Lunch. Donations to the Lifeliners for the lunch are appreciated.

## December Voters' Meeting Actions

1. The 2013 Grace Church Council members were elected in our Voters' Meeting on Tuesday, December 18 and will be installed this morning at Grace-Vail and Grace-University. *President:* Bryan Guenther, *Vice President:* Robert Parra, *Member Ministry Elder:* Jason Watson, *Outreach Elder:* Jeff Weinstein, *Education Elder:* DJ Miller, *Recording Secretary:* Dallas Johnson, *Trustee:* Dave Breitreitz, *Financial Secretary:* Doug Lemke, *Treasurer:* Chris Stuhr, and *Spiritual Needs Elder:* Eric Hanson (appointed by the President since we did not have a candidate to stand for election).
2. The Ministry Spending Plan that was available to all members prior to the meeting was approved with one change. It was voted to not include the Music Coordinator position in our spending plan for 2013 and to instead add the amount of that salary (\$7,917) to our Congregational Mission Offering to the synod, bringing that total to \$19,917. The approved MSP for 2013 totals \$514,119.97. All members will receive a copy of the approved MSP in their 2013 Stewardship Packets.

## Grace-Vail Canvassing Blitz this Saturday

There is a canvassing blitz for Grace-Vail on Saturday, January 12, starting at 9:30 AM. This is a great way to share information about our second site and also a way to share the love of Christ. We will be meeting at Cottonwood Elementary School (9950 E. Rees Loop) at 9:30 AM on Saturday, January 12.



## Partnering With Your Community

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Kingdom Workers' annual Spiritual Renewal Event on January 26, 2013, at Calvary Lutheran Church, 1270 N. Dobson Rd. in Chandler, AZ. A continental breakfast will be served starting at 7:45 AM and the meeting will start at 9:00 AM. Our keynote speaker is Reverend Edward Schuppe, Mission Counselor of our S. Atlantic District whose theme will be "What Does Your Community Need?" Afternoon speakers will discuss our outreach to China; District President Rev. Jon Buchholz will provide an AZ/CA district update; and a National Kingdom Workers representative will provide an update of their activities. Registration forms can be found in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any questions contact Jerry Hoeft at 825-4763.

## Guest Musician at Grace-Vail

WELS singer Stephen Bautista will be the guest musician at Grace-Vail on Sunday, February 17 at the 10:00 AM worship service. Join us to hear some of his original Christian songs in our regular worship service that Sunday.

For more information about Stephen and his music, please visit his website, [www.stephenbautistamusic.com](http://www.stephenbautistamusic.com).



## Tuition Tax Credit

Students from Grace at Redeemer Lutheran School and Arizona Lutheran Academy have received over \$24,000 this year in tuition tax credit awards. You can help support Lutheran education and receive a credit on your Arizona state income taxes (up to \$503 per person and up to your income tax liability). Donations made to the HELP Scholarship Foundation before the end of the year will be awarded to students in early spring. Please make use of this program if you are able to do so. If you have any questions, please speak to Stephanie Weinstein (623-3759) or one of the pastors. **Pick up a flyer and a donation form brochure in the Fellowship Hall.** New this year, if you have further tax liability, you may be able to donate an additional \$500 per person to the "Plus" scholarship program and receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Donations to HELP may be recommended for one of the students from Grace.

Grace currently supports 11 of our active members who are students enrolled at Redeemer and 6 at ALA.

